



## Holy Cross School Newsletter

### Friday 10 May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, eight of our dear friends from the Diamond Club came into School to work with the children in Reception for an hour. Both the children and our visitors enjoyed the session very much and we are planning for this to be a regular event. The benefits of our intergenerational relationship are immeasurable and we are very grateful for having the opportunity to work so closely with the Diamond Club.

#### **Headteacher Awards**

Natalia in Year 3 for being very brave.

Sidney in Year 3 for always being kind and honest.

Omor in Year 5 for volunteering to answer questions during RE lessons and at Mass.

Ailish in Year 3 for her marvellous Makaton during our Deaf Awareness Assembly.

Somto and Betsy in Year 3 for being kind, funny and such good friends.

Damiano in Nursery, Oriah in Year 1 and Virginia in Year 2 for getting together at the weekend to make a wonderful mini beast poster for Nursery's topic.

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

#### **House Cup**

The House Cup winner for this week by only 3 points is St John Bosco. Well done to them.

#### **Hot Chocolate Friday**

My esteemed guests today were Charlene, Chidimma, Savannah, Victor, Angela and Anjelica.

#### **KS2 Football Cage**

The football cage was awarded to Year 3 for learning a story in Makaton to present to the School during Tuesday's assembly. Makaton is a form of sign language used to help communication in a large number of children across the country.

#### **Deaf Awareness Week**

This week was National Deaf Awareness Week and this was brought to the attention of all the children in a very informative assembly prepared by Year 3. They taught us a story using Makaton and challenged us all to learn the Hail Mary in Makaton. Many thanks to Mr Foster, Mrs Forde, Mrs Chang Wai-Ling, Miss Baptiste and to all the children in Year 3.

#### **Year 1 Assembly**

Our Year 1 children treated us to a wonderful assembly today based on the book 'Lila and the Secret of The Rain'. The singing, acting, dancing, drumming and speaking were superb.

Thank you to Miss Knight, Mrs Chang Wai-Ling, Miss Baptiste, Mrs Power and Mrs Ley.

#### **Lunchtime/Afterschool Club and Music Lessons**

There will be no Junior Football Club next Tuesday as many of the Year 3 & 4 children will be away on their residential trip. Brass lessons are also cancelled on Wednesday.

#### **International Display**

The list of flags is ever growing. What a wonderful culturally mixed community we are at Holy Cross. I look forward to seeing this celebrated in our international flag display in preparation for our International Week from 17 June.

#### **International Week 17-21 June**

We are very keen for parents to participate fully in our International Week. If you would like to volunteer to teach some traditional dancing, language, cultural stories, cookery etc please let me or the class teacher me know.

#### **First Communions**

Many of the children in Year 3 will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend and we would like to congratulate them on this very special occasion.

**Crowning of Mary**

We will be holding a traditional Crowning of Mary service on Friday 24 June at 2:15 in the KS2 playground (weather permitting). This is for the whole School and parents are invited to join us. Year 3 will be leading the celebration and we would like them to wear their First Communion clothes. I will send a letter with more information.

**No Nut School**

Please remember we are a NO NUT school. Do not send your children in with anything that contains or may contain nuts. This includes packed lunches for trips. This is essential for the health and well being of some of our children with severe allergies. Children can bring in a small healthy snack for after school clubs. Chewing gum is also not allowed.

**SATs Week**

Next week our Year 6 children, along with all Year 6 children across the country, will sit their SATs tests and we wish them the best of luck. They have worked hard and I know the children will do their very best and we can ask no more of them.

**PGL Marchants Hill**

On Monday we will be waving our Year 3 & 4 children off on their school journey to Marchant's Hill. I hope the sun shines for them but whatever the weather they will enjoy a super time. Have fun children!

**Year 6 School Journey Meeting**

This will take place at 6.30pm in the school hall on Wednesday 22 May

**Food Bank**

Please continue sending in donations for our Holy Cross food bank and please do make use of our food bank.

Have a lovely weekend,

**Miss Finaldi**

**Message from Miss Collins**

It has been a short but fun filled week. There is always so much going on in our lovely School; trips, visitors to School, class assemblies, class Masses, exciting lessons, goodness me they are very blessed children! The School has a Twitter account and we are updating it as regularly as we can with photos of all the exciting activities that go on in School. For any of you already using Twitter please follow us [@holycrossse6](https://twitter.com/holycrossse6) for any new to the world of tweeting, it is very simple and you could just follow us, you don't need to sign up to hundreds of others! We follow all GDPR rules and recommendations so use photographs but do not name children.

I am very much looking forward to seeing some of our special children making their First Holy Communion this weekend. What a wonderful occasion for them and their families.

Have a lovely weekend!

*“Children are not a distraction from more important work. They are the most important work.”*

C.S.Lewis