



Holy Cross School Newsletter

Thursday 14 February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now half way through this academic year and it has, as always, been a very eventful and productive half term here at Holy Cross School.

Headteacher Awards

Ithran in Year 2 for drawing and learning the names of all the planets of the Solar System by heart...at home while he was ill! That is true Holy Cross dedication!

Chisom in Year 4 for outstanding independent writing

Emmanuelle in Year 4 for telling me all about St Bernadette and Lourdes and bringing in her special book from home.

Tania in Year 4 for writing an absolutely beautiful interview with Our Lady for RE.

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

House Cup Winner

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

Good To Be Green

Congratulations to the following children who kept their cards green all half term:

Year 1: Alice, Chidimma, Chikerenma, Chioma, Chloe B, Chloe D, Ebube, Eilish, Eleora, Faith, Gabriel, Jacob, Jim, Joyce, Lisa, Lucy, Mateusz, Megan, Oriah, Sandra, Sean, Tilly, Tobe, Valen, Victor

Year 2: Amanda, Ayzsa, Benedict, Chika, Chiedozie, Crystal, Dylan A, Dylan S, Ebere, Freya, Gabriella, Grace, Giacomo, Ifechukwu, Ithran, Mya, Olivia, Olyana, Phoebe, Roman-Joseph, Saoirse, Savannah, Tiwa, Virginia

Year 3: Rayhan, Ike, Victor, Michelle, Grace, Stephanie, Betsy, Somto, Vanessa, Ashton, Abigail, Gracie, Natalia, Liam, Eva, Ailsh, Giacomo, Santiago, Sidney, Rio, Caroline, Diviyon, Wiktoria, Alicja

Year 4: Spencer, Ada, Marcus, Chioma, Sibissan, Claire, Idowu, Kendra, Kingsley, Tania, Conan, Lilian, Emmanuelle, Nate, Michelle, Mikel, Cameryn, Chisom, Paolo, Alona, Chikwe, Bossenu, Faith, Christabel

Year 5: Angela, Chinonye, Chinyere, Ebube, Elisha, Emmanuella, Eyram, Fabian, Faye, Isaiah, Issacar, Izabella, Joanna, John, Joseph, Joshua, Kanishta, Kieran, Macie, Natalie, Nicole, Nikola, Nneoma, Odion, Omoregbee, Sophia, Weronika

Year 6: Lucia, Daniella, Tom, Christopher, Mirella, Elisa, Temi, Anjelica, Ollie, Nina, Amber, George, Lily, Millie, Rachael, Elijah, Ero, Rubi Christine, Filip, Paulius.

Challenge Partners

I am delighted to tell you that our Challenge Partners Review at the beginning of the week went extremely well. The reviewers were very impressed by what they saw during their three days in School and thought our children exceptionally well-mannered, hard working and articulate. It is always a great pleasure to welcome visitors into Holy Cross and they invariably comment on the tangible positive, kind atmosphere. As soon as we are given the written report we will send it out via email for you to enjoy!

Chinese New Year

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a wonderful morning today celebrating Chinese New Year. They made blossom trees and handprint dragons, tasted Chinese food, made lanterns and fans, wrote numbers and playing Chinese drums. Thank you to all the staff who organised this. The children learnt so much and enjoyed every minute of their activities.

Academic Review Day

Please remember to come punctually for your appointment tomorrow with the children. We look forward to seeing you. A crèche will be available.

Holy Cross School Football Team

Last Saturday the Holy Cross School football team played two games in the Primary Schools League. The team played well against two very strong teams, unfortunately losing their first game 1 – 0 to Rushey Green School and 3 – 0 against Gordonbrock School. Thank you to Paulius, Farley, Caleb, Issacar, Louis Sophia, Omor and Miss Baptiste and all the parents who braved a very windy Blackheath.

The Daffodil Competition

The date for this year's Daffodil Competition will be on Tuesday 19 March. We hope that you have been loving and caring for the bulbs that the children took home before Christmas and are now starting to see them starting to grow. We are delighted that once again the Diamond Club will be in School to judge the competition, a role that they all take very seriously.

PTA event

The PTA is organising a parents and carers social evening on Saturday 2 March. We are planning to have our usual quiz night followed by some music and dancing so there will be a little something for everyone! There will be a licensed bar and you can bring your own snacks. Tickets are £5 and are available now from the School Office.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for the next half term leading to Easter will be £66. Please contact Mrs Forde or Mrs Wilson to find out individual debits or credits.

Birthday Treats and Sweets

When it is a child's birthday we sing happy birthday, award them a birthday sticker and generally make their day special. It is not necessary to send in treats and sweets so please can I ask you to ensure if you do send a treat in, that it is just one small individual item per child. Cakes **cannot** be given out.

Donations to School Trips

Please remember that we rely on your financial contributions towards the cost of school visits. It is pleasing to see that although we set a limit of £8 some parents have taken to contributing more. We thank them for their generosity.

Hot Chocolate Thursday

This week I had the pleasure of Kayley, Tabitha, Liam, Ifechukwu, Marcus Emmanuella and Nikolay's company for Hot Chocolate and a lovely chat.

School resumes on Monday 25 February at the normal time.

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

Message from Miss Collins:

It has been a fabulous week for Holy Cross, we were delighted with our review by Challenge Partners as Miss Finaldi has said. There were so many positive elements and some really good ideas for how to improve further still. I was particularly pleased with our Area of Excellence...let me explain! At each annual review a school is able to put forward an area in which they believe they excel, something they perhaps do more impressively than most. Challenge Partners look at this area in detail and decide whether it would be worth another school leader travelling across the country to see it. If they believe it is, they will accredit it and it is deemed an Area of Excellence. Last year our Inclusion was accredited and the year before our Enrichment of the Curriculum. This year we are delighted to announce that we are an area of excellence for Intergenerational Collaboration, otherwise known as our fabulous work with the Diamond Club! We are so thrilled and will celebrate with the Diamonds in the near future. My enormous thanks to all our wonderful staff here at Holy Cross who work so hard to ensure the very best for our beautiful children. Have a fantastic half term, relax and enjoy.

I enjoy celebrating Valentine's Day. It's a nice way to say you're thinking about your family, someone special, or dear friends." – Camila Alves