



Holy Cross RC Primary School

Newsletter – 4/11/2022

This week:

On Wednesday, the Avon Fire Brigade visited our school. We learned all the different jobs fire fighters do to help the community and we got to see all the things they keep inside of a fire engine. Year 2 got to use the fire hoses. It was a great experience and we learned lots about how to keep ourselves safe from fire.



On Thursday Year 5 has started their weekly workshops with Bristol Rovers. They will be taking part in their move and learn workshops where they will learn about being healthy and active.

On Tuesday morning Father Michael came to school to celebrate Mass with us for All Saints day. Thank you to the parents who came to celebrate with us.



Today our Chaplains went to Downside Abbey in Radstock. They went to get commissioned by the Bishop and receive their Chaplain badges. They behaved amazingly and were a credit to our school. We are proud to have them as our school Chaplains.



September Intake:

Admission for our Reception class for next September is open. Please spread the word amongst about our school with your neighbours and friends! 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

Team GB Athlete visit:

Next term we are very lucky to be having a visit from a Team GB athlete on Wednesday 16th November. All children have been sent home with sponsorship forms, this is a great opportunity to raise money for our school and have an amazing experience with a professional athlete. The children are asked to get sponsors for completing a range of sporting challenges in 1 minute on the day with the athlete, forms need to be returned to school with any monies by Monday 7th - there is also a QR code if you wish to donate online. The children will receive rewards depending on the amount they raise:

£5 - £14 - Postcard of the Athlete

£15 - £34 - Autographed poster of Athlete

£35 + An instant photo with the Athlete and autograph.

We appreciate that times may be hard for families and we are asking that you donate what you can.



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/>



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"Really easy to get through and talk through some choices."

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BRISTOL FATHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

DID YOU PARENT DURING THE PANDEMIC?
 I want to talk to fathers and their partners about their experience of parenting during the pandemic and understand more about the longer-term impact this has had on fathering/ fatherhood.

WHAT WILL THE RESEARCH INVOLVE?
 You will be asked to participate in 3 different ways:
 1) An interview with your partner
 2) A solo interview
 3) Keeping an audio diary

WHO CAN TAKE PART?

- Are you in a heterosexual/partnered married/ cohabiting couple?
- Do you have children aged under 15 who have been living with you since before March 2020?
- Are you based in Bristol?

* YOUR TIME IS VALUABLE AND YOU WILL BE COMPENSATED.

If you are interested in taking part please email jodie.horton@bristol.ac.uk

Free Childcare places for 2-year olds in Bristol:

There are hundreds of free early education and childcare places available in Bristol for two-year-olds. Funding is available for two-year-olds to receive up to 15 hours per week of free childcare at a range of early year providers, including Children's Centres, nurseries, pre-schools, playgroups and childminders. The rising cost of living is affecting a huge number of people across Bristol. With childcare costs also increasing, we want to make sure that families are getting the help and support they need. If you are a parent or carer of a two-year-old and you receive one of the following benefits, you could be entitled to a free place for your child:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit, and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments
- child tax credits, and your household income is £16,190 a year or less before tax
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- the Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- [Visit the Bristol City Council website to find out more about the eligibility criteria and to apply online.](#)

Bristol Welcoming Spaces:

The first of Bristol's Welcoming Spaces are now open. As the cost of fuel and food continues to rise, a network of warm, Welcoming Spaces has been set up for people to go to, to alleviate cost of living pressures this autumn and winter. Each venue will be responding to community priorities which means what happens in each space will vary, but is likely to include wi-Fi, access to electrical charging points, activities and community meals. There will also be support and practical advice provided by city-wide organisations. More information about Welcoming Spaces and where to [find your nearest one is available on the Bristol City Council website](#). More spaces will be added over the coming weeks. If you need advice or guidance for yourself or someone you support, [we have also launched a cost of living support hub](#) on the Bristol City Council website. The cost of living support hub is a useful directory to access information on housing, bills, benefits, employment and skills and mental health and wellbeing. Please share this information with your staff and parents.

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	95.4%	98.1%	6
Year 1	86.7%	93.8%	5
Year 2	94.6%	95.0%	4
Year 3	90.8%	96.9%	10
Year 4	94.1%	97.1%	2
Year 5	97.6%	96.4%	3
Year 6	96.2%	98.4%	3
Total	93.5%	96.4%	33

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.

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 understand that it is only the start of Term 2 and a few absences does amount to more percentage missed but we have a duty to inform you when your child has low attendance throughout the academic year. We hope that we can work with parents and support them to improve attendance.

Well done to Sean and Esahnn who won our attendance raffle for Term 1. Each child who had 100% attendance in term 1 was entered. Each term starts a fresh for the raffle so each child has the chance to win each term.

PTFA Events and Messages:

Friday 11th November – PTFA Bingo night 6-7.30pm

Friday 9th December – PTFA Christmas Disco 6-8pm

If you have any donations that we could use for the following events, please hand to the office:

1. For the Christmas disco tombola. For example, toys, small household items and cosmetics.
2. Second hand Christmas jumpers. These will be sold at the Bingo night
3. Items for the Christmas hamper.

Also, if you work for or own your own businesses that have money allotted for charity work, the PTFA would be happy to receive funds. We are at present raising money for the Christmas Pantomime.

Term Dates:

- Term 2: Monday 31 October 2022 to Friday 16 December 2022
- 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 31st October
- Tuesday 3rd January
- Monday 4th June

Important Dates:

Term 2:

Tuesday 8 th November	Parents evening 5-7.30pm
Wednesday 9 th November	Flu Immunisations Parents evening 3.30-5.00pm
Thursday 10 th November	Year 1 Slimbridge trip
Friday 11 th November	Year 5 and 6 Old Vic trip Remembrance service 9am PTFA Bingo night 6-7.30pm
Monday 14 th November	Year 3 Cheddar Trip
Tuesday 15 th November	How we teach reading meeting: phonics and comprehension
Wednesday 16 th November	Team GB Athlete
Thursday 17 th November	Mass 9.10am
Friday 18 th November	Year 2 assembly 9.10am Children in Need
Tuesday 22 nd November	Year 4 trip
Thursday 24 th November	Year 6 Trip PM
Friday 25 th November	Year 1 assembly 9.10am
Thursday 1 st November	Reception Post Office trip
Friday 2 nd December	Choir Club Trip
Monday 5 th December	Selected children in Y5/6 Athletics trip
Wednesday 7 th December	Panto PM
Friday 9 th December	Christmas jumper day KS2 talent show AM Christmas Disco 6-8pm
Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 14 th December	Choir club trip AM KS1 Nativity 1.45pm
Thursday 15 th December	KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Friday 16 th December	End of Term 2 KS2 Carol Service 2pm

Vacancies:

We are looking for School Meals Supervisory Assistants. The hours are 12pm – 1.30pm. If you are interested, please ask Miss Sims for an application form.

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**ROBINS
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WILDCATS!
FOOTBALL FOR GIRLS

WEDNESDAY 4-5PM
**AT WINDMILL HILL FARM
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Starting on 10th August, our football sessions are open to girls aged between 6 -11 years old.

Our sessions are free to take part in. For more information and to get involved please contact **Grace** at grace.phillips@bcfc.co.uk

  

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