



Holy Cross RC Primary School

Newsletter –05/05/2023

This week:

On Wednesday and Thursday, Sally from the Bristol Alzheimer's society, came into school and presented an assembly and workshops for each class. She covered the basics about dementia and answered any questions that the children had.



Today, Year 4 went to Bristol Museum and Art Gallery as their trip this term. They explored the museum and took part in a workshop on Egyptians which is their current topic.

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:

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	92.3%	90.2%	4
Year 1	89.2%	95.1%	4
Year 2	94.2%	97.5%	3
Year 3	90.7%	94.4%	10
Year 4	94.3%	94.3%	1
Year 5	95.3%	96.9%	3
Year 6	95.0%	92.5%	2
Total	93.0%	94.7%	27

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.

Office Hours:

The office is open from 8.45am – 3.15pm. If you need to contact the office before or after, please call 01173772199 and leave a message if there is no answer. However, we cannot guarantee the message will be heard until the following day. Also, you can email the school office on holycrossp@bristol-schools.uk

Term Dates:

- Term 5: Monday 17 April 2023 to Friday 26 May 2023
- 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

Important Dates:

Term 5

Monday 8 th May	Bank holiday
Tuesday 9 th May–Friday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 12 th May	Red/white/blue dress up Coronation/End of SATs celebration picnic 2.30pm
Thursday 18 th May	Census day – meal change to beef burger or Quorn hot dog
Friday 19 th May	Leukaemia Care charity day
Friday 26 th May	End of term 5 100% attendance trip to park

Parking around school:

You may have noticed more cones outside school as a deterrent to park on the double yellow lines, especially on the bend. We ask again that you do not park illegally around school and that you use the available parking in the area. The children's safety is our main concern and they are reporting that they do not feel safe crossing the road when cars are parked on both sides. We also want to have a positive relationship with our neighbours and parking on the double yellows outside their properties leads to upset. We have attached a map of the area and have highlighted the roads where free parking is available around school. Parking services and the PCSO have also been asked to attend school at drop offs and collection times to ensure safety for everyone.

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.

Coronation Celebration:

On Friday 12th May children can come into school wearing red, white or blue. Year 6 will need to come in wearing uniform for their tests and then change after. Parents are invited in at 2.30pm for a picnic. Please send in picnic food to share.

Raising Monday for Leukaemia

On Friday 19th May we will be raising money to support Leukaemia Care. You may have heard that there will be a Unicorn trail in Bristol soon which is supporting this charity. We have got our own unicorn in school and would like to raise money for the charity. We are inviting the children to come dressed up in a unicorn theme – multi coloured clothing and bring in a donation. There will also be a cake sale after school. Please bring in donation caked to support the charity.