



Holy Cross RC Primary School

Newsletter –21/07/2023

This week:

Today we said good bye to our lovely Year 6 class. We are going to miss them so much and it has been a pleasure watching them grow for the past 7 years. We wish them all the best in their new journeys at secondary schools. They have had a great week celebrating together with their leaver's assembly, Wizard of Oz performance and their trip to Zaza Bazaar.



Thank you:

The staff would like to thank all the pupils and parents for their kind gifts. They were very much appreciated. We hope you all have a lovely Summer and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 4th September.

House Points:

This morning in the assembly we announced the winners of our sports cup and house cup for the year. The results are:

Sports Cup

1st place – St Therese

2nd place – St Christopher

3rd place – St Bernadette

4th place – St Francis

Overall Winners of the Year:

1st place = St Francis

2nd place – St Therese

3rd – St Bernadette

4th – St Christopher



On Thursday a group of children went to Zaza Bazaar for either 100% attendance for the year or if they received an end of year award. They had a great time and definitely made the most of the unlimited ice-cream and chocolate fountain! Well done to the children who had 100 % attendance this year: Lucia, Abi, Abrish, Qirui, Lily.B, Poppy, Cairo, Ada, Esme, Isaac.C, Fletcher, Joey, Lois, Sophia, Nadia, Lamsatu, Frankie.V, Elliot, Alisha, Ayaan, Maryam, Maria and Fabiha. Also, well done to the end of year award winners: sam.A, Jett, Rhys, Rubie, Jaxon and Brooke.

Staffing update:

This is the staffing structure for next year:

Year group	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Reception	Miss Stroud and Mrs Sanchez	Miss Merrifield and Mrs Matthews
Year 1	Mr Kean	Mrs Tamlin
Year 2	Miss Foster	Mrs Tamlin and Mrs Sanchez
Year 3	Ms Fitzgerald	Ms Owens
Year 4	Miss Fairbairn	Mrs Davies and Mrs Douglas
Year 5	Mr Ockwell	Mr Smart
Year 6	Miss Ormsby	Mr Smart and Mrs Krzysiek

SENDCO: Mrs Hunt

ELSA leader: Mrs Krzysiek

Forest School leader: Mrs Douglas

Updates for next year:

Communication and the school app

All parents will require to download the school app – School Gateway. We will be sending all messages to parents via the app from September as currently any text messages sent to parent's phones cost the school money whereas the app is free of charge.

When using the app, parents can communicate directly with the school office, book and pay for clubs and consent and pay for trips. We will be trying to go paperless for trips and all parents will need to consent on the app if the trip is paid for or you may be sent a google form to complete if there is no payment. Same as this year, all clubs need to be booked via the app.

Breakfast club

Unfortunately, we have to inform you that we have to increase the price of our breakfast club from £1.50 to £2.00 per child per day starting from September.

School Lunches

Unfortunately, we have been informed by our catering company that school dinner price for KS2 children will now be £2.70 per child a day from September.

Special Thank you!

We would like to say thank you to Dawn Fey from Brewers Decorator Centres who has donated pallets and wood paint for us to revamp our forest area!

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.



Holy Cross RC Primary School
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	92.2%	93.7%	9
Year 1	89.9%	99.2%	7
Year 2	94.1%	93.5%	11
Year 3	90.8%	92.6%	18
Year 4	94.6%	87.8%	1
Year 5	94.8%	90.3%	5
Year 6	95.2%	98.4%	4
Total	93.1%	93.6%	55

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

Inset day	Friday 1 st September
Monday 4 th September	Start of Term 1
Thursday 21 st September	Year 2 trip
Tuesday 26 th September	Year 1 trip
Wednesday 27 th September	Year 5 trip
Monday 2 nd October	Year 5/6 Bikeability (selected children)
Tuesday 3 rd October	Year 5/6 Bikeability (selected children) Year 4 Bikeability (selected children)
Tuesday 10 th October	Years 1 – 6 explorer Dome workshops
Thursday 12 th October	Chaplains commissioning
Friday 13 th October	Individual school photos
Friday 20 th October	End of term 1