



Holy Cross RC Primary School

Newsletter –21/04/2023

This week:

I am very pleased to inform you that Mrs James has been successfully appointed as the new principal of St Nicholas of Tolentine RC Primary School in Easton. We are very proud of her and I know you will join me in wishing her and her new school every success for the future. The governors of Holy Cross would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs James for all her hard work and dedication whilst at our school.

I am also pleased to inform you that, following a rigorous recruitment process, Miss Stroud has been appointed the Deputy Head here at Holy Cross, from 1st September 2023. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her on this wonderful appointment and we look forward to many successful years at Holy Cross.

As part of our Deputy Head interview process, Mary Cox, the director of education for the Diocese, spent Wednesday in school and was so impressed with your children's behaviour, enthusiasm for learning and their verbal and written work. As always, they were a credit to you.

Eid Mubarak:

We hope everyone who is celebrating Eid at the moment has a happy and blessed time. We look forward to hearing all about it when we see you again on Monday.

Next Week:

We will like to confirm that school is closed to all pupils on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May, except those classed as vulnerable or critical workers. If you were eligible on previous strike days and you would like to take up the space again, please confirm with Miss Sims or Mrs Kingston. We have limited spaces and only children who confirm will be able to attend.

Forest School:

This term every year group will have Forest School again! KS1 will have a session every week. The days they have sessions on are:

*Year 1- **Monday***

*Year 2- **Tuesday***

*Year 5 and 6- **Wednesday** (alternating weeks)*

*Year 3 and 4- **Thursday** (alternating weeks)*

*Reception- **Friday***

*On those days, can you please send your child in with a **pair of wellies** or **old trainers** that can get muddy. The weather has been unpredictable, so a spare pair of shoes, socks and a coat would also be very helpful.*

If there are any parents who might be interested in volunteering to support children in the afternoons for Forest School, please let me know! You can reach me by email at tevens@holycross.bristol.sch.uk or by leaving your name with Miss. Sims.

*Finally, some of our mud kitchen equipment is getting a bit battered and rusty. If you have any spare pots, pans or kitchen utensils that you want to get rid of, we will happily take them off your hands. We could particularly use old **baking trays**, **woks** and **colanders**!*

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	92.5%	89.5%	6
Year 1	88.9%	96.5%	8
Year 2	94.1%	95.8%	4
Year 3	90.5%	93.6%	11
Year 4	94.3%	96.1%	4
Year 5	95.2%	88.3%	9
Year 6	95.0%	93.8%	4
Total	92.9%	93.4%	46

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.

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

Important Dates:

Term 5

Saturday 22 nd April	Stages
Tuesday 25 th April	Year 3 Caerleon trip
Wednesday 26 th April	WTC workshops for selected classes
Thursday 27 th April	Potential strike day
Friday 28 th April	Reception class assembly 9.10am
Monday 1 st May	Bank holiday
Tuesday 2 nd May	Potential strike day
Friday 5 th May	Year 4 Museum trip
Monday 8 th May	Bank holiday
Tuesday 9 th May–Friday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 26 th May	End of term 5

Parking around school:

Unfortunately, parents have reported other parents driving on pavements by school. Last week there was a near miss involving a pupil walking to school who was nearly hit by a car pulling on to the pavement. Please remember to always drive and park safely and sensibly when dropping off or collecting your child even at breakfast or after school club.

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

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