



Holy Cross School Newsletter

Friday 3 May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, everyone has been working extremely hard this week at Holy Cross and we are looking forward to the bank holiday weekend for a rest!

Headteacher Awards

Chidera in Reception for learning ALL her key words!

Melanie in Reception for working superbly with Mrs Clayden.

Giacomo in Year 2 for writing an amazing story.

Joseph in Year 5 and Rubi in Year 6 for being a fantastic help to Ms Williams training the new altar servers.

John, Issacar and Angela in Year 5 for working collaboratively on a very difficult task

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. Well done to them.

Football Cage

From now on I will write which class has won the extra playtime in the KS2 football cage. This will be awarded to the KS2 class that has done something exceptional during the week and I will announce it to the children at Praise Assembly.

This week it is Year 5 for their beautiful Mass.

Hot Chocolate Friday

My esteemed guests today were Naomi, Faith, Freya, Vanessa, Lilian, Fabian and Ero

Year 5 Mass

Year 5 held their class Mass today on the theme of God's love for all. It was a beautiful celebration and the children were delightful. Thank you to parents who came and as always to Fr Antony.

Deaf Awareness Week

Next week is Deaf Awareness Week and the children will have an assembly during which they will be learning some Makaton.

Year 1 Assembly Reminder

Our Year 1 children have been practising for their class assembly which takes place next Friday 10 May at 9.15am. I know it will be fantastic and am looking forward to it very much. Year 1 parents and carers do try to come along to see your wonderful children.

Class Photographs

The photographer was here on Tuesday. The children all looked extremely smart so I am looking forward to the arrival of the photographic proofs. The photographer wrote in our visitors' book that it "*was lovely working with everyone at the school, the children are all fantastic and the staff made us all very welcome*". What a lovely comment!

International Display

Please remember to send the name of the country whose flag you would like represented on our upcoming International Display.

KS1 Playground Building Works

You may have noticed that an area of the KS1 playground is sectioned off with safety fencing and a scaffolding tower has been erected. Just before the Easter holiday Mr Watmore noticed that part of the chimney on the property next door looked unsafe and a small part of the rendered stack also needed attention. To keep the children safe the area was cordoned off whilst we sought advice from Building Control at Lewisham Council and our surveyor. We are now in the process of getting estimates for the work to be done. We expect the whole process to be completed within the next 6 weeks. Please be assured that the safety of the children always comes first.

PGL Marchant's Hill Meeting

Thank you to everyone who came along to the meeting on Wednesday evening regarding the Year 3 & 4 residential to Marchant's Hill. The information was sent home yesterday to any parents who were not able to attend. **Please make sure the forms come back to school as soon as possible.**

PTA Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who sent in cakes today, bought or ate cakes! Your support of our fabulous PTA is always welcome and much appreciated.

PTA Coffee Morning – Thursday 9 May 2019

Next Thursday is an opportunity to find out more about the PTA and get involved at their coffee morning in Hartley Hall at 9am.

Theatre for All

On Wednesday Year 1 went to the Albany Theatre to see their production of Hansel and Gretel. Tickets provided through A Theatre Trip for Every Child, Lewisham: a new giving scheme to provide a free theatre ticket for every 5-year-old in the Borough of Lewisham. 'Every Child' enables businesses and individuals to give a local child the chance to experience the magic of theatre. These tickets were provided through L&C's generous founding sponsorship for the campaign.

May Day Bank Holiday

Please remember we are closed next Monday for the May Day Bank Holiday.

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. They are greatly appreciated.

Talks for Mothers Series

You are invited by the Catholic Mothers Apostolate to spend some time getting closer to the Hearts of Mary and Jesus with **Fr Sean Davidson**, come and find some rest and meet new faith-filled friends at Hartley Hall. The Catholic Mothers Apostolate has asked us to let you know about the following events:

Friday 10th May 7.30 pm: **Learning from the Heart of Mary**

Friday 7th June, 7.30 pm: **Resting upon the Heart of Jesus**

Email catholicmothersUK@gmail.com for more info about the talks and other upcoming events.

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Finaldi

Message from Miss Collins

How can it be May already? Goodness me this year is flying by. It has been another busy and productive week at Holy Cross. The children have been their usual delightful selves. They really are a joy to spend time with; the level of humour along with their beautiful manners whether in the classroom, lunch hall or office never ceases to make me smile. Next week the governors of both Holy Cross and St Augustine's will meet to discuss our federation and share all that is going well for the schools. We feel very strongly that gaining the knowledge and skills of two schools is helping both to become stronger and better. Enjoy the extra long weekend!

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education." – Martin Luther King

Diary Dates

Please remember that forthcoming events can usually be found on the School website however here are the diary dates for the rest of this term:

May 2019

Monday 6 May - School closed for May Day
Tuesday 7 May – am Diamond Club to visit Reception Class
Wednesday 8 May – No brass lessons today
Thursday 9 May – PTA Coffee Morning
Friday 10 May – Year 1 assembly at 9.15am
Friday 10 May – am Scooter training for Year 2
Monday 13 May – Year 3 & 4 school journey to Marchants Hill
Monday 13 May – Year 6 SATS begin
Tuesday 14 May – Nursery trip to Surrey Docks Farm
Tuesday 14 May – Year 6 SATS
Wednesday 15 May – Year 3 & 4 return from Marchants Hill
Wednesday 15 May – Year 6 SATS
Wednesday 15 May – No brass lessons today
Thursday 16 May – Year 6 SATS
Thursday 16 May – Year 5 trip to Pizza Express Bromley
Friday 17 May – Bishop Pat visiting School
Friday 17 May pm Year 6 picnic in Forster Park
Monday 20 May – KS1 SATs week
Tuesday 21 May – Diamond Club Fayre in Hartley Hall
Tuesday 21 May – PTA Cinema Evening
Wednesday 22 May – 10am Year 4 Class Mass
Wednesday 22 May – 6.30pm Year 6 Windmill Hill School Journey meeting
Wednesday 22 May – no brass lessons today
Thursday 23 May – School closed for Polling
Friday 24 May – Crowning of Mary
Monday 24 May – Friday 31 May HALF TERM

June 2019

Monday 3 June – Year 6 school journey to Windmill Hill
Wednesday 5 June – Year 6 return from Windmill Hill
Thursday 6 June – Diamond club Quiz Night in Hartley Hall
Monday 10 June – Year 1 Phonics Screening this week
Tuesday 11 June – Mini Vinnies to Mass at Southwark Cathedral
Wednesday 12 June – 9.15am Meeting for parents of children starting nursery in September
Wednesday 12 June – 10am Meeting for parents of children starting Reception Class in September
Wednesday 12 June – Science workshop for all parents 3:30-4:30
Monday 17 June – International Week
Tuesday 18 June – Year 6 afternoon tea with the Diamond Club
Tuesday 18 June – Bow Arts Celebration event pm – Year 1 to go
Wednesday 19 June – Governors' Day
Wednesday 19 June – 5pm Governors' Curriculum Meeting
Wednesday 19 June – Governors' Resources Meeting
Thursday 20 June – Corpus Christi – School will attend Mass
Friday 21 June – 10am Year 3 Class Mass
Tuesday 25 June – Sports Day with the Diamond Club (indoor activities)
Wednesday 26 June – 9:15am Reception Class Assembly
Wednesday 26 June – Whole School Photograph
Thursday 27 June – PTA Cinema Evening for Year 6 only

July 2019

Wednesday 3 July – School Council visit to the Houses of Parliament

Thursday 4 July – Sports Day at Abbotshall Playing Fields
Friday 5 July – PTA Summer Party after school
Monday 8 July – Last swim for Year 4
Wednesday 10 July – Year 5 trip to Creekside
Wednesday 10 July – 6.30pm Meeting of full Governing Body
Monday 15 July – 7pm Year 6 Production
Wednesday 17 July – 7pm Leavers' Mass
Friday 19 July – Term ends at 2pm