



## Holy Cross School Newsletter

### Friday 18 January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another hardworking and focused week at Holy Cross. The creativity and wide scope of topic work being taught is exhibited on our new corridor displays around the School. Do take a look.

#### **Headteacher Awards**

Filip in Year 6 for his beautiful manners.

Nicole in Year 5 for helping the office with her very competent Spanish translation.

Chikerenma in Year 1 for outstanding independent maths work.

Well done to them and to all children who made an extra special effort this week.

#### **Children's Disco**

The School Discos take place next Saturday, 26 January. How exciting!

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2's disco is from 2:30-4:15pm. **Please remember, a parent must accompany Nursery children.** Year 3, 4, 5 and 6's disco is at 4:30-6:15pm.

Tickets are £4 each and are on sale from PTA representatives in the playground or the School Office.

#### **Lunchtime/Afterschool Clubs and Music Tuition**

Junior football, senior football and sports club will resume the week beginning 28 January. Gardening Cub will resume later in the term. We have a few spaces in some of our clubs and music tuition. If your child is interested in joining KS1 Sports Club, KS2 French Club, Cello, Brass or Violin tuition then please see Mrs Slattery or the School Office for more information.

#### **Academic Review Day – Friday 15 February**

Please sign up for your academic review appointment. The sheets to select your time will be on the cupboards outside the School Office from 8.30am on Monday except for Nursery whose appointment sheet will be found in the Nursery. Where possible Mrs Tullett will join class teachers to see relevant children and their parents. If this is not possible you can make a separate appointment to see her. Remember that on academic review day the School is open only for appointments and children are expected to come with their parents. They are not required to wear school uniform

#### **Reading**

In order to help the children with their reading, it is absolutely fundamental that you read with them in the evenings. Hear them read aloud, ask about what they are reading, repeat tricky words and also importantly - read **to** them. Working together we can not only help the children learn how to read confidently and securely, but also foster in them a love for reading.

#### **Volunteering for School Trips**

We are very grateful for parents, grandparents and carers who accompany classes on school trips as without you these would not be able take place. On some occasions however, we do not have enough volunteers - particularly for trips involving our younger children where our adult to pupil ratio is high. If you are available to help us with a trip for any other year group please let do us know. On other occasions we have too many volunteers and some people are left disappointed. To try and prevent this we are trialling a new system. In the trip letter a deadline date will be given to return the permission slip if you are volunteering to accompany the children. We will then send a letter home with your child letting you know if you will be going on the trip or not.

#### **Travel by London Underground**

The children have not travelled by underground for a number of years. It is rare that the children have a school trip that would involve tube travel, however it has been agreed that we will allow Upper KS2 (Years 5 and 6 only) to travel on the underground for any future trips where this makes the journey simpler and easier. We will, of course, let you know if this is the

case on the trip letter.

### **Year 6 Mass**

Will be on Wednesday 23 January at 10am in the Year 6 classroom

### **Year 5 Assembly**

Will be on Friday 25 January at 9:15 in the School hall

### **The Vitality Big Mile**

Lots of the children have enjoyed the daily mile in school and may be interested in having a go at the Vitality Big Mile – a free, family-friendly mass participation fun run around Greenwich Park on Sunday 10th March.

It is an event for first-time runners or walkers, families with children of all ages and anyone looking to getting more healthy and active. To enter please visit:

<https://www.thebighalf.co.uk/events/vitality-big-mile/>

### **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.

### **Litter**

This week we received an email from a concerned neighbour about litter dropped in roads around the School which has ended up in her garden. If any of this came from parents or children of Holy Cross, let's hope it is the last time that this happens and we all remember to dispose of any rubbish responsibly

### **Medication**

Mrs Tullett alerts you when your child's medication is about to expire. Please respond promptly. Thank you

### **Cold Snap**

A cold few weeks has been predicted so please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for inside and outside activities.

### **Football**

Good luck to the Holy Cross football team who will be playing on Blackheath tomorrow morning! Results in next week's newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Finaldi

### **A message from Miss Collins:**

It was a joy, as always, to see the children this week engaged, not just in their studying, but in all the extra curricular activities offered by our School. Children at Holy Cross enjoy such a rich curriculum and benefit enormously from all aspects of their learning and experiences. Hymn practice on Wednesday is always a treat for me but this week, even more than usual, the children's singing seemed to fill the School. All this wonder, achievement and celebration is only made possible by our fantastic staff team and you our supportive parents and carers. Thank you one and all.

Have a fabulous weekend – wrap up warm, winter is well and truly here!

*“If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded.”* – Maya Angelou