



## Holy Cross School Newsletter

### Friday 17 May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our wonderful international display celebrating the rich multi-cultural community here at Holy Cross is now up in the hall. Please do come and see if you can spot your country's flag!

#### **Headteacher Awards**

Tobe in Year 1 for amazing spelling!

Oriah in Year 1 for outstanding writing!

Nikola in Year 5 for her superb Polish translation for a prospective parent.

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. Well done to them.

#### **Hot Chocolate Friday**

My honoured guests today were Melanie, Tobe, Dillon, Betsy, Nate and Izabella

#### **KS2 Cage**

Friday football was awarded to Year 6 this week for working so well on their SATs tests.

#### **SATs Week**

The children in Year 6 sat their SATs tests this week. The children were all an absolute credit to both our School and their parents; without exception the children were well prepared, calm and sensible. Whilst we remember that tests are a part of life and happen throughout our lives in various forms it's who we are as people that really matters.

#### **PGL Marchants Hill**

The children have returned from Marchant's Hill full of tales about their three-day adventure. It is wonderful to hear about the exciting activities and challenges they have undertaken as well as their personal successes and achievements. For some of the children this was their first time away from home so it was a little step on the road to independence.

#### **Bishop Pat**

Bishop Pat came into the School today whilst on his Parish visit. He visited all the classes and joined our assembly during which he gave all the First Communion children certificates. He was very impressed with the children's beautiful singing.

#### **Year 6 School Journey Meeting**

Another reminder that this will take place at 6.30pm in the Year 6 classroom on Wednesday, 22 May.

#### **Cinema Evening Tuesday 21 May**

Tickets are now on sale in the School Office prices at £3 each. Children must be collected at 5pm from their classrooms. There will be **no Junior Football, Netball and Storytelling.**

#### **Clubs**

No Brass lessons next week.

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

We are 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 or the class teacher me know.

#### **Year 4's Class Mass**

Year 4's class mass is next Wednesday 22 May at 10am. It would be lovely to see as many of our Year 4 parents there as possible.

#### **Polling Thursday 23 May**

Please remember that School is closed next Thursday as we are being used at a Polling Station. School will be open as usual on Friday 24 May.

**Crowning of Mary**

Next Friday, 24 MAY (not June) at 2:45pm in the KS2 playground. If the children would like to bring some flowers into School for the occasion that would be lovely. Everyone is warmly invited.

**GDPR Visit**

This week the Data Protection Officer for our School visited and audited the way we hold both electronic and paper data. I am pleased to tell you that we have received a most positive report with no recommendations for improvement. We will continue to be vigilant about our data and keep up our good practice.

**Dinner Money for next half term**

Dinner money for the final half term of this academic year will be £80.50. Please see Mrs Forde or Mrs Wilson for individual balances.

**Food Bank**

Please continue sending in donations for our Holy Cross food bank. They are greatly appreciated.

**Diamond Club Plant Sale and Bring & Buy Fundraiser**

On Tuesday 4 June our friends at The Diamond Club will be holding a plant sale, bring and buy sale and refreshments. Bacon butties will be on offer from 8am to 2.30pm. There will also be Irish coffee, snacks and cakes. Additionally manicures will be on offer as well as vintage clothing for sale, fancy goods, craft goods, vintage clothing, an auction and raffles. Do try and go along to support our fabulous friends.

**School Photos**

These need to be ordered by Monday 20 May

**Diamond Club Quiz Night**

The Diamond Club will be holding a quiz night on Thursday 6 June at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets cost £8 and are available from the Diamond Club.

Have a lovely weekend,

**Miss Finaldi**

**Message from Miss Collins**

It was delightful to have Bishop Patrick Lynch visit our School this morning. He was very impressed with all that he saw and even joined in with the Spanish lesson in Year 1! The Bishop made special mention of the Catholic ethos of our School being so apparent. He felt that it radiated through the School in a wonderful way and was particularly impressed with the prayerful nature of our children in assembly. We are very keen that children know and understand their faith, but truly living their faith is what we desire most and so for Bishop Pat to notice and comment on this was fabulous.

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the brilliant staff who went on School journey this week with Years 3 and 4; Mr Foster, Miss Stojek, Mrs Slattery, Mrs Forde and Miss Baptiste. We are blessed to have such enthusiastic, dedicated and wonderful staff – now enjoy a good sleep this weekend!

*“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in Heaven”* Matthew 3:11