



Holy Cross RC Primary School

Newsletter –31/3/2023

This week:

Year 1 presented their assembly this morning on Bristol and how it has changed through the years. We were amazed about how much they have learnt this term.



We hope you all have a lovely Easter break and we will see you all back on Monday 17th April.

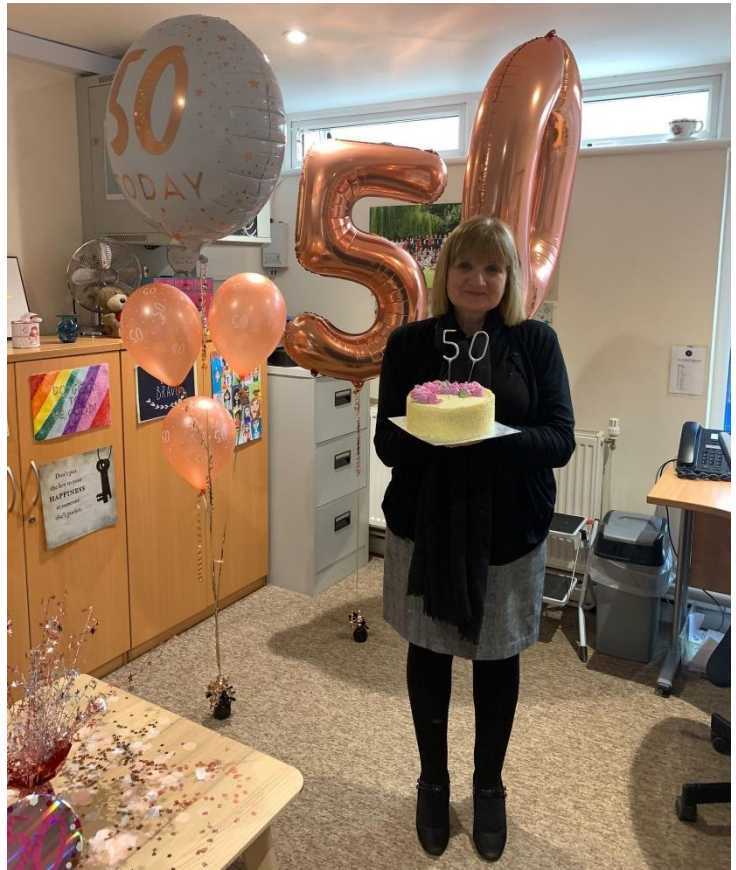


Today we held our annual Egg Mobile race. Well done to all of the children who took part and created amazing entries.



On Monday, Years 5 and 6 took part in a graffiti workshop with the S S Great Britain. They produced some amazing art work to take home.

Today we had a celebration for Mrs Kingston as she has a special birthday coming up in the half term. She has done and continues to do so much for us all at Holy Cross. We are so thankful for her every day.



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	92.7%	91.1%	8
Year 1	88.6%	89.3%	4
Year 2	94.1%	91.1%	11
Year 3	90.3%	90.7%	13
Year 4	94.2%	97.4%	4
Year 5	95.5%	90.0%	9
Year 6	95.0%	98.3%	12
Total	92.9%	92.4%	61

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.

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: holycross@bristol-schools.uk

To see more of the school please visit www.holycross.bristol.sch.uk

Important Dates:

Term 5

Monday 17 th April	Start of Term 5
Friday 21 st April	Wear red for St George's day
Saturday 22 nd April	Stages
Tuesday 25 th April	Year 3 Caerleon trip
Wednesday 26 th April	WTC workshops for selected classes
Friday 28 th April	Reception class assembly 9.10am
Monday 1 st May	Bank holiday
Tuesday 2 nd May	Parent coffee morning
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 4: Monday 20 February 2023 to Friday 31 March 2023
- 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

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

School Lunch:

From next term, the option of salad bar will be available from Tuesday 18th April. Please see the new menu attached.

CAFOD Fundraising

We have had a busy week fundraising for CAFOD. After the successful Year 3/4 event last week, we have had a movie night and friendship bracelets and Easter basket sales. Also, the Chaplaincy team have created their own fundraising idea of "prank the teacher". We are so proud of all the children as they have been so passionate about raising money for the charity.

