

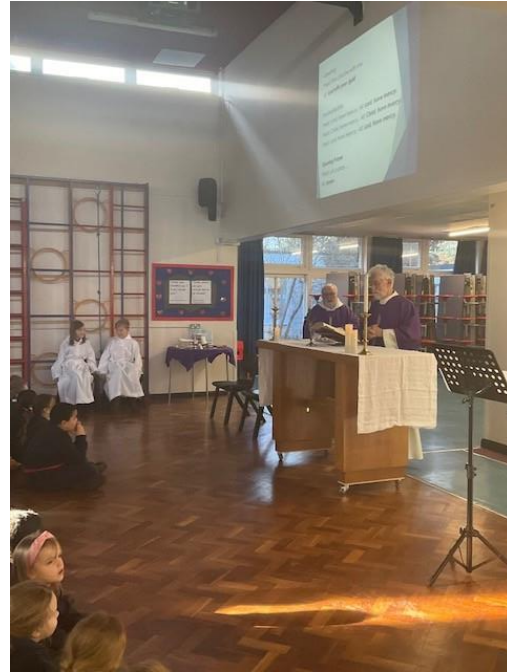


Holy Cross RC Primary School

Newsletter –24/2/2023

This week:

On Wednesday Cannon Michael and Deacon Paul came to celebrate Mass with us for Ash Wednesday to mark the start of Lent.



On Tuesday each class took turns in taking part in African drumming workshops as part of the music curriculum.

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

Strike – Thursday 2nd March

Following a meeting with the school's union rep, I am writing to inform you that unfortunately for health and safety reasons school will be closed to all pupils on Thursday 2nd March. We will be opening for a small group of children whose parents are classed as critical workers (priority will be given to NHS and Emergency Service workers). We will also be offering places by invitation only for another small group of children classed under the vulnerable criteria. You will be contacted by Mrs Kingston if you qualify for either of these groups. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Parents Evening:

Parents evening will be on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 9th March. The email with the link to book will be sent out in the first week of half term.

If you need a parents' evening session with the class teacher and SENCO (Mrs Hunt), this will be on different dates but we will send the links out to the selected parents in the same way as the other parents evening.

If you need support with this please speak to Miss Sims.

Opportunity to speak to the school nurse

Our school nurse (Stacey Bidgood) will be based in the school hall throughout the parents evening on **Tuesday 7th March from 5.30-7.00pm**. She welcomes parents/carers to drop in and speak to her about any questions or concerns you have regarding your child. Areas that the school nurses can support with include:

- continence needs (such as bedtime wetting, daytime wetting or soiling)
- advice regarding sleep, healthy eating, physical health, dental health
- parental support for children with low mood/anxiety

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	93.1%	93.7%	7
Year 1	87.7%	92.8%	11
Year 2	94.4%	94.4%	9
Year 3	90.6%	85.5%	14
Year 4	94.2%	93.6%	10
Year 5	95.5%	95.7%	10
Year 6	94.6%	97.3%	5
Total	92.9%	93.1%	66

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.

Important Dates:

Term 4

Monday 27 th February	Book week Pyjama day
Tuesday 28 th February	Year 2 Aerospace trip
Wednesday 1 st March	Secondary school offer day Camp meeting 3.30pm
Thursday 2 nd March	Strike day
Friday 3 rd March	World Book day Year 4 class assembly 9.15am
Tuesday 7 th March	Year 4 Wildplace trip Parents evening
Wednesday 8 th March	Parents evening
Friday 10 th March	Year 3 class assembly 9.15am
Tuesday 14 th March	Year 1 farm trip
Friday 17 th March	Year 2 class assembly 9.15am Red nose day
Monday 20 th March	Year 6 camp (Until Wednesday)
Thursday 23 rd March	Years 1 & 2 Dance fest trip
Friday 24 th March	Year 1 class assembly 9.15am
Thursday 30 th March	End of term Mass 9.15am
Friday 31 st March	End of term Reception class assembly 9.15am

Tutoring:

Mr. Evans has currently filled up all his available sessions for tutoring. If you have messaged him or are still interested, he will let you know when new sessions are available.

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

PTFA Events

Friday 24th February – PTFA bingo night 6pm-7.30pm



Evaluating a new vaccine
for the prevention of
whooping cough



UHBW and Bristol Vaccine Centre
0117 342 0160 or nasal-pertussis@bristol.ac.uk
www.supertrial.co.uk