



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of the first term of this academic year. It has had its challenges but also lots of high points. Thank you all so much for the warm welcome to Holy Cross and the many cards and gifts I have received this week. I also want to thank the Martha Group from Holy Cross in Yelverton, for donating the cards I was able to write to each of you. They wanted to do something for their Holy Cross twin!

All that is left to do today is to wish you all a very happy, holy and safe Christmas! We look forward to seeing the children again on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**.



Stay safe,
Mrs F Gill
Headteacher



Friday 18/12/20
Last day of term

Monday 4/1/21
Non-pupil day

Tuesday 5/1/21
Spring term begins

Friday 12/02/21
Last day of term

15/02/21—19/02/21
Half Term

Monday 22/02/21
Non-pupil day

Tuesday 23/02/21
Term recommences

02/04/21—18/04/21
Easter Holidays



Around the World Christmas Extravaganza

Keep an eye out for a Dojo message this evening or tomorrow morning for an invite to view the most wonderful Christmas Extravaganza featuring songs from all around the world! We experienced a few technical hitches along the way but hopefully, it will be worth the wait.

ENJOY THE SHOW!



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ATTENDANCE AT HOLY CROSS



This week we celebrated 100% attendance for 136 children! Well done to them all.



This week's attendance at Holy Cross was 94%.

PLEASE always ring the school number 01752 225420 to report an absence. Thank you

Class	Attendance
JD	99%
AA	90%
EC	96%
RH	90%
RD	86%
QB	98%
MM	98%
EMC	98%
PP	89%
JKR	94%



This week Mrs Gill led our Celebration Assembly.

Here are this week's winners of the Wonder of the Week award.

Julia Donaldson: *Aria* for working really hard on all her beautiful Christmas crafts.

Allan Ahlberg: *Sajid* for listening carefully to Mrs Dyson and doing some beautiful writing!

Roger Hargreaves: *Riley* for his incredible writing this week!

Eric Carle: *Ali* for a super week and being so helpful to all the teachers in class.

Michael Morpurgo: *Toby* for independently writing a great acrostic poem about Christmas in English this week.

Quentin Blake: *Awaab* for having a positive attitude to his learning this week and for always having a smile on his face.

Roald Dahl: *Rosaleen* for making such good progress in her reading this term on Accelerated Reader

Philip Pullman: *Adrian* for his fantastic focus and effort this week in his learning.

Emma Carroll: *Emily J* for her focus and attention to detail when practising her sketching skills.

J K Rowling: *Callum and Daria* for great effort and excellent work



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Gospel Values Awards

Julia Donaldson: *Frankie for Kindness* - for always being such a kind friend and looking after everyone in our class.

Allan Ahlberg: *Dylan* for showing **compassion** towards a friend who fell over in the playground and asking if she was okay.

Roger Hargreaves: *Florence* for being **kind** and **compassionate** to her friends.

Eric Carle: *Tory* for **Humility**- for being considerate of others and being a kind friend.

Michael Morpurgo: *Hollie* for **kindness** - for being a true friend to a peer in the class and really making the effort to ensure he is happy and content.

Quentin Blake: *Ella* for **kindness**- for always showing kindness to all her peers and for speaking about the importance of kindness in class.

Roald Dahl: *Xander* for **Compassion** - for being so helpful towards his peers (and his teacher!) in class this week

Philip Pullman: *Alex B* for **Kindness** - always there to support others in class.

Emma Carroll: *Rianna* for her small, mystery act of kindness, which brought a smile to her classmates.

J K Rowling: *Abady* for showing **justice** and *Ahrienne* for showing **kindness** in class

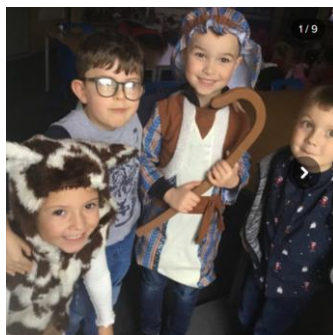


ACCELERATED READER

Well done to all those avid readers who have been awarded their Accelerated Reader awards this term. Keep reading over the Christmas Holiday and let's reach our targets and earn lots of points!

Nativity Stable

Thank you for supporting our Nativity Day today – the children all looked amazing in their nativity character costumes! Due to the horrific weather (nothing like a yellow weather warning on the last day of term) we had to take indoor 'stable' shots rather than the planned outdoor ones but I hope you agree that they all look adorable (including the staff!).





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Christmas Door Competition

Things got very competitive this week as classes decorated their classroom doors! The children made snowflakes and Christmas trees and 'Guiding Stars' and the adults pulled out all the stops to come up with the most magical, eye-catching and creative designs. It was extremely difficult to judge and I would like to thank and congratulate everyone for their superb efforts.

The winners were:

EYFS/KS1: Eric Carle

LKS2: Quentin Blake

UKS2: Phillip Pullman

Most Christmassy

KS1: Roger Hargreaves

KS2: JK Rowling

Here are just some of the winning designs...

Roger Hargreaves



Eric Carle



Quentin Blake



Have a wonderful Christmas! ☀️