



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to what promises to be a very exciting year in school.

It has been so lovely to see your children coming back into school with smiles on their faces. Working in a school is a wonderful thing to do. It has been lovely to hear about their Summer and how they were able to do more things and see more friends and family members.

The children have settled quickly in to their new classes really well. I am so proud of them all, especially our Year 3 pupils who have taken moving to a new key stage completely in their stride.

Thankyou for all the kind gifts and thoughtful cards the teachers received at the end of the last year. It was very kind of you all to remember us.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Mr Franks, Mr Hobbs and the premises team for all their hard work during the Summer break getting the school ready for the new academic year.

### **This week:**

Our new reception children started their journey at Holy Cross. They all came in ready to learn and play and amazed us with their independence and happy attitudes.

Miss Stroud and her team are looking forward to getting to know them and see them thrive this year.

Following the sad news of the Her Majesty's passing last night, the whole country has now entered a period of mourning, lasting 10 days. School will remain open during this time. We held an Assembly and a minute's silence today to reflect and celebrate the life of Queen Elizabeth II. If you or your child are finding this time difficult, please speak to myself or Mrs Hunt.



## **Class information:**

Class teachers have sent out their termly newsletter today with PE days and other important information. It will also be saved on the school website under their class page. Spellings, tables and KIRFs have also gone home today for the term. If you have not received this information, please ask your child's teacher. Messages can be sent via Class Dojo or Tapestry for Y1. On Tuesday after school, each class teacher, from Y1 to Y6, will hold a 'Meet the teacher' session for all parents who are able to attend. This will be a general information evening about the class and year ahead. Individual parents' evening appointments to discuss your child's progress will be held in October.

## **PE:**

Formal PE lessons will start in the week beginning 19/09/22. This is to ensure that all children have the correct PE kit. Children will need to come to school in their PE kits 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 by Wednesday of next week so we can help. Children will not be allowed to wear football shirts or multi-coloured leggings/joggings.

## **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 will go home next week, please complete the form and return it to Miss Sims asap.

## **After School Clubs**

After school clubs started this week 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



## **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.

## **PTFA Events:**

A welcome family BBQ for adults and children will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September from 5:30pm to 7.30pm on the KS2 playground, which you are all invited to. Please come along to meet other families and support the school. If you are able to help in any way, please email [ptfaholycrossbedminster@gmail.com](mailto:ptfaholycrossbedminster@gmail.com)

## **SEND Coffee Morning - Tuesday 27th September 9.15-10.15am**

This is an informal opportunity for parents/carers of children with SEND to meet our new SENDCo Mrs Hunt, connect with other families and share experiences. We will be joined by a member of Bristol charity 'Send and You' who will share information about their services and the different ways that they can support parents/carers. An invitation to this event will be sent via text to families of children with SEND.

## **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	%	100.0%	1
Year 1	%	90.7%	8
Year 2	%	95.4%	3
Year 3	%	93.2%	8
Year 4	%	95.9%	8
Year 5	%	99.4%	3
Year 6	%	95.7%	6
Total	%	95.3%	37

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 and if they have symptoms of Covid, we advise for you to lateral flow test them before leaving for school.**

Take care,



Mrs Kingston.

**Important Dates:**

**Term 1:**

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Welcome BBQ 5.30pm-7.30pm Holy Cross Feast day Mass 9.15am
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 start swimming
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Year 6 Assembly 9.15am
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	SEND Coffee morning 9.15am – 10.15am
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 assembly 9.15am Macmillian coffee morning after assembly
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 assembly 9.15am ( Harvest)



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

