



Year 6 Exit Interview 6th July 2022

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Summary: The class was divided into 3 groups of 10 children.

Summary

Two things that you love about the school that can be summarised in one word:	• Entertaining, • Fun, • Good opportunities, • Reception buddies, • Challenging, • Free, • Independent • Buddies • History • Responsibilities • Plays • Opportunities • Staff • Green cards • Head Boy & Head Girl • How everyone plays nicely • Community • Fun Love • Caring • Friendship
What have you enjoyed most during your time at St. Cross – do you have a favourite memory or moment to share?	• Going PGL, • Finding out who our buddies were, • Doing our Y6 play • Sports tournament • Doing a talent show in Y1(St Cross has Talent) • Doing first aid • Drawing with chalk on the playground • Kids fair for charity • Making friends • K'nex challenge • PGL • Decorate the classroom day • Moving up days • Sports day • Pizza on Fridays • Tie assembly • Roman / Greek day • Friends • Aladdin • Maypole / country dance



	• Beach day in Year 1 • School discos • In Reception when we grew butterflies • Workshops • Shakespeare workshop • All the exposure of things to do • The variety we have • Kingswood PGL • School trips • First time walking into year 6 on moving up day • In reception when we got to play • End of year 6 play • Friday disco • Buddies
St. Cross has a strong Catholic ethos, and the whole community is encouraged to contribute to the Catholic life of the school in many different ways (e.g. Chaplaincy Team). Do you feel that this has had a positive influence on your character and if so, in what way?	• Yes, it's following the way of Jesus • Yes, learning about Jesus • Helped me grow as a good person • In RE, we have long discussions / group discussions • Good lesson yesterday about diversity • No, it has not shaped me • Most schools learn about different religions but we only learn about the Catholic • I was at another school and we learnt about other religions • Found Chaplaincy team really interesting • I don't think so • I like learning about different religions • Chaplaincy Team is nice because it helps younger years. • I loved the Communion day at school • Think the chaplaincy team opened up our Catholic life for me as it's the last time I will be in a Catholic school • I like feeling I am part of a something, I feel respected and valued • I like the idea of the new team in Y5 the Peacemakers and Disciples of St Cross
St. Cross has embarked on being a Forest School and has a strong outdoor learning focus. Thinking of skills that you used at Kingswood (e.g. Shelter building and fire lighting), how do you feel that this may have enriched your education at St. Cross?	• If we ever get lost, we know we have life skills to help us • Encourages you to spend more time outside and less time on a screen • Learnt a lot of survival skills • Appreciate nature a bit more • Learning how to do my bed at PGL • Learning new skills • If we were lost, then we would know how to get back • Learnt • Learnt to light a fire • Learnt how to climb over walls & teamwork • New life skills • We learnt life skills, so if we are ever in need of those skills, we will be able to do it. • Gave us resilience



	• Learning to build for life on what we have learnt at St Cross • Taught us never to give up • Built friendships
Do you have any suggestions as to how St Cross could be even more special?	• More time spent in the ICT suite on the computers as we currently do more in our books • For younger years to do more learning activities outside • No, as everyone is nice to everyone • A Head boy and Head girl from every year • Enjoy everything you've done so you don't regret not trying • Try your best • Perfect as is • All the teachers are so nice If you are upset you can tell them anything
Any Other Points: Prepared for SATs Homework? Buddies?	SATS: • Well prepared • My friends at other schools did not do as many practice tests as we did. This definitely helped as helped I could see the improvement • We did a lot of lesson on it • I felt at ease when the day came as we had lots of practice • Had to do double maths • Wish we had our results faster • Didn't feel prepared as I did not remember learning some of the questions • Could have done more practice on reading papers, we did a lot of maths • We had not revised some things we learnt since Year 5 • Felt nervous but overcome it • The school really made us ready, we did a lot of practice • We got told to just do our best • I Liked the SATS as we did lots of revision we started in October • On the day it felt like the real thing was just a practice • Nervous and excited at the same time • I was not nervous I just wanted to get the tests over • We started really early and it was better for us as it came to the real ones it felt like another practice. • We learnt maths by playing games like equivalents it was fun HOMEWORK: • I think we have had very little homework • We only have 10 maths sums a week and a book. • Never got assigned a big bit of work • I think it might be a bit of a shock at secondary school • Before SATS we got the right amount of homework • At the moment we are just practising our lines for the leavers play • During SATS we had SPAG, reading and maths.



- Since we have done our SATS we have had no Homework just learning our scripts
- Well before SATS we had no homework, then for SATS we had loads of homework
- We got 2 reading papers and it took over 2 days to complete
- No homework as it's stressful enough at school
- We don't have much anymore
- Before SATS the amount of homework was good as it prepared us by doing 2 or 3 papers a week
- I learnt to manage time and organise myself

LEAVERS PLAY:

- Fun but nerve wracking to remember your lines
- Don't like tights they are uncomfortable

BUDDIES:

- Like it at the start there was a buddy day, now you can do it whenever you want
- I remember our own buddies when in reception
- We have had more of a connection without buddies than other years.
- Love our buddies it's the best thing of Year 6
- They got attached to us
- They always want to play with us and sometimes we want to play with our friends.
- Responsibility of looking after them
- I think it's a good idea to help reception but sometimes it's better to learn by themselves
- Really fun but a lot of responsibility
- Our buddies never want to leave us, so nice for some balance
- Nice idea but it would be good to just have buddy days
- Really good as they selected them on personality matches
- Good experience to hang out with young people but sometimes they get needy
- Meeting my buddy was the thing I was most looking forward to in Year 6

COVID & Home schooling

- Home schooling was fun as we could be in our PJ's
- Home-schooling was weird as I had bad internet
- At first it was terrible as everything was sent by email as opposed to Teams during lockdown 2
- It was a good start at 08:55 so I would wake up 5 mins before
- PE with Joe wicks was fun we could do a PE class at any time
- Really liked it as we used to call class friends and play games
- Used to have really nice lunch
- I went to school as a key worker group.
- When we came back to school, I had forgotten everything we had learnt during home-schooling



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