



Holy Cross RC Primary School

Newsletter – 24/05/2024

This week:

Year 6 took part in a boat making workshop on Tuesday hosted by the MV Balmoral group. The children showed excellent team work skills to create their boats; which will be raced on Saturday 20th July to open the Harbour Festival. How fantastic are these boats?

Year 4 really enjoyed their tennis session at Victoria Park on Tuesday where they learnt some fundamental skills and had lots of opportunities to play in teams. They smashed it!

On Wednesday Year 6 attended Lifeskills where they learnt how to keep themselves safe in a variety of different situations. They also practised calling the emergency services and responding with the appropriate information in the event of an emergency. I am so proud of all of them!

Year 5 went to the museum for an Ancient Greek workshop where we got to look at different artefacts and handle pottery from that time.



Admissions:

Admission for our Reception class for next September is now closed. If you have applied, please speak to Miss Sims about completing our supplementary form.

Please spread the word about our school with your neighbours and friends! We have spaces in some classes if you know anyone who has moved into the area or looking for a new school. 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: holycross@bristol-schools.uk

To see more of the school please visit www.holycross.bristol.sch.uk

Message from our Mental Health Support Team

Hello, my name is Sam Hodge and I work as part of the Mental Health Support Team (MHST). I am an Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP Trainee) at Holy Cross and work in school on Monday mornings. I will be giving weekly suggestions that you may have tried or not - the idea being to keep actively thinking about ways we can support the mental health of young people!

This week's tip:

9. Time for playfulness! – Research has shown improves sleep, reduced anxiety, and greater emotional connection to a parent where there is the opportunity for play and joint activity.



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.

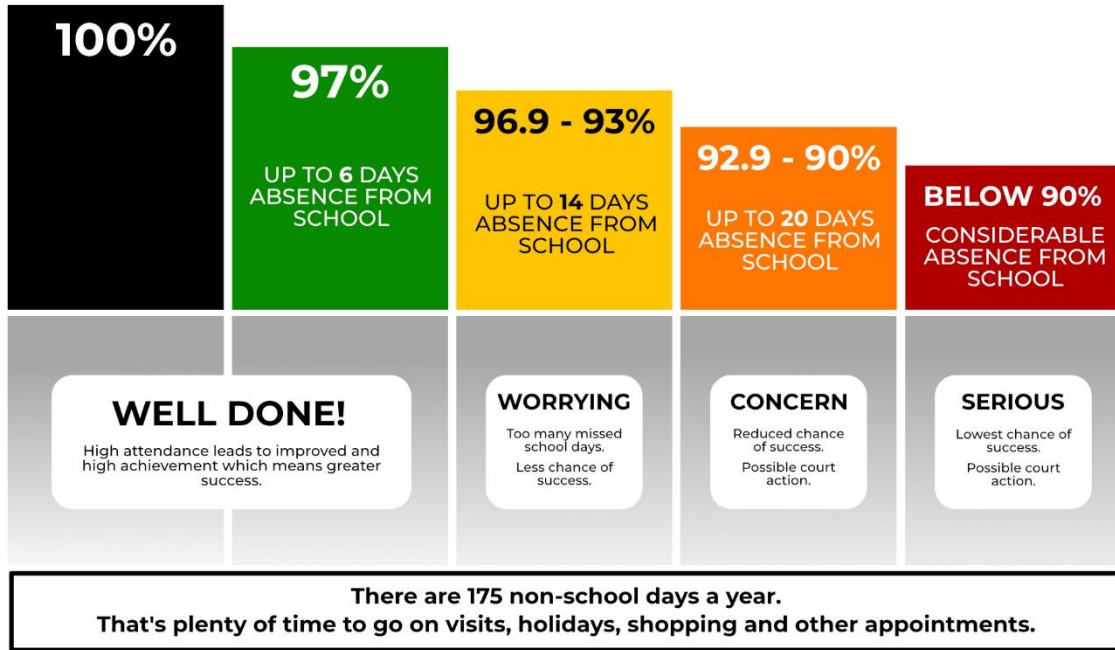
Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Reception	92.6%	94.3%	0
Year 1	93.8%	98.1%	2
Year 2	94.4%	93.2%	4
Year 3	94.1%	96.9%	1
Year 4	90.2%	90.0%	4
Year 5	94.0%	97.6%	0
Year 6	95.4%	93.7%	2
Total	93.5%	94.5%	13

Thank you to those who attend regularly. Please remember to phone the school office if your child is going to be absent, do not use Class Dojo. 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. Please see this link for when your child may be too unwell to attend school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> As a rule of thumb, being too tired is not a reason to miss school unless it is linked to an illness.

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. When your child is absent from school, please ensure you have contacted the school office rather than teachers or Mrs Kingston.

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 hope that we can work with parents and support them to improve attendance.

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



<u>Term Dates:</u> Inset days:	Friday 1 st September Tuesday 2 nd January Friday 28 th June Monday 22 nd July Tuesday 23 rd July
Term 1:	Monday 4 th September 2023 – Friday 20 th October 2023
Term 2:	Monday 30 th October 2023 – Friday 15 th December 2023
Term 3:	Wednesday 3 rd January – Friday 9 th February
Term 4:	Monday 19 th February – Thursday 28 th March
Term 5:	Monday 15 th April – Friday 24 th May (Bank holiday on Monday 6 th May)
Term 6:	Monday 3 rd June – Friday 19 th July

Important Dates:

Term 6

Monday 10 th June	International week
Tuesday 11 th June	Year 4 tennis session
Thursday 13 th June	Year 6 Leavers Mass at Cathedral (just for pupils)
Friday 14 th June	International week assembly 9.10am and then class picnics
Tuesday 18 th June	Year 1 farm trip Year 5 tennis session
Friday 21 st June	Year 2 class assembly 9.10am
Monday 24 th June	Year 4 Wildplace trip KS1 sports day 9.30am
Tuesday 25 th June	KS2 sports day 9.30am
Wednesday 26 th June	Year 3,5 and 6 trip to WTC
Thursday 27 th June	Year 2 Noah's Ark trip Choir trip
Friday 28 th June	Inset day – no school
Monday 1 st July	SEND Coffee morning 9.00am – mental health focus Mass 9.10am
Tuesday 2 nd July	Year 5 tennis session
Friday 5 th July	Year 1 class assembly 9.10am Summer Fair 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 9 th July	Year 6 tennis session
Friday 12 th July	Reception class assembly 9.10am Choir to Monica Wills Reports go out to parents
Monday 15 th July	End of year assembly 9.10am
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 6 tennis session Parents open evening for reports
Wednesday 17 th July	Leavers Mass 9.10am
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers play 9.10am
Friday 19 th July	End of term 6 Year 6 leavers assembly 9.10am

Inset days for next year:

Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 4th November 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 21st July 2025 and Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Gospel of the week:

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear Jesus saying how our openness and obedience to God is a sign that we belong to his family. Jesus taught us that we are all children of God and we should live as brothers and sisters to each other.

Dear God,

Please help my family to keep growing in the same love, warmth and understanding which you brought to your family.

Amen.

PTFA news and Events

Our next PTFA event is:

Summer Fair

on Friday 5th July at 3.30pm – 5.30pm

They urgently need volunteers to run stalls. Please email them directly on the email address below if you can help.

Are you interested in joining our PTFA? We have lots of parents who will be leaving the PTFA in July due to their children going to Secondary Schools. Please email ptfaholycrossbedminster@gmail.com for more information about how you can be involved.

International Week:

Next week will be International Week where the children will take part in a range of activities with the theme of the 'Olympics 2024'. Each class will explore an athlete taking part at this year's Olympics and their country.

On Friday 7th June there will be an assembly in the morning after drop off and immediately after a class picnic to share food from different places. Please bring in any food you would like to share with the class (no nuts). The children are also invited to dress in clothes from a country of their choice.

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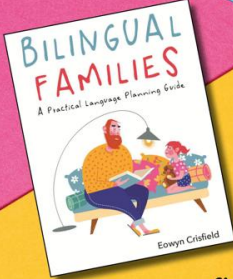

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**Free event for
bilingual families!** **15**
June
10.30am

- Do you have a bilingual family?
- Are you raising your kids in more than one language?
- Do you need practical tips?

Ask the expert!

EOWYN CRISFIELD,
bilingual family expert,
answers your questions!



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