



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This week:

This morning, Year 1 presented their assembly on their learning this term on growing up. They all spoke and sang so beautifully.

On Wednesday and Friday, we had our sports mornings. It was lovely to see so many parents there to cheer them on.

This afternoon we welcomed our new Reception children who will be starting in September for a visit. They all had a lovely time and we look forward to seeing them again this Friday.

On Wednesday morning, our local PCSOs came in to hold an assembly for Year 5 and 6 on keeping safe. It was nice to meet our new PCSO who gave us lots of tips on how to stay safe when out and about during the Summer.

Reception class went to Clevedon on Thursday. They enjoyed exploring the beach and recording their findings through the medium of sketching, speaking and writing. We even did a beach clean-up which earned us a round of applause from Clevedon residents! We ate a picnic in the park and then had a train ride around the park with an ice cream treat to finish! Our walk along the shoreline after lunch was a treat! We even got to see Clevedon's pier and a snake (a mosaic one). Thank you, reception children and parents, for making it such an enjoyable trip!

5 children from Year 5 went on a trip on Wednesday to UWE for the Bristol Together Football tournament. They played football against other schools and they came 4th out of 8 teams. Mrs Tamlin was very proud of them and their amazing behaviour.

On Thursday Year 5 and 6 were lucky enough to have a visit from Knowle West Media Centre. They brought with them 15 Apple Mac computers and some Spheros, which were robotic balls that we could control. We planned our own new city; we designed a flag for it using electronic sketchbooks and mapped out our roads using the Spheros. It was great fun!

Staffing Update:

Governors have approved an extension to Mrs James' secondment as Head teacher at St Nicholas of Tolentine for an additional year. We wish her all the best as she continues her new role.



Mrs Edwards has decided to leave her role at Holy Cross to work nearer home in a part time position offering support and consultancy. We wish her good luck for the future and will miss her very much.

I am very pleased to inform you that Miss Ormsby is expecting her second baby due in October. She will be out of class in Term 1 next year until she starts her maternity leave.

Ms Lugg and Mr Ockwell have been appointed to teach from September. I will send out the new class lists on Friday in readiness for our moving up session on Monday 18th July.

Collecting Children Early:

We have had a lot of parents requesting to collect their children early recently. I would like to remind you that you can only collect your child early from school if they have an appointment or for an exceptional circumstance. From now on, we will require written evidence of the appointment.

Hot Weather:

Now that the hot weather is here, please make sure all children come in with sun cream on, a sun hat and has a water bottle with them.

Parking:

When parking outside school at drop off and collection times, please do not park on the double yellow lines outside or opposite the school. I do not want to receive any more emails of complaint from local residents!

Governors Competition:

All entries should have been received in the school office.

PTFA Events:

Please see the attached flyer for the term 6 PTFA events.

After School Clubs

We have sent out the link to book After School Clubs for September from Premiere Education who will be running our after-school club room sessions. Please book these sessions before the start of term to avoid disappointment. On Friday we sent out the club list for September. Everyone will need to book these clubs on the school app as we only have a certain number of children who can join. Miss Sims will not be able to book children on for you. This makes it fair and on a first come first served basis. If you need Miss Sims to show you how to book via the app, please ask for her help. You will also have to book breakfast club on the app.

Free Holiday Activities:

Families can now find free and paid for school holiday activities via the new Your Holiday Hub (YHH) website: [Your Holiday Hub Bristol - Your Holiday Hub Bristol](#) The popular YHH programme is returning this summer offering children and young people hundreds of free, fun activities across Bristol over the six-week summer holiday. The new website means families can now search for school holiday activities - including free YHH places for children on free school meals (FSM) as well as paid for activities and clubs. The new website makes it easier for families in Bristol to find holiday activities, all in one place, by conveniently searching



what's available by location, age, or activity. Organisations offering activities can also access resources on the website as well as input and update the activities and clubs they are providing over the school holidays. The website will be updated for each holiday to reflect which activities are available over the summer, winter, and Easter school holidays. YHH activities include cookery classes, sports, drama and learning about wildlife and the environment, and each four-hour holiday activity also includes a nutritious meal and food education.

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.

We have had a lot of request of absence forms handed in within the last few weeks. 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	89.1%	78.1%	12
Year 1	90.7%	86.4%	8
Year 2	89.8%	91.4%	13
Year 3	93.3%	93.3%	15
Year 4	94.1%	96.9%	6
Year 5	91.5%	88.0%	4
Year 6	89.8%	85.8%	10
Total	91.2%	88.6%	68

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 6

Tuesday 12 th July	Years 1 and 6 Suspension bridge trip
Wednesday 13 th July	Year 6 Zaza Trip Reserved KS1 sports morning 9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday 14 th July	Year 3 Zoo Trip Year 5 The Matthew Trip
Friday 15 th July	Reception class assembly 9.15am New Reception intake session PM Reserved KS2 sports morning 10.00am – 12.00pm
Tuesday 19 th July	Year 2 Zoo Trip
Wednesday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 9.15am Year 6 Play 2pm
Thursday 21 st July	End of Term 6 Celebration assembly 9.15am

Term 1:

Thursday 1 st September	Inset day
Friday 2 nd September	Inset day
Monday 5 th September	Start of Term 1

