



Holy Cross RC Primary School

Newsletter – 20/10/2023

This week:

Year 3 spent the day at Arno's Vale where they put their geography skills to good use and created their own maps using compasses and by plotting significant landmarks. The children enjoyed their day and impressed the adults with their great behaviour. Well done Year 3!



Parking:

We have had numerous complaints by parents and local residents about the parking outside of school. Please make sure you are parking safely and sensibly so all of our children are safe.

Trading cards:

Unfortunately, we are not able to allow football, Pokémon or any other trading cards in school after today due to children getting upset at lunchtime.

Nasal Flu Immunisations

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or 0300 1245515 for more information.

Lunches:

After half term, there will not be an option of salad bar. There will be an option of a jacket potato (with a choice of beans, cheese or tuna filling) or tomato pasta as well as the usual options.

Admissions:

Admission for our Reception class for next September is open, the deadline is 15th January 2024. If you have applied, please speak to Miss Sims about completing our supplementary form.

Please spread the word about our school with your neighbours and friends! We have spaces in some classes if you know anyone who has moved into the area or looking for a new school. If you are able to put a flyer up in your window, please ask Miss Sims for one.

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At Holy Cross everyone is warmly welcome



Be part of our small, diverse, nurturing school with lots of outdoor space where the focus is on safe, happy children who are valued and make good progress.

If you are still deciding on the best school for your family, please visit Holy Cross RC Primary
Rated **Good** by Ofsted
Wrap-around care from 8.00am - 5.30pm

Please contact the school office for more information on
0117 377 2199
email: holycrossp@bristol-schools.uk

To see more of the school please visit www.holycross.bristol.sch.uk

Social media:

From this year, we are having a social media presence with pages on Facebook and Instagram. This is so we can share more readily all the wonderful our children do in school. A permission slip went out this week, please complete the form and return it to Miss Sims asap.

Please can all parents add/follow our accounts:

<https://instagram.com/holycrossrcprimary?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

<https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Cross-RC-Primary-School-108722785310698/>

Twitter - @HolyCrossRCSch



Attendance update:

Please see the attached letter regarding attendance. We have given all of the term dates and inset days for your records for the next academic year.

We are working in partnership with parents, carers and Bristol City Council to ensure all of our pupils maximise their attendance. We would like to thank parents and carers for the work you have done in ensuring your children have received education over the last few challenging years due to the pandemic. The usual rules on school attendance continue to apply, including:

- parents' duty to send their child to school regularly where they are of compulsory school age;
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the availability of local authorities to use legal sanctions, including penalty notices and prosecution in court

If you are worried about your child attending school the first port of call is to discuss your concerns with us directly. Our staff who may be able to help, and all schools work closely with health and council teams who may also be able to help if needed. If you need to request time off for exceptional circumstance, please ask Miss Sims for a request of absence form. We would like to remind you that only requests for exceptional circumstances will be authorised. If your request is unauthorised, the absence will be looked at and if your child has more than 4 days off within a 10 week period, you could receive a penalty notice.

Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Reception	96.6%	95.0%	1
Year 1	95.0%	89.0%	3
Year 2	94.7%	93.7%	11
Year 3	95.1%	92.1%	6
Year 4	90.8%	88.7%	12
Year 5	95.04	97.7%	4
Year 6	95.66	93.3%	2
Total	94.5%	92.8%	39

Thank you to those who attend regularly. Please remember to phone the school office if your child is going to be absent. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you and then may also make a home visit if we are unable to contact you.

Thank you to those who arrive on time. Remember, children can go straight to class from 8:45am or attend breakfast club from 8am if necessary. If we receive pupil premium funding for your child then breakfast club is free. If your child is constantly late to school this can affect their self-esteem and they could be missing out on valuable reading, phonics or Maths activities and interventions. When your child is absent from school, please ensure you have contacted the school office rather than teachers or Mrs Kingston.

If your child has low attendance and you would like to make an appointment and create an action plan for the rest of the year, please speak to Miss Sims. We hope that we can work with parents and support them to improve attendance.

Term Dates:

Inset days:	Friday 1 st September Tuesday 2 nd January Friday 28 th June Monday 22 nd July Tuesday 23 rd July
Term 1:	Monday 4 th September 2023 – Friday 20 th October 2023
Term 2:	Monday 30 th October 2023 – Friday 15 th December 2023
Term 3:	Wednesday 3 rd January – Friday 9 th February
Term 4:	Monday 19 th February – Thursday 28 th March
Term 5:	Monday 15 th April – Friday 24 th May (Bank holiday on Monday 6 th May)
Term 6:	Monday 3 rd June – Friday 19 th July

Important Dates:

Term 2

Monday 30 th October	Start of Term 2
Tuesday 31 st October	Year 5 and 6 Old Vic trip
Wednesday 8 th November	Year 1 and 4 trip to Slimbridge
Friday 10 th November	Year 3 class assembly 9.10am
Tuesday 14 th November	Year 3 Cheddar trip
Friday 17 th November	Year 2 class assembly 9.10am
Friday 24 th November	Year 1 class assembly 9.10am Choir trip
Thursday 30 th November	Flu Immunisations
Friday 8 th December	Christmas jumper day Choir trip Talen show 1.30pm PTFA disco 6-8pm
Monday 11 th December	End of term assembly 9.10am
Tuesday 12 th December	Panto for children
Wednesday 13 th December	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Thursday 14 th December	KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Friday 15 th December	End of term Carol service 2pm