



Holy Cross RC Primary School

Newsletter – 24/11/2023

This week:

Year One really enjoyed showing off their learning to the rest of the school and all the visitors who came this morning. They told us all about migration, number bonds, seasons, and continents, as well as showing off their painting and singing skills. They told us all about prayer and how we pray - did you know that we can even sing our prayers to God? They showed us by singing one of their favourite songs, 'Every Move I make'...continuing even when the music stopped playing at the end! Mr Kean is so proud of everyone for learning their lines and taking part - it was a great team effort. Thank you to parents / carers / family who came and also supported in helping the children learn their parts. They were amazing!



Nasal Flu Immunisations

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at:

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

The deadline to complete the Flu Immunisation form is 9am on Tuesday 28th November.

If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or 0300 1245515 for more information.



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.

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: 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	96.0%	91.4%	2
Year 1	93.7%	95.9%	2
Year 2	94.2%	94.6%	11
Year 3	95.1%	97.3%	8
Year 4	90.6%	88.7%	5
Year 5	93.8%	92.2%	5
Year 6	94.8%	97.0%	6
Total	94.0%	93.9%	39

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.

Term Dates:

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 2

Thursday 30 th November	Flu Immunisations
Friday 1 st December	Advent service 9.10am
Tuesday 5 th December	Reception post office trip
Friday 8 th December	Christmas jumper day Whole school mass 9.10am Choir trip 10.30am – 12.30pm Talent show 1.30pm PTFA disco 6-8pm
Monday 11 th December	End of term assembly 9.10am
Tuesday 12 th December	Panto for children
Wednesday 13 th December	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Thursday 14 th December	KS1 Nativity 9.30am Christmas dinner
Friday 15 th December	End of term Carol service 2pm

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

Ashton Park Sports Centre

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
 Blackmoors Lane, Bower Ashton, Bristol, BS3 2JL
 t: 0117 3773300 e: enquiries@ashtonparksports.com w: www.ashtonparksports.com

Ofsted Reg: 2630244

The Big Give Christmas Challenge 2023

Please help Windmill Hill City Farm and Hartcliffe City Farm provide nourishing meals and warm spaces for South Bristol families this winter.

Families are living through a cost-of-living crisis, fuel poverty and food poverty, and the farm need your donations to offer support to those people in our community who need it most.

If you donate between midday Tuesday 28th November and midday Tuesday 5th December, your donations and their impact will be doubled by two match funders.

Further information on the campaign can be found here - [Provide food and warmth for families this winter \(biggive.org\)](https://biggive.org)

Donations open on 28th November!

THE BIG GIVE CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE 2023

 

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION

Christmas Challenge

Big Give

DONATE NOW

28TH NOV - 5TH DEC

THIS WINTER HELP PROVIDE FOOD & WARMTH FOR SOUTH BRISTOL FAMILIES

SCAN HERE TO DONATE



MATCH FUNDERS

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