



Holy Cross RC Primary School

Newsletter – 15/12/2023

This week:

Thank you for all the kind gifts and cards the staff have received for Christmas. We are truly blessed with such a wonderful caring community here at Holy Cross. The children have had a lovely end to the term in school – with yesterday's Christmas dinner just one of the highlights. KS1 children performed amazingly in their Nativity on Wednesday and Thursday and KS2 sang beautifully today in their Carol Concert. On Tuesday the children enjoyed watching the Pantomime in school and today had a visit from a special visitor. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and we welcome you back on Wednesday 3rd January.



Nasal Flu Immunisations

On Thursday all children who were signed up received the flu immunisation. Here is some information for anyone who missed it and would still like to take up the opportunity:

Children's Flu vaccination (nasal and injection) catch-up clinics are available for all students who did not receive their vaccinations at school. Please book an appointment at <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/book> If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 124 5515 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net

Competition winner

Well done to Borek in year 3 who was chosen as a runner up in the Bristol Christmas card competition for the Mayor. We are excited to see the card which is going to be sent to us, the Mayor and even the King!

First Holy Communion at St Gerald Mejella church

First Holy Communion 2024 - First Holy Communion 2024 will be celebrated on Sunday 12th May 2024, the Seventh Sunday of Easter at the 10.00am Mass. There will be a meeting for parents on Sunday the 7th January 2024 shortly after the 10.00am Mass. Details of the preparation will be provided by Mrs Kingston at the meeting. To help prepare your child for this most important Sacrament it is essential that you do your utmost to attend Mass weekly with them and that your child also attends the preparation meetings which will be held after the 10.00am Sunday Mass. This is a very important moment in every child's life of faith. Fr George Henwood

Message from our school EMHP

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 support young people with their mental health, primarily helping them with anxiety or low mood but also with other mental health challenges. I also offer 1-1 parent sessions and some small group work to young people. I also support the school to raise whole school awareness around the mental health challenges that impact young people. Children can be referred to work with me via Mrs Hunt (SENDCo).



Admissions:

Admission for our Reception class for next September is open, the deadline is 15th January 2024. 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.



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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:

Please see the attached letter regarding attendance. We have given all of the term dates and inset days for your records for the next academic year.

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	94.2%	87.9%	3
Year 1	93.4%	84.2%	2
Year 2	94.2%	98.3%	5
Year 3	94.1%	87.3%	11
Year 4	89.5%	84.7%	11
Year 5	92.8%	86.3%	3
Year 6	94.6%	95.2%	10
Total	93.2%	89.5%	45

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.

<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 3

Tuesday 2 nd January	Inset day
Wednesday 3 rd January	First day of Term 3
Tuesday 9 th January	Year 5 start swimming
Thursday 11 th January	Year 6 trip
Friday 12 th January	Year 4 Viking day
Friday 19 th January	Year 6 class assembly 9.10am Year 3 trip
Friday 26 th January	Year 5 class assembly 9.10am



Holiday Activities

December 2023

Activity	Time & Price	Age
Monday 18th December		
Escape Zone	Standard Day (£20) - ED (£24) - Full Day (£26)	4-14
Tuesday 19th December		
Escape Zone	Standard Day (£20) - ED (£24) - Full Day (£26)	4-14
Wednesday 20th December		
Escape Zone	Standard Day (£20) - ED (£24) - Full Day (£26)	4-14
Thursday 21st December		
Christmas Party Day	Standard Day (£24) - ED (£26) - Full Day (£28)	4-14
Friday 22nd December		
Escape Zone	Standard Day (£20) - ED (£24) - Full Day (£26)	4-14



All bookings MUST be made online via: <https://ashtonparksports.schoolactivity.co.uk/>
 Childcare Voucher Payments are accepted. Please enquire via email.



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Standard Day: 9:00am - 4:00pm ED*: 9:00am - 5:00pm (8am drop off available as an extra £4) Full Day - 8am-5pm



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