



Holy Cross RC Primary School

Newsletter – 10/05/2024

This week:

Year 4 have had a great time rehearsing for their assembly all about Ancient Egypt. We have been discovering everything from Howard Carter and Tutankhamun's tomb to the daily lives of the ancient Egyptians. A very demanding pharaoh kept everyone in check, especially the pyramid builders! On Tuesday afternoon, Year 5 went for a lovely sunny sail around the harbour whilst learning the history of the Matthew and how to measure the speed of boats in the old days. On Wednesday, Mrs Kingston and Miss Stroud attended the ordination of our new Bishop Bosco McDonald at Clifton Cathedral. It was a beautiful ceremony not unlike the King's coronation! Our own Deacon Paul was part of the celebration as he is based at the cathedral. Thanks to the Bishop Emeritus Declan for extending the invite and we wish him all the best for his retirement. On Thursday, Year 1 had a great time joining with lots of other schools (and assembled teddy bears!) at Bristol Beacon, singing the songs that we have learning in class.



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.

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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: holycrossp@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:

6. Strengths based approach – In order to facilitate growth and better mental wellbeing, helping your child identify and celebrate their strengths and actively engage in their interests is key.



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.

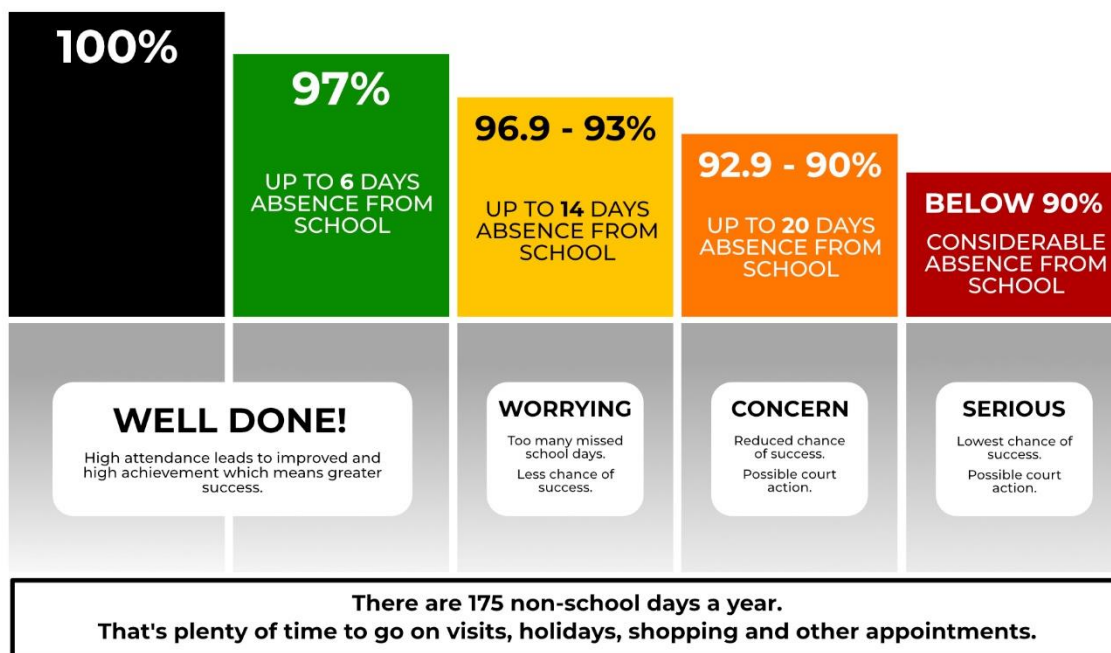
Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Reception	92.4%	92.0%	4
Year 1	93.5%	96.4%	0
Year 2	94.3%	93.0%	7
Year 3	93.8%	96.1%	4
Year 4	90.0%	87.5%	8
Year 5	93.7%	97.6%	2
Year 6	95.5%	97.9%	1
Total	93.3%	94.3%	26

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>	Friday 1 st September
Inset days:	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 5

Monday 13 th May	KS2 SATs week
Friday 17 th May	Year 3 assembly 9.10am
Monday 20 th May	Year 2 trip to Avon Gorge
Tuesday 21 st May	Year 3 and 5 trip to Hindu Temple
Friday 24 th May	End of term 5 Year 6 class assembly 9.10am

Term 6

Monday 3 rd June	Start of Term 6
Tuesday 4 th June	Year 6 boat building trip
Wednesday 5 th June	Year 6 Lifeskills trip
Thursday 6 th June	Class photos
Friday 7 th June	Year 5 Museum trip
Monday 10 th June	International week
Thursday 13 th June	Year 6 Leavers Mass at Cathedral (just for pupils)
Friday 14 th June	Year 2 assembly 9.10am
Tuesday 18 th June	Year 1 farm trip
Friday 21 st June	Year 1 assembly 9.10am
Monday 24 th June	Year 4 Wildplace trip
Tuesday 25 th June	KS1 sports day 9.30am
Wednesday 26 th June	KS2 sports day 9.30am
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
Friday 5 th July	Reception class assembly 9.10am Summer Fair 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Monday 15 th July	End of year assembly 9.10am
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

Job available:

Are you a self-employed building maintenance worker with public liability insurance? If you are, our school and some of our fellow Aquinas Partnership schools are interested in talking to you about small maintenance jobs across our schools at a reasonable price. These jobs could range from attaching door finger guards to shelving or fencing. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact the school: 01173772373 or email Jason.franks@bristol-schools.uk

Gospel of the week:

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is praying with his disciples after the last supper. Before he leaves he is preparing them for the difficult time to come. Jesus has cared for his followers and now he is asking God to care for them. Jesus wants us to be united with one another and with God. We can show that we are united and part of God's family when we care for each other – living and working in unity.

Dear God,

Please help us to see the needs of others, to care for creation, and to continue your work in the world with a loving and caring heart.

Amen.

PTFA news and Events

Our next PTFA event is:

Summer Fair

on Friday 5th July at 3.30pm – 5.30pm

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.



**Do you love sewing?
We needle you!**

We're looking for the next bunch of talented home sewers to showcase their creativity and technical skills on the new series of
BBC 1's The Great British Sewing Bee!

If you or someone you know is a brilliant amateur sewer then apply now!

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productions

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Applications close Wed 15th May 2024



Strengthening Parental Relationships

Are the stresses of everyday life affecting your relationship?

Being parents can be stressful and challenging at the best of times. Learn how to manage stress and communicate in ways that are helpful for a healthy co-parenting relationship.

Chat to Relationship Practitioners Gina and Katie and take away
FREE relationship support resources

Come along and participate as much or as little as you like!

Join us online on:

Wednesday 22nd May at 7pm – 8.15pm
or Wednesday 5th June at 12.30pm - 1.15pm

To register your interest, please email
relationships@bristol.gov.uk or call Gina on: 07721 635376 or
Helen on: 07721 311726.

