



Holy Cross RC Primary School

Newsletter – 26/04/2024

This week:

Year 4 went to Bristol Museum today for a workshop based on their topic this term. They were learning about Egyptian artefacts and learnt some new memorable facts about Ancient Egypt.

Year 3 had an amazing time in Caerleon today where they explored the ancient Roman ruins. They looked around the Roman Museum before seeing where the 6000 Roman soldiers slept in their barracks and finally they took on the role of gladiators in the amphitheatre. What a way to end the week!



School of
SANCTUARY AWARD
Welcoming People Seeking Sanctuary



We're pleased to share that our school has recently been awarded '**School of Sanctuary**' **status** in recognition of our good practice in fostering a culture of welcome, belonging and solidarity for those seeking safety. We are really proud of this achievement and of the warm welcome that our school community gives to newly arrived families.

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:

4. Role model imperfection – By being transparent about your own mistakes as a parent, your child will feel free to develop a growth mindset, learning as they go and will develop a less critical inner voice.



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.

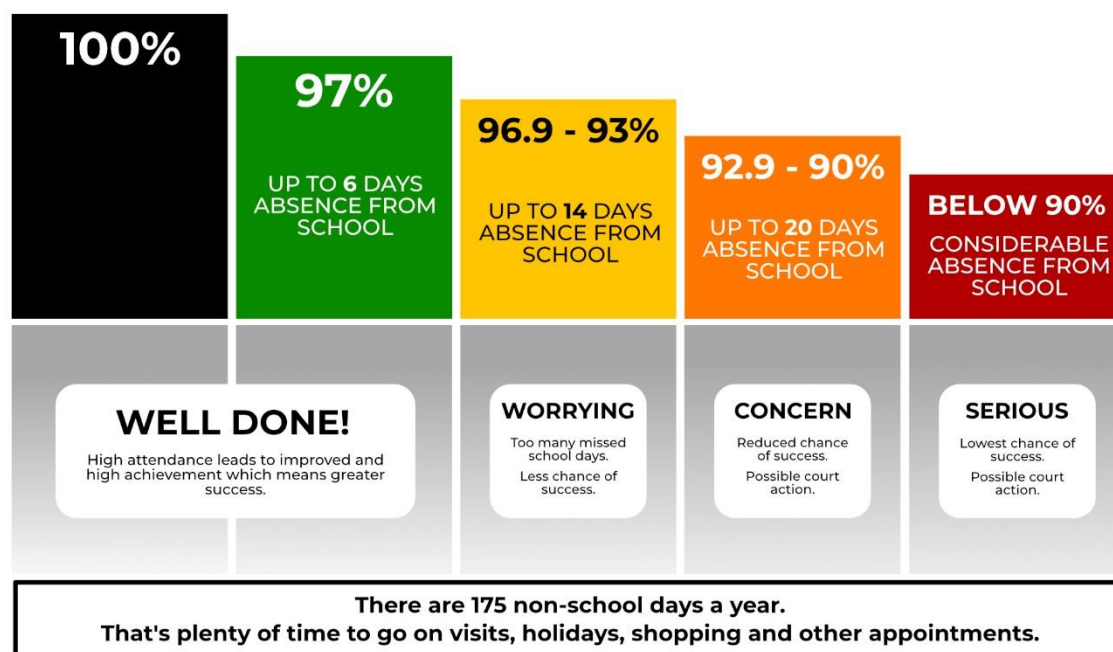
Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Reception	92.4%	95.8%	1
Year 1	93.6%	93.5%	4
Year 2	94.2%	94.2%	0
Year 3	93.8%	94.3%	7
Year 4	90.0%	87.2%	5
Year 5	93.6%	94.4%	0
Year 6	95.3%	95.5%	1
Total	93.3%	93.5%	18

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

Tuesday 30 th April	Year 1 Boat Building workshop
Friday 3 rd May	Year 5 class assembly 9.10am
Monday 6 th May	Bank holiday – no school
Tuesday 7 th May	Year 5 trip to the Matthew
Thursday 9 th May	Ascension Thursday Mass 9.15am Year 1 trip to Bristol Beacon AM
Friday 10 th May	Year 4 assembly 9.10am
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
Wednesday 5 th June	Year 6 Lifeskills trip
Thursday 6 th June	Class photos
Friday 7 th June	Year 5 Museum trip
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
Thursday 27 th June	Year 2 Noah's Ark trip
Friday 28 th June	Inset day – no school
Monday 1 st July	SEND Coffee morning 9.00am – mental health focus
Friday 5 th July	Reception class assembly 9.10am
Friday 19 th July	End of term 6

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 e mail Jason.franks@bristol-schools.uk

Gospel of the week:

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses an image of a grape vine to explain how God loves us. He wants us to live and grow in him – just like a branch grows on a vine. The vine is strong and can hold many branches. The vine feeds the branches in the same way God feeds us so we can grow into the people we were created to be.

Dear God,

Thank you for the people who help us grow in your love.

Please help us to keep growing in goodness.

Amen.



We would like to thank Jo Goring who is a parent at our school, for coming in and donating her time to help the children create these beautiful windchimes for each of our classes. You will be able to see them displayed outside of each class's external doors.