



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This week:

This morning Year 4 presented their assembly on Harvest. They all dressed up as different fruits and vegetables and reminded us of how the Earth can give us anything we need and that we should share with those less fortunate than ourselves.

On Thursday afternoon our Reception and Key Stage One classes had a visit from Owl Occasions, he brought in three majestic owls for all the children to see. We learnt facts about what they eat, how they digest food and what the skeleton of an owl looks like. All the children were mesmerized by the majestic birds and thoroughly enjoyed watching them flapping and flying in the hall. Please look on Facebook, Instagram, Class Dojo pages and Tapestry for videos and images.

On Friday morning we were extremely lucky to have been chosen by ITV to have our Daily Mile recorded. The two classes that took part were Year 1 and Year 6. They then asked the children what they liked about the Daily Mile and what impact it has had. This is a great opportunity to raise the profile of the school whilst promoting mental and physical wellbeing. All the children are enthusiastic and engaged in the daily mile and are fantastic advocates for a healthy lifestyle.

On Wednesday Year 5 had an incredible time at the SS Great Britain. They had a marvellous time in their workshop looking at different designs for some of Isambard Kingdom Brunel's famous monuments and even had the opportunity to dress up. They loved exploring the ship and looking at the different exhibits.

On Tuesday SCARF came in to do PSHE workshops with our KS2 classes. Year 3's was "meet the brain", Year 4's was "it's great to be me", Year 5 was "friends" and Year 6 was "decisions".

On Monday Year 5 had a theatre visit from Abbie Air and the shed of science about air quality and sustainable travel. They learn an important message about looking after the planet.

September Intake:

Admission for our Reception class for next September is open. We are hosting an open morning on Thursday 13th October. Please spread the word amongst your neighbours! If you are able to put a flyer up in your window, please ask Miss Sims for one.



Rags2Riches:

We have a Rags2riches collection on the last day of term – Friday 21st October. If you have any unwanted clothing, jewellery and accessories, shoes, belts or bags, please bag it up and bring in on the morning of the collection. It gets weighed and the money will go towards school fund.

School Display:

We are creating a display on the large board in the school hall to celebrate the cultural diversity of our school. We would welcome your contributions to add to the display. For example, photos or small objects that represent your family culture. These will be arranged around the outside of a large world map. Photos can be emailed to the school office.

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. As always thank you for your continued support.

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/>

School Lunches:

We would like to pre-warn parents that from next term there will be no salad bar on the menu. As it is coming to the Winter terms the option changes to jacket potato with a filling instead of salad bar.

PE:

Unfortunately, not all children are yet coming to school in the correct PE kit. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing full school PE kit on their PE days. The correct PE kit is navy shorts, joggers or skort, a white T shirt and trainers or daps. Children should also wear their school sweatshirt or a navy hoodie during the colder months. If you are finding it difficult to



get a PE kit, please let us know asap. Children will not be allowed to wear football shirts or multi-coloured leggings/joggings.

Shoes:

Please make sure that all children come to school wearing the correct school shoes. Our uniform is plain, black school shoes not trainers or different colours.

Collecting Children Early at the end of the day:

I would like to politely remind you that you can only collect your child early from school if they have an appointment or for an exceptional circumstance. From this term, we will require written evidence of the appointment.

ELSA Room:

Our school ELSA room is located by the Key Stage two classrooms. It is run by Mrs Krzysiek who is our trained Emotional Literacy Support Assistant lead (ELSA). The classroom offers a safe, nurturing environment for all children and contains kitchen facilities, a cosy corner, a classroom desk area and a dedicated outdoor space. We provide individual ELSA sessions in the mornings and group sessions in the afternoons. These sessions offer support for a range of areas including; emotional literacy, self-esteem, social skills, friendship issues, managing strong feelings, anxiety and loss and bereavement. The aim is to build your child's emotional wellbeing, giving them the tools to cope with life's challenges and reach their potential academically. You will receive a letter if your child is timetabled for an ELSA session.

Mrs Krzysiek is also available for a meeting with parents if you would like to discuss your child's emotional wellbeing. She is available from 8.30am – 9.00am and 3.00pm – 4.30pm. If you cannot attend in the allocated times, please speak to Miss Sims and we will arrange a suitable time for you.

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. Now that the circumstances have changed, it is vital for all children to return to schools and other settings to minimise as far as possible the longer-term impact of the pandemic on their education, wellbeing and wider development. 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	94.8%	94.9%	7
Year 1	83.7%	84.1%	9
Year 2	94.9%	99.6%	7
Year 3	90.3%	89.6%	7
Year 4	94.4%	91.9%	0
Year 5	97.3%	98.1%	7
Year 6	95.9%	98.3%	7
Total	92.9%	93.7%	44

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.

However, please be aware of waiting 48 hours before your child returns to school if your child has had a tummy bug or a temperature.

Take care,



Mrs Kingston.



Important Dates:

Term 1:

Monday 10 th October	Bikeability all day
Tuesday 11 th October	Bikeability AM
Thursday 13 th October	Open morning 9.30am
Friday 14 th October	Year 3 assembly 9.15am
Thursday 20 th October	School photos
Friday 21 st October	End of term Rags2riches collection

Term 2:

Monday 31 st October	Inset day
Tuesday 1 st November	Start of Term 2 How we teach Maths parents meeting
Friday 4 th November	Chaplaincy Team commissioning trip
Tuesday 8 th November	Parents evening 5-7.30pm
Wednesday 9 th November	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
Tuesday 15 th November	How we teach reading meeting: phonics and comprehension
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need

