



Holy Cross School Newsletter

Friday 11 January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see the children back on Tuesday and hear what they had been doing over the Christmas holidays. They have come back to School refreshed, recharged and enthused for the new term.

Headteacher's Awards

Virginia in Year 2 for doing some fantastic work on Year 2's spring term project – Explorers - at home.

Well done to her and to all the many children who have made an extra effort this week.

Head Girl and Head Boy

I am delighted to tell you that Rubi and Christopher are our Head Girl and Head Boy this term. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating them and I know they will do a fantastic job. Our thanks to Julia and Elijah for the excellent job they did last term.

House Points

The School House System has now been extended to include Years 1 and 2. The children in these classes have been placed into one of our four houses – St Joseph, St Bernadette, St John Bosco or St Theresa. Do ask the children which house they belong to. They can earn house points to contribute to the total from across the School. The winning house for the week is presented with the house cup during Praise Assembly on Fridays.

Credit Union

Mrs Malley will have the Credit Union Bank open for business next Tuesday at 9am at the round table.

Swimming

Swimming for Year 4 will resume on 14 January. Please remember to send the children in with their kits.

Reception Entry 2019/20

The closing date for the submission of supplementary information forms (Mass attendance form) is 15 January.

Food Bank

We are aware that times are very difficult for some families within Holy Cross and as a caring, Catholic community we want to do all we can to help and so we are going to open a food bank here for members of our community. We are asking for regular donations of food such as tins, rice and pasta and also toiletries. There is a box at the entrance near the statue of Our Lady in which donated items can be dropped. These will be transferred into boxes in the medical room (opposite the School office) where parents and carers are welcome and encouraged to come and help themselves at the beginning or end of each day.

School Birthday Mass

On 13 January Holy Cross School will be celebrating its 44th birthday! Fr Antony is away but when he returns we will be holding a celebration Mass to which all are welcome to join us. More information about this in following newsletters.

A Clothing Plea!

If your child comes home wearing uniform that is not theirs can you please return it to School. We have lost property that is unclaimed and yet I know of parents who have carefully sifted through the lost property box and not found their child's lost belongings. To help avoid this please make sure every item of clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name. All unclaimed lost property from last term has now been donated to charity.

School Disco

Our wonderful PTA have organised our annual children's discos for Saturday 26 January. For EYFS and Key Stage 1 children the disco will be from 2:30-4:15 and for Key Stage 2 children

their chance to dance will be 4:30-6:15. Both events will take place in the School Hall. Tickets are on sale now from the School Office and PTA representatives. **Children in the Nursery must be accompanied by their parents or carers.** Only children who currently attend Holy Cross School can come to the discos.

Lunchtime/Afterschool Clubs and Music Tuition

Clubs and music lessons will resume this week with the exception of junior and senior football, netball and sports club. If your child is interested in joining a club or taking up an instrument, we do have a few spaces left. Please see Mrs Slattery or the School Office for more details.

Parent and Toddler Group – Help Wanted

Eileen Hanlon is looking for volunteers to help her with the Parent and Toddler Group which meets in Hartley Hall every Monday and Wednesday morning from 8.30am to 11.30am during term time. If you can help Eileen please pop into Hartley Hall during those times or let the School Office know who will pass on a message.

Curriculum Overviews

The Spring Term curriculum overviews for each year group have been sent home today with the children. Please do read through them and talk to your child about what they are learning.

Academic Review Day – Friday 15 February

On Friday 15 February we will be holding our annual Academic Review Day. Nearer the date you can choose an appointment time to come with your child to talk about their progress with the class teacher. A crèche will be available.

Morning Supervision

A reminder that children should be supervised in the morning until staff come out at 8:45.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Finaldi

A message from Miss Collins:

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and are now looking forward to all that 2019 will bring us. Whilst in School this week I was delighted to see children looking so happy and engaged in their learning, our children really are a blessing and a joy. With the Christmas decorations down the School could be forgiven for looking sad and empty however staff have been hard at work making classrooms look bright and cheerful and ready for the new term.

This term I will be at Holy Cross each Tuesday and Wednesday and also on a Friday afternoon at other times I will be at St Augustine's. Obviously there are occasions where I need to attend meetings or training but I look forward to spending more time in our very special School and thank you for your patience over the last term.

“With this morning’s sunrise comes a day of things that have never been” – Toni Sorenson

DIARY DATES FOR JANUARY 2019

Monday 14 January – Swimming for Year 4

Monday 14 January – inside Clubs restart

Tuesday 15 January – Credit Union Bank re-opens

Monday 21 January – Year 6 trip to Royal Courts of Justice

Wednesday 23 January – Year 6 Mass at 10am

Friday 25 January – Year 5 Assembly at 9.15am

Saturday 26 January – Children’s Discos

Monday 28 January – Outdoor clubs restart

Wednesday 30 January – Explore Learning in School working with Year 6

DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY

Tuesday 5 February – PTA Cinema Evening 3:30-5pm

Wednesday 6 February – 6.30pm Meeting of Governing Body (for info only)

Thursday 7 February - Explore Learning in School working with Year 6

Friday 8 February – Year 2 Assembly at 9.15am

Friday 15 February – Academic Review Day

Monday 18 February – First day of half term holiday

Friday 22 February – Last day of half term holiday

DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

Friday 1 March – Superheroes Workshop Nursery-Year 2

4-8 March – Year 6 Cycle Training

Wednesday 6 March – Ash Wednesday Mass 9:15 for whole School

Wednesday 6 March - Maths Workshop

Friday 8 March – International Women’s Day

Wednesday 13 March – Year 3 Assembly at 9.15am

Friday 15 March – Lewisham’s Mayor is visiting

Tuesday 19 March – Year 3 trip to Tate Modern

Wednesday 20 March – 5pm Curriculum Meeting. 6.30pm Meeting of Governing Body (for info only)

Thursday 21 March – Reception Class – hearing and vision screening

Friday 22 March – Year 4 Assembly at 9.15am

Monday 25 March – Spring questionnaires sent home

Friday 29 March – Charlotte’s Web theatre show in school

DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

Monday 1 April – Last swim this term for Year 4

Wednesday 3 April – Passion Play in Church at 7pm

Friday 5 April – Spring Term ends at 2pm

Tuesday 23 April – Summer term begins

Wednesday 24 April – 5.30pm Governors’ Resources Meeting (for info only)

Monday 29 April – First swim this term for Year 4

Tuesday 30 April – Class Photographs

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

Friday 3 May – Year 5 Class Mass

Friday 3 May - PTA Cake Sale

Monday 6 May – School closed for May Bank holiday

Monday 13 - Thursday 16 Year 6 SATs tests

Monday 13 – 15 May – Year 3 & 4 residential trip to PGL, Marchants Hill

Thursday 23 May – PTA Cinema Night

Friday 24 May – Crowning of Mary

Monday 27 May – First day of half term holiday

Friday 31 May – Last day of half term holiday

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

Monday 3-5 June – Year 6 residential to PGL Windmill Hill

Monday 17-21 June – International Week

Wednesday 19 June – Governors’ Curriculum & Resources Meetings (for info only)

Wednesday 26 June – Reception Class Assembly at 9.15am

Wednesday 26 June – Whole School Photograph at 10am

DIARY DATES FOR JULY

Friday 5 July – PTA Summer Party after school

Monday 8 July – Last swim for Year 4

Wednesday 10 July – Meeting of full governing body (for info only)

Monday 15 July – Year 6 production

Friday 19 July – Term ends at 2pm. Happy holidays everyone see you in September!