



Holy Cross School Newsletter

Friday 1 March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you are all feeling refreshed after the half term holiday – weren't we fortunate with the beautiful weather!

Headteacher Awards

Ezra in Nursery for amazing counting.

Logan in Year 4 for making the Holy Cross logo out of wood now proudly displayed in the entrance of the School. What wonderful craftsmanship.

Weronika in Year 5 for making an Ancient Greek shield and spear at home with her Dad.

Izabella for making a beautiful clay model of the Greek goddess Artemis.

Patrick in Year 1 for being able to match all his 3D shapes.

Congratulations to them and to all the children who made an extra effort this week.

House Cup

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

Morning Prayers.

Take place in the Hall each morning at 8.45am. It has been lovely to have such an exceptionally large number of parents and children coming this week. During the season of Lent we will pray the full Rosary on a Friday starting at 8:30am. All are welcome.

Hot Chocolate Friday

I was delighted to have as my guests today Angela, Alice, Tilly, Natalia, Conan, Elisha and Millie.

Academic Review Day

Thank you to everyone who came along and met with their child's teacher to hear about their progress. I hope you found it a very useful and informative exercise. If you were unable to come along I encourage you to try and make a separate arrangement with your child's teacher. Please be aware though that meetings outside the scheduled day cause extra work for our staff.

Outings

We have had a busy week of trips this week. Year 2 went to the Imax to have a 3D Space experience as well as a visit to The Monument; Year 1 went to the Museum of Childhood and the Ragged School Museum to experience a Victorian classroom; and particularly popular was Year 3's trip to Wagamama's in Bromley to learn about food preparation and hygiene. Thank you to the teachers who organised these trips and for the staff and parents who accompanied the children.

Quiz Night

The PTA has organised a quiz and disco night tomorrow evening (Saturday 2 March) from 7pm in the School hall. Tickets are £5. A licensed bar will be available - bring your own snacks and get ready to exercise those brain cells and those dancing feet!

Pancake Race

Subject to the weather, our annual pancake races will be going ahead on Tuesday 5 March at 8:30 in the KS2 playground. For those who are new to Holy Cross, you bring your own frying pan and run across the playground whilst tossing your pancake!

Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday, KS2 children will be attending the Parish Mass at 9:15 to receive the ashes. Fr Antony will be coming into school later in the morning for a shorter liturgy with KS1 and Early Years.

Lenten Breakfast – 8.00-8.45am Thursdays during Lent

Our first Lenten Breakfast for 2019 will take place next Thursday, 7 March. Our fantastic kitchen team have kindly volunteered to provide a cooked breakfast for those that would like it. Please try and join us for a wonderful breakfast served and cleared by some of our hardworking children, parents and staff. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Prices for breakfast will be as follows: full English £2.20, bacon or sausage sandwich £1.50, with both of these you will get a free hot drink, eggs or beans on toast £1, toast or cereal 50p, tea or coffee 20p, juice 20p. All money raised will go to Great Ormond Street Hospital, a charity chosen by our Christopher in Year 6 with help from his lovely Mum.

World Book Day

Next Thursday we will be celebrating World Book Day and, as always, children and staff will be dressing up as their favourite book character. This year our staff are opting to be characters from Roald Dahl books. Weather permitting we will have a parade in the playground at 8:55 to show the

whole School community our costumes. Please be creative with the costumes, homemade or shop bought are both great, the message we want children to get is that reading is fun and pleasurable.

Daffodil Competition

This year's Daffodil Competition takes place on Tuesday 19 March. Children will be told when to bring in the daffodils that they planted before Christmas and have been nurturing. We are delighted that the Diamond Club will again judge the competition. All entries receive a certificate and prizes will be awarded to best in show.

Confirmation of Identity

Increasingly we are receiving requests asking us to write letters confirming the identity of parents and that they are known to us. Whilst we are prepared to provide this service we would like to clarify what information should be produced for us to comply with any request. The parent must have legal responsibility for the child we have on roll (they should appear on the birth certificate or alternative official legal document such as adoption papers), the parent must show us their passport or other official photographic ID and tell us the purpose of the letter. We ask for a £5 donation for school funds for this service.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for this half term will be £66. Please see Mrs Forde or Mrs Wilson for individual debits or credits. Thank you to everyone who has already paid.

Parent and Toddler Group in Hartley Hall

Eileen Hanlon is looking for a volunteer to help her with the Monday and Wednesday parent and toddler group in Hartley Hall. If you can spare some time to assist her please pop into Hartley Hall on either Monday or Wednesday morning when she will be pleased to see you.

Dangerous Website

As you may have read or seen on the news this week, a disturbing and dangerous website has been set up to high jack young children's YouTube videos, Fortnite and other websites and online games aimed specifically at children and young people. Please continue to carefully monitor and limit your children's internet use. May we also remind you that Fortnite is a 12+ game.

Eco Superheroes Drama Workshops

Our children in EYFS and KS1 have all taken part in Eco Superheroes drama workshops this morning. The children were all given a high-energy mission to help solve the world's waste crisis, learning how to Reduce, Re-use, Recycle, learning the important role we all have in preserving the Earth's resources. The workshops were provided by Perform for Schools who also provide drama, dance and singing courses and workshops for 4 – 10 year olds. For more information please collect a leaflet from the School Office.

**Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Miss Finaldi**

Message from Miss Collins:

Another fabulous week has flown by! I was at St Augustine's for much of the week as they had their Challenge Partner review just as we had before the half term break. During the week we received the report from Challenge Partners following their visit to Holy Cross and I attach it to this newsletter for you to read and enjoy. The report is wonderfully positive, the person who quality assures it told me she shed a little tear when reading it and would love to join the Diamond Club when she is old enough!

The whole purpose of the review is to celebrate all that is great about our School whilst still looking for ways to improve further and so we are grateful to have some EBIs (even better ifs...) to work on over the coming weeks and months.

Thank you all once again for all you do to make our School community the happy, vibrant and fabulous place it is.

Enjoy your weekend!

"It is confidence in our bodies, minds, and spirits that allows us to keep looking for new adventures." -- Oprah Winfrey