



Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

Autumn Term, Issue 7 — Friday 15 December 2023

The theme of our prayers:

I have self-control and act calmly even when things are difficult

Important Dates and Events

Monday 18 December 2023 – 10am Christmas Mass at Holy Rood Church, led by Y5. Parents are welcome

Tuesday 19 December 2023 – EYFS and KS1 to panto - 1pm start

Tuesday 19 December 2023 – 4pm Carols around the tree for staff, children and families

Wednesday 20 December 2023 – 9.15am FS Nativity in the hall, parents are welcome

Wednesday 20 December 2023 – KS2 to panto – 1pm start

Wednesday 20 December 2023 – 2pm Y1 and 2 Nativity in the school hall, parents are welcome

Thursday 21 December 2023 - 9.15 am KS2 Carol Concert, parents are welcome

Thursday 21 December 2023 – Christmas Parties

Friday 22 December 2023 – INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Monday 8 January 2024 – School re-opens

Wednesday 10 January 2024 – 3.30pm Y6 SATs meeting in Y6 classroom

Thursday 18 January 2024 – Topic visitor in school to see Y1

Friday 19 January 2024 – Y3/4 Girls Football at RITC 1.15pm – see separate letter – parents are welcome

Friday 26 January 2024 – Y3/4 Boys Football at RITC 1.15pm – see separate letter – parents are welcome

Monday 5 February 2024 – Children's Mental Health week

Tuesday 6 February 2024 – Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7 February 2024 – 6.30pm First Confession at Holy Rood Church

Last fortnight's attendance

Class	% Attendance
Foundation 2	94.2
Year 1	88.0
Year 2	93.8
Year 3	90.3
Year 4	94.8
Year 5	95.2
Year 6	96.4
SCHOOL TOTAL	93.2

Year 6 are the winners again this week but overall our attendance is really poor due to lots of illness.

School Holidays 2023/2024

Christmas Holidays – Friday 22 December 2023 – Friday 5 January 2024

February Half Term – Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February 2024

Easter Holidays – Friday 29 March 2024 – Friday 5 April 2024

May Half Term – Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 7 June 2024

Summer Holidays – break up Friday 19 July 2024

Inset days 2023/2024

Friday 22 December 2023

Friday 7 June 2024

Monday 22 July 2024

Advanced notice of important assessment dates 2023/24

Y1 Phonics will take place from Monday 10 June to Friday 14 June 2024

Year 4 Multiplication Check will take place from Monday 10 June until Friday 14 June 2024

Year 6 SATs will take place from Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2024

Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Christmas Fair. We raised £1307.32 which is incredible and we thank you for your generosity and kindness.

For the Bethlehem Hospice and Care Trust in Sheffield we raised £160.84. Thank you again for all your kind donations.

Drop off in a morning/supervision of your children

We are seeing an increasing number of children being dropped off at the school gate and then proceeding to run around before the doors to the classroom open. Please can we ask parents to walk the children who are in Y1 and Y2 round to their classroom doors to ensure that they are in their classroom safely? Please note that Nursery and Reception doors open at 8.45am and the rest of school open their doors at 8.50am. Thank you

Christmas Cards

Children are welcome to bring in Christmas cards for their friends. These can be taken to class for them to be distributed.

Barnsley Hospice Elf Run

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to return their sponsor money for the Elf Run or has made payment on the school gateway app. We will continue to collect until next week. We appreciate your kind donations and support. All money raised will be split between Barnsley Hospice and our school. The children had a fabulous time yesterday, running/walking the planned routes.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Poppy Appeal. A grand total of £352.41 was raised. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Attendance/Appointments

If your child has an appointment, you should let the office have a copy of the letter/text/email as soon as possible before the appointment. We can then mark your child's absence accordingly. Without evidence of the appointment, an unauthorised absence mark will be given.

In addition, please remember that you should ring, text or email school to let us know if your child is going to be absent and why. We cannot accept 'unwell' or 'feeling ill' as we need to know if there is an outbreak of a particular illness within a class that may need reporting to Public Health.

From January 2024, if a child takes leave of absence in term time, **both parents/carers** can be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £60 each. Remember low attendance can affect your child's learning.

F1/F2

Please remember that our F1 (Nursery) provision starts at 8:45am prompt.

F2 (Reception) class children should arrive at the side entrance at 8:45am so they can settle into class and complete important letter formation activities before their RWI lessons start at 9:00am.

School Crossing – advanced notice

Please note that there will be no school crossing patrol on Racecommon Road on the following dates:

9th February 2024

24th May 2024

22nd July 2024

Medication in School

Just a reminder that we cannot give any medicines to a child which has not been prescribed. We need to see evidence of the prescription (eg label on either the box or the bottle or the prescription itself).

If medication has been prescribed 4 times per day, a yellow medical form must also be completed before the medicine is administered by school.

We **will not** give medication to pupils that is only prescribed for 3 times per day.

Horizon car park – advanced notice

Please note that on Tuesday 16th January 2024, parking at the Horizon Car Park **in the morning** will be limited/restricted due to an event taking place. Any parent/carer dropping off will need to move their cars quickly so they are not locked in.

Tesco tokens

If you shop at Tesco Extra, Stairfoot please could you (and your family, friends, neighbours and whoever else you can ask) collect blue tokens and either drop them in our section in store or bring them to school and we will drop them off on your behalf? Voting for our Project will commence from Mid January 2024 until the end of March 2024

The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000, and the third placed project £500. We will use this money to purchase reading sheds for our playground to further enhance our reading culture.

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