



Holy Cross RC Primary School

Newsletter –07/07/2023

This week:

On Monday, Reception class had a day out at Clevedon Beach. They had a lovely time exploring. Thank you to the parents who volunteered on this trip and all other trips this year.



Year 4 and 6 as part of their other faiths unit, visited Iris at the Bristol and west Progressive Synagogue. They learnt all about Judaism and tried Challah bread.



Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Summer Fair yesterday after school. It was lovely to see so many of our families there enjoying the sunshine together.

Yesterday afternoon we welcomed our new Reception students for a visit into their class for September. It was lovely to see many of them stay for the fair and welcome them into our school community.



Our Unicorn that was created by the children has been displayed in Ikea! Thank you to Robin G's Mum who helped the children with designing and painting it.

Staffing update:

Many of you may have noticed that Mr Hobbs has been absent for a few weeks now. Officially Mr Hobbs retired last Friday but was not well enough to attend school for the past 3 weeks. We are hoping Mr Hobbs will be well enough to attend the Leavers' Assembly in the final week of this term so we can all say goodbye and thank you for all his hard work during the last 21 years. If you wish to contribute to his retirement gift, please bring in a donation to the School office by the end of next week.

Mr Evans has decided on a change of career out of education and has now left Holy Cross. We are grateful for all Mr Evans' contributed during his time at Holy Cross and wish him and his growing family all the best for the future.

I am pleased to inform you all that Ms Ormsby is returning from her maternity leave later this month and we look forward to welcoming her back as a full-time class teacher next academic year.

Other good news to share is that Mr Toogood has secured a promotion as an Assistant Head Teacher at Holy Cross in Swindon from September so he will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. I am sure you will join me in congratulating him on this wonderful achievement.

Miss Lugg, who has been teaching our Y3 class this year will be leaving us at the end of this academic year to move to a school in a different part of the city. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the best for the future.

Mr Kean, who currently covers classes on Thursdays and Fridays will be joining us as a full-time class teacher from September.

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

SEND/CO: Mrs Hunt

ELSA leader: Mrs Krzysiek

Forest School leader: Mrs Douglas

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	91.9%	100%	4
Year 1	89.6%	97.0%	7
Year 2	94.1%	95.4%	10
Year 3	90.7%	92.6%	11
Year 4	94.7%	98.6%	0
Year 5	95.0%	91.8%	7
Year 6	95.3%	94.1%	3
Total	93.1%	95.3%	42

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.

Job Opportunity

We are looking for a SMSA (Lunch time assistant) for a Wednesday and Friday from 12pm – 1.30pm. If you would be interested in this opportunity, please speak with Mrs Kingston.

Polite message regarding social media.

Staff at Holy Cross are not able to accept friend requests by parents or pupils on social media. This is to ensure professionalism and to maintain appropriate boundaries. Please do not send requests to staff or contact them on social media if you are aware of their account names. Also, please do not contact any of their named/listed contacts to discuss them in any way. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Term Dates:

- Term 6: Monday 5 June 2023 to Friday 21 July 2023

Inset Days:

- Monday 5th June

Next Year: Friday 1st September – **Inset day**

- Term 1: Monday 4th September 2023 to Friday 20th October 2023

SCHOOLS ART COMPETITION

ASHTON GATE PRIMARY | COMPASS POINT | HOLY CROSS PRIMARY
LUCKWELL PRIMARY | SOUTHVILLE PRIMARY

EXTRA SPECIAL GUEST JUDGE



TO ENTER: ASK YOUR TEACHERS FOR YOUR
ART NINJA SHEET

3 lucky winners will be chosen by the Art Ninja himself and will have their artwork printed and displayed as part of the South Bristol Arts Trail in September. GOOD LUCK!

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Boardwalk

Important Dates:

Term 6

Monday 10 th July	Year 1 class assembly 9.10am
Tuesday 11 th July	KS2 sports day 9.30am start
Wednesday 12 th July	KS1 sports day 9.30am start
Thursday 13 th July	Menu change Year 6 Leavers Mass 9.10am
Friday 14 th July	Reception class assembly 9.10 Years 2 and 3 trip to Noah's Ark New reception children visit PM
Monday 17 th July	End of year celebration assembly 9.10am Choir trip 10.30am – 12pm Moving up session PM
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 6 trip to Zaza
Wednesday 19 th July	Year 6 play 2.00pm
Thursday 20 th July	100% attendance treat to Zaza (selected children)
Friday 21 st July	End of term Year 6 leavers assembly 9.10am