



Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 11 October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in School we have been talking about Harvest time. We spoke about the crops that need rain and sun to grow and the farmers who work hard to gather their fruit and vegetables when they are ripe and send them to the shops for us to buy. Children have been busy learning Harvest songs for our festival next week. We also thought about those who do not have as much to eat as we do and what we can do to help.

Next week:

Monday 7 October	Years 5 & 6 to Billingsgate for Big Fish Monday
Tuesday 8 October	Year 1 to Mass 9am Eamonn Reilly (Author) in School for assembly Parents' Evening 5pm-7.50pm
Wednesday 9 October	
Thursday 10 October	Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 6pm Food Taster in school hall during parents' evening
Friday 11 October	One Million Kids Praying the Rosary for Peace 8:30 2pm Harvest Festival School ends at 3.15pm for the half term holiday School resumes on Monday 28 October – Winter uniform for everyone please

Morning Prayers.

Prayers are held each day in the hall at 8.45am. Everyone is welcome.

Headteacher Awards

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

Ailish in Year 4 for super spelling.

Lilian in Year 5 for amazing effort and resilience in Maths.

Olivia in Nursery for telling a story so beautifully.

Clarence in Nursery for being such a kind and helpful boy

Diamond in Year 1 for super Maths.

Rayhan in Year 4 for exemplary English work.

Peace in Year 1 for working independently

Olivia in Reception for speaking so loudly and clearly in assembly this morning.

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

Hot Chocolate Friday

My guests for Hot Chocolate Friday were Zachary, Diamond, Faith, Ife, Kayla, Marcus and Chinyere

Year 2

Last Friday we took Year 2 to a piano recital at St Laurence Church. I received a phone call not long after coming back from School from a gentleman in the audience who wanted to congratulate the children on their exemplary behaviour. It is so kind of members of the public to take the time to do this and makes us even prouder of our fantastic children who unfailingly represent Holy Cross so beautifully.

Cycle Confident Free Cycling Courses for Children

Some of our Year 6 children have completed their week long Bikeability course. One of the instructors wrote in our visitors book that, '*It was lovely instructing your children for Bikeability. They are a credit to your school.*'

Some free cycling lessons are taking place during the half term holidays (and beyond). The courses are off road and for complete beginners running from Saturday 12 October to Saturday 30 November. Full details can be found on the following link <https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/london-borough-of-lewisham/> All the lessons take

place in Ladywell Fields and are free, however booking is required. These are mainly for adults but there are children's ones as well.

Year 6 Reunion

On Monday our last year's Year 6 children came to visit Miss Honore to tell her how they are settling into their new schools. It was wonderful to see them all looking so happy and smart and so pleased to see each other.

English Workshop Wednesday 9 October

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to the English phonics workshop on Wednesday. Our children benefit hugely when parents and School work together to support their learning.

Cinema Evening

Our cinema evening was a roaring success! It made a healthy profit of £400! A big thank you to the Year 6 parents and carers who volunteered for the event. We would also like to say thank you to everyone for their cooperation in enabling our new ticketless system to run smoothly. We will be adopting this method for our future events. Our next event will be the cake sale which will be on Friday the 13 December. We will be looking to our parents and carers in Year 5 to help out with this. We are also desperate for class reps in all our classes especially Nursery and Reception class. If you are interested then please see Lola Ornato for more information.

Parents' Evening – 15 & 17 October

Please remember to come along to your child's appointment next week. This is your opportunity for a one to one discussion with the teacher to learn about your child's progress.

Harvest Festival – A reminder

Please support our Harvest Festival on 18 October at 2pm in the Church. Parents are warmly invited. We are collecting for the Kings Church Jericho Project and they will come to our celebration to tell us more about what they do. Each class will be collecting different items as follows and remember the items you donate should have a long shelf life. Thank you to those parents and carers who have already sent in their donation of food.

Nursery	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Pasta and rice	Tinned vegetables	Tinned fruit	Tea, coffee and sugar	Toiletries and toothpaste	Long-life milk and cereal	Biscuits and sweet treats	Tinned fish and tinned meat

One Million Kids Praying the Rosary

Aid to the Church in Need has organised 'One Million Kids Praying the Rosary' for world peace and unity. We look forward to being a part of this and to praying together with children throughout the world and we invite you to join us in the hall at 8:30m on Friday 18 October.

Half Term Homework

Every half term holiday I will set a whole School project for the children to do over the week's holiday. This will be a creative task they will be able to do independently, with their siblings or with you. This half term, as it will be the feast of All Saints on 1 November, I would like the children to think about a Saint they know about or admire and to represent him or her creatively. It could be through a painting, a model, a story or a poem etc. Please bring them into school on Monday 28 October and they will be proudly displayed.

Staff Absence

Each month we receive a report from Lewisham with statistics about staff absences across various schools in the Borough. Of the 70 schools included, Holy Cross has the lowest staff absence this month! The team here work so hard for the benefit of your children and I am sure you would like to join me in thanking them for their dedication.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for the next half term will be £92.00. Payment should be made in advance of the meal being taken please.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Finaldi

Message from Miss Collins:

It has been a wonderful week; full of fun and learning for all! Our consultation continues, we have now held meetings with children, staff, parents and governors and gathered their views and opinions. Remember that if you would like to express your views on the proposed hard federation of Holy Cross and St Augustine's then you can email us at consultationresponse@holycross.lewisham.sch.uk

As you will know, we are members of the Challenge Partner organisation and this morning we held our termly meeting here at Holy Cross. Eighteen Headteachers and Kate Chatwal the Challenge Partner CEO all enjoyed a learning walk around our fabulous School and every one of them commented on: the wonderful children we have here, the beautiful manners on display, the happy feel to the School, the beautiful displays, the impressive staff.

“Manners and politeness will never become old-fashioned.” – Oscar Auliq Ice

Cinema Evening

