



Holy Cross RC Primary School

Newsletter – 23/02/2024

This week:

On Wednesday we had our Rags 2 Riches collection. Thank you to all of the families who donated clothes. We raised £76.50 for our school fund. On Thursday Deacon Paul came into school to visit the Reception children. He showed us how ashes are made and made the sign of the cross on Miss Stroud's head to remind us of the promise we make during Lent. He also mentored the chaplains on how to speak to younger children about prayer, almsgiving and fasting during Lent.



This Lent we will be raising money in different ways for charity. All classes will be taking part in the Big Lent Walk to raise money for CAFOD. The aim is for us to walk 200km during Lent. The children will be taking part in this each day after lunch and you can view our progress on the fundraising page below. Please donate what you can to raise money for CAFOD and support our efforts.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/holy-cross-primary-cafod-fundraiser>



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

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 went out this week, please complete the form and return it to Miss Sims asap.

Please can all parents add/follow our accounts:

<https://instagram.com/holycrossrcprimary?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

<https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Cross-RC-Primary-School-108722785310698/>

Twitter - @HolyCrossRCSch



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.

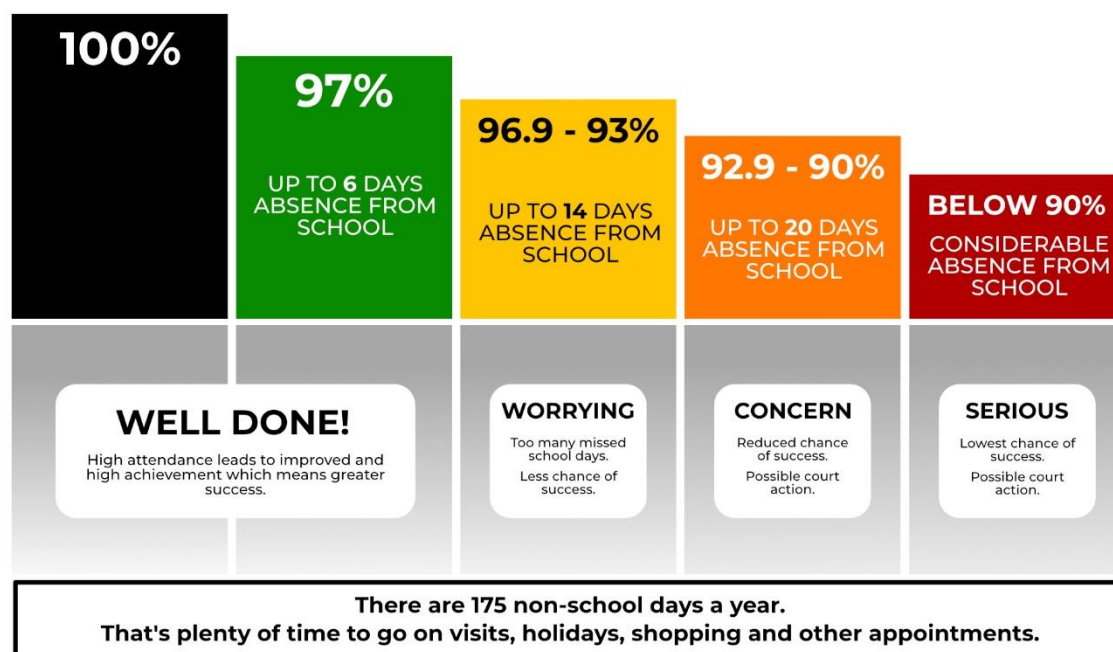
Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Reception	92.4%	94.0%	1
Year 1	93.0%	94.4%	4
Year 2	93.9%	97.5%	3
Year 3	93.3%	88.0%	5
Year 4	90.0%	93.9%	9
Year 5	93.0%	96.2%	3
Year 6	94.9%	97.7%	5
Total	93.0%	94.4%	30

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. 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 4

Friday 1 st March	St David's day – wear yellow Year 2 class assembly 9.10am Secondary school offer day PTFA Bingo 6-8pm
Wednesday 6 th March	Year 6 camp meeting 3.30pm
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	Holi workshops
Wednesday 13 th March	Year 6 leave for camp
Friday 15 th March	Year 6 return from camp Year 1 class assembly 9.10am
Wednesday 20 th March	Years 1 and 2 dance fest trip
Friday 22 nd March	Reception class assembly 9.10am
Tuesday 26 th March	Year 1 farm trip
Thursday 28 th March	End of Term 4

Term 5

Monday 15 th April	Start of Term 5
Tuesday 23 rd April	St George's day – wear red
Friday 26 th April	Year 4 Museum trip
Monday 13 th May	KS2 SATs week
Friday 24 th May	End of term 5

Why relationships matter

Relationship quality is an important factor in all families whether you are an extended family, adopted family, step family, same sex family or grandparent family. Conflict in relationships is part of everyday life but conflict which is frequent, intense and poorly resolved can lead to distressed relationships and have harmful effects on children. If you would like more support or information on this, please see the link below:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/social-care-and-health/children-and-families/support-for-parents-and-carers/relationship-support-parents-and-co-parents>

After School Club Servery:

Please complete the following survey from Bristol City Council which asks parents their needs for after school care. The deadline to submit is Friday 8th March -

<https://forms.office.com/e/Nuv0CftB6i>




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