Holy Cross School Newsletter
Friday 13 September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been into classes this week and seen children listening, concentrating and really working hard. It is always a delight to walk around the School during lesson time and to see our children enjoying their learning. It has been an excellent start to the new academic year, well done children and thank you to the staff.

Next week:

Monday 16 September	Year 5 trip to Hampton Court Height & Weight measurements for Reception & Year 6 Year 4 swimming
Tuesday 17 September	
Wednesday 18 September	
Thursday 19 September	
Friday 20 September	Jeans for Genes day

Morning Prayers.

Prayers are held each day in the hall at 8.45am. It is wonderful that we have more and more children and parents joining us each day, new faces are always welcome.

Headteacher Awards

We love to celebrate all that is wonderful about the children in Holy Cross School. Every Friday we hold Praise Assembly where children from each class have their name read out by their teacher explaining what they have excelled in during the week. They may have worked particularly hard, they may have shown great kindness to others, they may have impressed a member of staff with their manners. We hear endless reasons as to why children are put in the Praise Book which never cease to delight us. When a child deserves an even higher reward than going in the Praise Book they may be given a Headteacher Award. These are very special indeed and those children are given a sticker and a certificate and named in the Newsletter.

The children who were awarded a headteacher's award this week were:

Patrick in Year 2 for making a beautiful Tudor House.

Gabriel in Year 2 for amazing handwriting.

Elliot and Emmanuelle in Year 5 for writing very tricky riddles.

Diviyon in Year 4 for super Science.

Tobe in Year 2 for outstanding writing about himself.

Well done to all these children and to all children who made an extra special effort this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday

The idea of Hot Chocolate Friday is that a child from each class who is always well-behaved, polite, hard working and generally an exemplary Holy Cross pupil is nominated by their teacher to share a hot drink, biscuit and a chat with me.

This week my first guests of the year were: Luca, Chidera, Alice, Mya, Eva, Tania and Faye.

Opening Mass for the new School Year

This morning we all went to Mass to celebrate the start of the new school year. It was a beautiful Mass and a lovely start to the academic year.

Meet The Teacher Evening

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Meet The Teacher Evening on Wednesday. I hope that you found it informative and useful.

Jeans for Genes Day

Next Friday we will be celebrating Jeans for Genes Day. Children and staff are able to wear jeans to work in return for a donation (suggested amount is £1 but more is always welcome) to this wonderful charity.

School Fund

School Fund is currently £20 per family each academic year and is due now. This money is used to benefit all our children.

Credit Union

Please note there will be no Credit Union on Tuesday 24 September.

Secondary Transfer Booklet

These booklets were sent home with Year 5 children at the end of last term. Unfortunately we have no spares, however all the information can be found on the Lewisham Council website.

Diary Dates

The diary dates are attached again this week. Please note there have been some amendments and additions.

Dogs Trust

On Tuesday, Emma from The Dogs Trust was in School telling us all about dogs and how to behave towards them. This was very useful for when Floss comes into School.

Lunchtime/Afterschool Clubs and Music Tuition

All lunchtime, afterschool clubs and music tuition starts next week. We still have a number of spaces in some of our clubs including; KS1 lunchtime Football Club, Storytelling, Craft Club, Active Minds, Film Club and Tennis. For more information please see the School Office or Mrs Slattery.

Happy Holy Cross feast day for tomorrow 14 September! Have a lovely sunny weekend.
Miss Finaldi

Message from Miss Collins:

Another lovely week at Holy Cross! Our children never fail to impress us and make us smile. Today we unfortunately had an incident where a child was approached by someone unknown to them on their way to School. The child felt uncomfortable and so rushed into School and told us all about it. We were then able to address the situation appropriately. What a sensible child; mature and intelligent, a real credit to our School. As we are still at the beginning of the school year make sure that you are helping your child to develop good habits; reading every day, getting to bed at a sensible time, eating healthily and enjoying lots and lots of talking with you. We are going to have a fantastic year!

"Stay positive and happy. Work hard and don't give up hope. Be open to criticism and keep learning. Surround yourself with happy, warm and genuine people." – Tena Desae

Visit from Emma at The Dog Trust

Diary Dates for September
Monday 16 September – Year 5 trip to Hampton Court
Friday 20 September – Jeans for Genes Day
Monday 23 September – Co-op presentation at assembly
Tuesday 24 September – no Credit Union
Tuesday 24 September – 10.30am Diamond Club to visit Reception Class
Wednesday 25 September – Year 4 trip to Pizza Express Blackheath
Wednesday 25 September – Prospective Parents' Meeting
Friday 27 September – Buddy Assembly at 9.15am
Monday 30 September – Prospective parent tour at 9.30am

Diary Dates for October
Tuesday 1 October – 9am PTA Coffee Morning in Hartley Hall
Wednesday 2 October – No Pens Day
Friday 4 October – Dr Bike in School
Friday 4 October – Year 6 Mass at 10am
Monday 7 October – Friday 10 October – Bikeability Training for Year 6
Wednesday 9 October - English Workshop for Parents at 3.30pm
Wednesday 9 October – Full Governing Body Meeting at 6.30pm (info only)
Thursday 10 October – World Mental Health Day
Thursday 10 October - Prospective parent tour at 2pm
Monday 14 October – Years 5 & 6 trip to Billingsgate for Big Fish Monday
Tuesday 15 October – Author in School Assembly
Tuesday 15 October – Parents Evening
Thursday 17 October - Parents Evening
Friday 18 October – Harvest Festival at 2pm
Monday 21 October - Friday 25 October half term holiday
Monday 28 October – Individual and Family Group photographs
Monday 28 October – Life Bus in School
Tuesday 29 October – Life Bus in School
Wednesday 30 October – Life Bus in School

Diary Dates for November
Friday 1 November – 9.15am School attending Mass for All Saints Day
Monday 4 November – 9.15am Digital Workshop for Year 4
Tuesday 5 November - Prospective parent tour at 2pm
Monday 11 November – Friendship week
Tuesday 12 November – Diamond Club & Year 5 enjoying Afternoon Tea at 1.30pm
Wednesday 13 November – Year 6 Class Assembly at 9.15am
Thursday 14 November - Prospective parent tour at 9.30am
Tuesday 26 November – Book People Bus in School
Wednesday 27 November – Year 5 Class Assembly at 9.15am

Diary Dates for December
Monday 2 December – Friday 6 December - RE Week
Monday 2 December – Year 2 trip to London Zoo for Living Nativity
Tuesday 3 December – Flu immunisation day
Wednesday 4 December –Year 6 to the theatre
Friday 6 December – Christingle Liturgy at 10am
Monday 9 December – Last swim this term for Year 4
Tuesday 10 December – KS1 Nativity at 10.30am & 2pm
Tuesday 10 December – 5pm Governors' Curriculum Meeting (for info only)
Tuesday 10 December – 6.30pm Governors' Resources Meeting
Wednesday 11 December – Year 3 to the theatre
Friday 13 December - Own clothes day for Mini Vinnies hampers
Tuesday 17 December – Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 18 December – EYFS Nativity at 10am
Wednesday 18 December – Carol Service at 7pm
Thursday 19 December – Christmas Parties and a special visitor
Friday 20 December – Term ends at 2pm