



Holy Cross RC Primary School

Newsletter – 29/09/2023

This week:

On Wednesday, Year 5 went on a trip to the SS Great Britain. The children had the opportunity to dress up, launch and even steer the ship! It was a great trip and really expanded their knowledge of transport over time. Also, they presented their class assembly on Transport over time and the school theme of "how I am enough". They sang and performed beautifully!



On Wednesday, someone from US football came in to do a free taster session with the children. They had a lot of fun and learnt new football skills.

Today year 4 went on a Banksy tour around the town centre as part of their rat topic this term. They then came back to class and created their own piece of art in the style of the famous artist.



On Tuesday Year 1 had a fabulous trip to the farm. They had a tour of the farm and was able to taste some of the wonderful fruit that they have grown. They did some digging, weeding and planed some broad bean seeds. They then got to meet lots of the farm animals.

Our next SEND Coffee morning is on Tuesday 10th October at 9am and will be hosted in partnership with Bristol Parent Carer Forum. Come along to find out more information on what support is available locally for your child with special educational needs and disabilities.



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.

Admissions:

Admission for our Reception class for next September has closed. 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. Anyone is able to call the office and organise a visit.

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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	90.2%	95.4%	1
Year 1	96.0%	92.8%	0
Year 2	97.2%	95.6%	3
Year 3	96.3%	92.9%	6
Year 4	91.3%	87.8%	6
Year 5	95.0%	92.4%	1
Year 6	95.2%	96.3%	3
Total	94.8%	93.3%	20

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 1

Monday 2 nd October	Level 2 Bikeability (Years 5&6)
Tuesday 2 nd October	Level 2 Bikeability (Years 5&6) Level 1 Bikeability (Year 4)
Friday 6 th October	Year 4 class assembly 9.15am
Tuesday 10 th October	SEND Coffee morning 3356 7266
Thursday 12 th October	Chaplaincy team trip
Friday 13 th October	Individual photos
Monday 16 th October	Year 3 trip
Tuesday 17 th October	Year 6 parent camp meeting 9.00am Parents evening 5-7.30pm
Wednesday 18 th October	Parents evening 3.30-5.30pm
Friday 20 th October	Rags 2 riches collection End of Term 1



Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.

Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.
Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

- ☒ Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- ☒ Jewellery and Accessories
- ☒ Paired Shoes and Footwear
- ☒ Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website
www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk



WE DO NOT ACCEPT

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES.
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:
Friday 20th October

Please remember - NO UNIFORM







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