



Holy Cross RC Primary School

Newsletter – 27/1/2023

This week:

Reception Class and year 1 had such a wonderful time exploring the Aquarium on Thursday. Their lovely guide took them through all of the beautiful sea creatures and explained how they lived, what they ate and fun facts about each one. They even got to feed some of the fish.



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.



Teacher Strikes:

School is closed to all pupils on Wednesday 1st February, except those classed as vulnerable or critical workers. You will have been contacted by now if your child falls under these categories and can attend.

Term Dates:

- Term 3: Tuesday 3 January 2023 to Friday 10 February 2023
- 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 4th June

First Holy Communion Information for St Gerard Majella Church

First Holy Communion 2023 will start on Sunday 5th February. If you would like your child to attend and have not booked on, please contact Fr George at St Gerard Majella Church.

School Trips

We are very lucky that so many parents and carers always volunteer to help on trips. Unfortunately, due to entrance fees and some venues restricting numbers of adults accompanying a trip, not everyone who volunteers will be able to attend. For all upcoming trips, priority will be given to parents who have not had the chance to attend one this academic year. Any additional spaces will be filled by drawing names out of a hat. If you are able to pay for yourself to attend a trip then please let us know when the letter goes out, however, this may not always be possible as there may be limited seats if it is a coach trip. Class teachers will confirm with you face to face if you are needed on the next round of trips. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

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	93.2%	91.0%	7
Year 1	86.8%	95.2%	7
Year 2	94.6%	90.4%	8
Year 3	90.7%	87.9%	12
Year 4	94.2%	94.2%	5
Year 5	95.8%	93.0%	9
Year 6	94.3%	98.2%	5
Total	92.8%	92.7%	53

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 3:

Tuesday 31 st January	SEND coffee morning 9-10.30 Y3/4 Athletics after school (selected children)
Friday 3 rd February	Year 5 Trip to Bristol Hippodrome Numbers day Year 6 assembly 9.10am
Saturday 4 th February	Lantern Parade
Wednesday 8 th February	Rags 2 Riches collection
Thursday 9 th February	Year 3 museum trip
Friday 10 th February	End of term Year 5 performance 9.15am Cake sale after school

Tutoring:

Mr. Evans is offering private tutoring sessions for children in Keystage 2. If you think your child could benefit from extra support in English and Maths, please contact him on tevans@holycross.bristol.sch.uk for details and the price of sessions.

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

Help for Households

To help with the cost of living crisis the government has launched a website detail a range of support for households. This is available from the link below:

[Help for Households - Get government cost of living support](#)

Local Crisis and Prevention Fund - Bristol

The Local Crisis and Prevention Fund can provide financial support to families facing an immediate financial crisis by

- giving an emergency payment for essentials like food and clothing
- supplying household goods if they cannot afford basic furniture or white goods, like a fridge or a cooker

For further details please visit

[Emergency payments - local crisis and prevention fund - bristol.gov.uk](#)

Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes

RAGS 2 RICHES
Schools & Clubs & Groups

Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.
Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.
Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

☒ Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing	☒ Jewellery and Accessories
☒ Paired Shoes and Footwear	☒ Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website
www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES. PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:
Wednesday 8th Feb

Please remember - NO UNIFORM

Magic James

presents his

MAGIC SHOW



at **HOLY CROSS**
Primary School Hall
Monday 30 January
6.15pm - 7.15pm

Admission: **Children £4.50**

Adults £4.50 each at the door

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY



THE SHOW IS NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 3 YEARS OF AGE