



# Holy Cross RC Primary School

## Newsletter –23/06/2023

### This week:

This morning, our wonderful Year 3 class presented their class assembly on their topic this term - Rainforests. They all looked amazing in their costumes and reminded us of the importance of protecting our planet.



Congratulations to the children who have or are going to make their First Holy Communion. Kiya, Malachy, Elliot, Elena, Mia, Esme and Marco all made theirs at St Gerard Majella Church last weekend. Also, congratulations to Brooke, Leo.W and Natlaia who made it in their Parishes.



This week we had our annual international week which we combined with National Refugee week. Each class learned about a different country which makes up the majority of refugee families in Bristol. We explored the national flowers of these countries using craft activities and made up prayers of hope for the refugee families.



# 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](mailto:holycrossp@bristol-schools.uk)

To see more of the school please visit [www.holycross.bristol.sch.uk](http://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%	95.8%	10
Year 1	89.4%	89.3%	16
Year 2	94.0%	92.8%	9
Year 3	90.7%	91.1%	14
Year 4	94.6%	93.0%	5
Year 5	95.6%	93.3%	8
Year 6	95.4%	97.2%	8
Total	93.1%	93.1%	70

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.

## **Strike Days:**

Possible school closure for strike action on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July. I am currently waiting to hear which classes will be closed.

## **Term Dates:**

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

## **Inset Days:**

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

## **Next Year: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September – **Inset day****

- Term 1: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023



**SUMMER  
HOLIDAY CLUBS**

**20%  
OFF\***

USE CODE: **Early Booker**

**Shine** **MyShine.co.uk**

\*discount valid for a limited time only.

The advertisement features a background image of a green football pitch with people playing under a blue sky with light clouds. The text is overlaid in white and yellow. The 'Shine' logo is a colorful starburst.

## Important Dates:

### Term 6

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Years 3 and 5 trip to Mosque
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 farm trip
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Choir trip to Bristol Beacon PM
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	St Peter and Paul Mass 9.15am
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 assembly 9.10am
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Reception trip to Clevedon
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 4 and 6 trip to Synagogue
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 class assembly 9.10am New reception children visit PM PTFA Summer Fair after school
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 sports day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 sports day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Menu change Year 6 Leavers Mass 9.10am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception class assembly 9.10 Years 2 and 3 trip to Noah's Ark New reception children visit PM
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Moving up session PM
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 trip to Zaza
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 play 2.00pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	100% attendance treat to Zaza (selected children)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of term Year 6 leavers assembly 9.10am

# SCHOOLS ART COMPETITION

SBA  
ARTS TRAIL

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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