



## Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 15 March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a windy week it has been! The children have been working hard and we have had lots of visitors to the School who have kindly commented on just how lovely it is here.

### Headteacher Awards

Betsy in Year 3 for being very brave and patient.

Nina in Year 6 for a phenomenal piece of writing about Lent.

Megan in Year 1 and Abigail in Year 3 for helping out during Lenten Breakfast.

Roman-Joseph in Year 2 for being a spelling superstar!

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 Joseph**. Congratulations!

### Morning Prayers.

Take place in the Hall each morning at 8.45am. During the season of Lent we will pray the full Rosary on a Friday starting at 8:30am. All are welcome.

### Hot Chocolate Friday

My charming guests today were Annemarija, Eleora, Olyana, Sidney, Tania, Chinyere and Lily.

### Lenten Breakfast – 8.00-8.45am Thursdays during Lent

Our second Lenten Breakfast took place yesterday. It was a great success and wonderful to see so many of you here. £180 was banked after expenses were deducted. Do try and join us next Thursday. Please remember that children must be accompanied by an adult. All money raised will go to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

### Mini Vinnies Commissioning Mass

Next Tuesday, 19 March, our Year 5 class will celebrate the annual Commissioning Mass of the Mini Vinnies at 9:15 in Church. The Year 5 children always have such a wonderful year of learning and enjoyable responsibility under the guidance of our Governor Gwen Quintyn-Williams as they form the youth version of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP). Please do come along to celebrate with them.



### Year 3's Class Assembly

On Wednesday Year 3 treated us to an informative and exciting assembly about The Romans, a topic the children have been learning about this term. Thanks to the children for their superb efforts, Mr Foster, Mrs Forde, Miss Baptise, Mrs Chang Wai Ling for preparing them so well and last but not least grateful thanks to Mrs Ley for the wonderful piano playing and singing rehearsals.

### Mayoral Visit

Today the Mayor of Lewisham, Mr Damien Egan, visited us. He came into a whole school assembly during which he explained what his responsibilities are and how he was elected. He then had a meeting with the School Council to talk to them about their roles within the School.

### Mindfuel

This week our staff attended excellent training with Mindfuel, a company who work with children developing habits which encourage strong mental health. Mindfuel will be working with Years 4, 5 and 6 over the next two half terms. **There will be two parent workshops and we strongly invite and encourage you to attend one of these. The first will be at St Augustine's School on Monday 18 March at 9:15am and it will be repeated at Holy Cross on Wednesday 27 March at 6pm.**

### **Year 6 Cycle Training**

Many of our Year 6 children took part in their Level 1 and Level 2 Cycle Training last week. The instructors worked with the children both in the playground and out on the local roads, helping to build their confidence and teaching them how to stay safe on their bikes while out cycling. The children were given their certificates at assembly this Monday. Well done to all of the children who took part.

### **Daffodil Competition**

We will be holding our annual Daffodil Competition next Tuesday. Children should bring their daffodils (no matter how big or small) into the School Hall for judging. We are delighted that once again the Diamond Club are coming in to school to judge the competition. Prizes will be awarded to the best in show. All children will receive a certificate. We will let you know the names of the winners in next weeks Newsletter.

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

Last Saturday the Holy Cross School football team played at the Blackheath football pitches. Holy Cross was awarded a win for the first game, as the opposing team were unable to attend. We won our second game 2 – 0 against Good Shepherd School. Well done to Paulius, Farley, Temi, Deborah, Caleb, Christopher, Omor and Issacar and Louis.

### **The Big Pedal – Virtual Bike Race**

The Big Pedal starts Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April. The inter-school virtual cycling and scooting competition encourages children to choose two wheels for their school journey and we will be competing against schools from across the UK. The challenge lasts for 10 days and our Junior Travel Ambassadors Nikolay and Lily will be recording and uploading the daily results. We will also be running a poster competition to encourage the children to scoot and cycle to school. Entry forms will be handed out to the children when the competition starts.

### **Sealife Aquarium Tickets**

We have special offer tickets available in the school office if anyone is interested.

### **Year 4 Assembly**

A reminder that Year 4's Class Assembly takes place next Friday at 9.15am.

### **Guide Dog**

Holy Cross School is going to sponsor a guide dog. Charlie, a guide dog, and his owner will be visiting to tell us more about it at an assembly on Wednesday.

### **Year 6 Citizenship**

A reminder that Year 6 will be going to Lee Fire Station for their Citizenship afternoon on Wednesday

### **Year 5 Trip**

Year 5 will be visiting the British Museum on Thursday

### **Easter Bonnet Parade**

Our annual Easter Bonnet Parade will take place on Wednesday 3 April. Please help your child to create a bonnet to wear, be imaginative and bold! It is always wonderful to see the children's creations.

I will be away at the Catholic Headteachers' Conference next Thursday and Friday.

**Wishing you all a lovely weekend,**

**Miss Finaldi**

### **Message from Miss Collins:**

Another fabulous week at Holy Cross! The children have been working hard and enjoying all that School life brings for them. In just one week there has been a class assembly, trips, a visit from the Mayor, Lenten Breakfast and the chance to come together as a community to pray the full rosary. What a wonderfully busy week! As a community it is very important to recognise and celebrate all that is good about our School and I thank you all for all that you do to help us build this.

This Easter the HCPT group I travel to Lourdes with will be making their annual pilgrimage. I am unable to accompany them this year due to School holidays but many are going and so if you have any petitions – written prayers – you wish to be taken and left at the Grotto then please leave them in the School Office before we break up for Easter and they will be taken for you.

Have a wonderful weekend.

*Singing' don't worry 'bout a thing, Cause every little thing gonna be alright"*

- Three Little Birds – Bob Marley and the Wailers