



Holy Cross School Newsletter

Friday 8 February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mrs Tullett and I spent two days on a Mental Health First Aid course and you will be pleased to know that much of what was suggested is already well established here at Holy Cross. The self-confidence, security and happiness of your children is so important to us and we do our very best to look after the mental as well as the spiritual, intellectual and physical needs of all our pupils.

Headteacher Awards

Victor in Year 3 for beautiful tidying up without being asked.

Gabriella in Year 2 for exceptional kindness.

Logan in Year 4 for the effort he consistently puts into his homework.

Chinora and Shivanna in Nursery for helping Mrs Watmore wash up so beautifully.

Emmanuella and Odion in Year 5 for helping each other do extra homework-what a lovely supportive brother and sister!

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 Bernadette**. Congratulations!

Year 2 Assembly

This morning we were treated to a very exciting assembly about space exploration. The children's knowledge was fabulous and they spoke out clearly and confidently. Thank you to all the children in Year 2, Mrs Storry, Miss Kondolomo, Mrs Downton and Mrs Ley.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday we noted Safer Internet Day with an assembly run by our Computing subject lead, Mr Foster. It is vital that the children know how keep themselves safe whilst using the Internet but **parents- you must be alert to nature of the websites and apps your children are accessing and their age restrictions.**

Challenge Partners

Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we shall be externally reviewed by colleagues from Challenge Partners. Holy Cross School is a member of Challenge Partners and you may remember that both Miss Collins and I have been to other parts of the country as part of a review team. The goal of Challenge Partners is to reduce educational inequality and improve the life chances of all children. Through collaboration, challenge and professional development the aim is to ensure every school community can benefit from the combined wisdom of the whole system. We very much look forward to showing our wonderful School to our visitors next week. In due course you will be sent home a copy of their observations.

Academic Review Day – Friday 15 February

We look forward to welcoming you in School next Friday on Academic Review Day. Your children's books will be available for you to see so do give yourself enough time to look at them. The appointment times are very tight so please keep to time and be on time. A crèche will be available in the school hall. Remember that the children should come with you for these appointments and they do not need to wear school uniform.

Food Bank

Thank you to members of our community who donate to our Food Bank. Please keep donating. The food bank is in the medical room and is available for families in need. If you wish to use the food bank please do so.

Lunchtime/Afterschool Clubs and Music Tuition

We have spaces in KS1 Sports Club, Games Club, KS2 French Club, Gardening, Brass and Cello tuition. If your child would like to join any of these clubs then please see either the School Office or Mrs Slattery for more information

PTA event

The PTA is organising a parents and carers social evening on Saturday the 2nd of March. We are planning to have our usual quiz night followed by some music and dancing so hopefully 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 will be available from Monday.

Explore Learning Workshops

Tutors from Explore Learning tuition centre Sydenham; have been in school this week to hold Maths and English workshops with our Year 6 children. They also talked to the children at assembly about their tuition and to introduce a Writers Competition that launches soon. If you would like to find out more their tuition and centres, leaflets are available from the School Office.

Hot Chocolate Friday

My guests for Hot Chocolate Friday this week are Elie-Marie, Valen, Giacomo, Ailish, Alona, Kanishta and Elijah. These children were nominated by their teachers for always working hard, having lovely manners and generally being exemplary Holy Cross pupils.

Football

Good luck to our football team playing at Blackheath tomorrow. Results will be in next week's newsletter.

Kind Comment

Every Thursday we have cricket training for Year 4. Yesterday the trainers were extremely complimentary about the children and wrote the following in our visitors' book:

*It's a real pleasure to visit Holy Cross. Myself and Jahid always look forward to coming here.
Your pupils are most disciplined.
Many Thanks,
Monte Lynch - Surrey and England*

What a positive way to end the newsletter this week!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Miss Finaldi

Message from Miss Collins:

It was a real joy to see the Year 2 children perform this morning; their confidence and enjoyment of performance was obvious to all. Haven't we got some talented children and staff here at Holy Cross. I missed morning prayers on Tuesday and Wednesday this week due to meetings I had to attend so I was very glad to be here today, I do so love to share that special time with children and parents. It is always pleasing to see how many people come along and take the chance to begin the day in prayer. If you have not been before why don't you pop along next week, we are in the Hall every morning at 8:45am.
Have a lovely weekend.

*"I can't change the direction of the wind but I
can adjust my sails to always reach my
destination" - Jimmy Dean*

Please see below photos of today's Year 2 Assembly

