



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **This week:**

This morning Year 5 presented their assembly on their transport topic. They shared their learning on transport and our whole school theme of solidarity. They reminded us how important it is to work together to achieve wonderful things. Thank you to Mr Toogood and all the children for their hard work.

Thank you to all the parents and carers that helped out at the farm trip on Wednesday for year 1. They fed lots of farm animals and tasted a range of different herbs and vegetables. The children really enjoyed themselves making pizzas in their workshop which was lovely to see.

On Tuesday afternoon, we invited Lily our dinner lady who has recently retired. We said thank you and good bye to her. It was a sad occasion as she has been a part of the Holy Cross community for 21 years.

On Tuesday morning we held our first SEND coffee morning. Mrs Hunt was very pleased that lots of parents attended and was able to speak to a spokesperson from 'SEND and You' who told us more about the support they offer to families.

On Tuesday evening we hosted a parents' online safety event. At the event we discussed how we teach e-safety at Holy Cross and what parents can do to support their children at home. At the end of the session we gave out leaflets from Internet Matters and guides to talking to your children - which can all be found on the Keeping Children Safe Online tab of the school website. Thank you to those parents who could attend, here is a link to a virtual online safety evening hosted by Natter Hub which would be great to also view on Thursday (6th of October). Details for how to join on Thursday evening:

Location: Virtual, YouTube

When: 6th October, 7pm

How to attend: CLICK THIS LINK to watch

live <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CpFspt6fgfg>

On Tuesday morning Years 3 and 4 had a workshop in the Explorer Dome. Year 3's was on light and Year 4's on sound. They were very excited to see the big dome in the hall and hear lots of excitement while they were inside taking part in their workshops.

This morning after the Year 5 assembly we held a Macmillan coffee morning. Thank you to the parents who attended and the Year 6 pupils who made the tasty cakes.



### **Next Week:**

Next Friday Year 4 are presenting their assembly on Harvest. We will be collecting tinned and dried food to donate to our food bank. Please bring in food only that you can afford to donate by Friday morning.

We have been informed of some filming happening nearby school on Thursday from 2pm – 6pm which will block parking around Southville Road and Acraman's Road. We ask that parents use other roads to park farther away or ASDA and walking to school when collecting children.

### **September Intake:**

Admission for our Reception class for next September is open. We are hosting an open morning on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Update from Local Authority:**

CQC and OFSTED are returning for the Bristol City Council local area reinspection visit in the next few weeks. A key part of this reinspection is gathering the views of parent carers. Please see the attached letter to complete the survey.

### **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.

### **After School Clubs:**

After school clubs started this term with our school running teacher ran clubs until 4.15pm and Premiere Education running sports and extra activity clubs until 4.30pm or 5.30pm. Most of our school ran clubs are full but you can always look on the School app to see if any spaces become available. To book with Premiere Education you need to make an account on their



website which is : <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/2665/?location=BS3%201DB> . There is also a QR code on the entrance to our foyer which takes you to their booking page. Here are the sports available:

Monday – Tennis

Tuesday – Hockey

Wednesday – Basketball

Thursday – Football

Friday – Dodgeball

### **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.
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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.

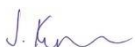
Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Reception	94.8%	95.4%	5
Year 1	83.7%	85.3%	7
Year 2	93.7%	88.5%	0
Year 3	90.5%	89.3%	8
Year 4	95.0%	91.9%	1
Year 5	97.1%	94.1%	2
Year 6	95.3%	95.2%	2
Total	92.7%	91.2%	25

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:**

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 SS Great Britain Trip
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 assembly 9.15am (Harvest)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Open morning 9.30am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 assembly 9.15am
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	School photos
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	End of term Rags2riches collection

### **Term 2:**

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	How we teach Maths parents meeting
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening 5-7.30pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening 3.30-5.00pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	How we teach reading meeting: phonics and comprehension

