



## Holy Cross School Newsletter

### Friday 25 January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday evening the staff from Holy Cross School gave three presentations to teachers from eighteen other local primary schools. We spoke about our Friendship Week, our Buddy System and our relationship with the Diamond Club. The feedback was excellent with one colleague from a nearby school saying that she thought Holy Cross must be a very special school indeed. We couldn't agree more!

#### **Headteacher Awards**

Dillon U in Year 2 for being able to recite his 13x tables!

Kayley in Reception for amazing maths work.

Giacomo in Year 2 for his beautiful homework about planets.

Angela in Year 5 for learning a long poem and reciting it perfectly during the Year 5 assembly.

Peace in Reception for knowing all her key words.

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

#### **Houses**

All children from Year 1 upwards now belong to a house: St Joseph, St Bernadette, St John Bosco or St Theresa. Children are awarded house points and these are counted by our Head Boy and Head Girl every week. During Praise Assembly the winning house is presented with the house cup and the ribbon colour is changed accordingly.

The house cup winner for this week is **St Bernadette**. Congratulations!

#### **Year 6 Mass**

Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to come along to Year 6's Class Mass on Wednesday. Miss Collins told me it was absolutely beautiful. Many thanks to Father Antony. It was his first Class Mass at Holy Cross and he was very impressed.

#### **School Mass**

We are holding a belated birthday celebration and welcome to Fr Antony with a whole School Mass in Church next Friday 1 February at 9:15. All are welcome.

#### **Year 5 Assembly**

Year 5's Ancient Greeks assembly this morning was absolutely magnificent. Every single sung and spoken word was articulated beautifully, the costumes were great and the children really looked as though they were enjoying themselves. Since beginning the topic barely three weeks ago they have worked very hard and learnt a huge amount. Thank you to Miss Smith, Mrs Quinn, Mrs Ley and of course to you, the parents, who continually support them and the School.

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

The School discos are almost here! They will take place this Saturday, 26 January.

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 will be available on the door at £4 each. Get those dancing shoes ready!

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

It's heartening to see that many of you have already signed up for Academic Review Day. Can I please remind you to make your appointment as soon as possible. If you are unable to get into School please email Mrs Wilson at [jwilson52.209@lqfilmail.org](mailto:jwilson52.209@lqfilmail.org) with your preferred time and she will do her best to accommodate you.

#### **Lunchtime/Afterschool Clubs**

All outside clubs resume next week. Please make children wear appropriate warm clothing and collect them on time when they finish. Thank you.

#### **Holy Cross School Football Team**

Last Saturday the Holy Cross School football team played two games on the very cold

Blackheath pitches. The team played very well winning their first game 3 – 0 against Baring School and losing their second game 2 – 1 to Coopers Lane School. Thank you to Christopher, Paulius, Farley, Elijah, Odion, Issacar, Louis and Christine. Mrs Downton who accompanied the team was very impressed with their determination.

### **Multi Skills Festival**

Ten of our Year 1 and Year 2 children took part in a Multi Skills Festival at Bonus Pastor Catholic College yesterday afternoon. Along with two other schools the children threw themselves into the event using their agility and stamina to complete six different activities. Well done to Chloe, Faith, Tobe and Ruairi in Year One and Tiwa, Dylan A, Nicolas, Dillon U and Gracie in Year Two. Our thanks also to the parents and carers who came to support the children.

### **Lewisham Music Junior Orchestra**

Lewisham Music has advised us that there are places available in their Lewisham Junior Orchestra. This takes place on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 February at Prendergast Vale School, Lewisham, SE23 7BN at a cost of £40. The orchestra is suitable for children in Years 4 to 8 (inclusive) who play strings, woodwind, brass and percussion (tuned and untuned percussion and keyboards) at Grade 1 standard and above. Further information and the application form can be found on their website: [lewishammusic.org/learn-with-us/holiday-courses/LJO](http://lewishammusic.org/learn-with-us/holiday-courses/LJO).

### **Car Park**

May I please remind you that cars should not be driven into the car park to drop off or collect children. It is dangerous and puts our children at risk of an accident.

### **Message from the PTA**

We have a cinema evening coming up on Tuesday 5 February from 3:30-5pm. Ticket are £3 and will be on sale from next week. Film to be confirmed. Coffee morning on 8 February and social night on 9 February have been cancelled but another exciting evening is being planned and more information will follow.

### **Hot Chocolate Friday**

Next Friday I will be launching a new reward incentive for children who always try their best to do the right thing. Every Friday afternoon, one nominated child from each class will be invited to join me in my office for hot chocolate and perhaps a biscuit. I'm very much looking forward to this!

Wrap up warm and have a lovely weekend,  
Miss Finaldi

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

Goodness me it has been cold this week! However the reception at Holy Cross was as warm as ever – we are a very friendly School. Thank you Year 6 for a beautiful Mass on Wednesday. It was one of the many times I am reminded of what a joy my job really is.

I met with Miss Finaldi and Mrs Duffus this week and we have planned lots of interventions and events that will benefit the children of both our fabulous Schools. We are always looking to maximise the opportunities our federation can bring us.

See you at the disco tomorrow, dancing shoes at the ready!

*“Somewhere, something incredible  
is waiting to be known.”*

– Carl Sagan