



## Holy Cross School Newsletter

### Friday 27 September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our new hall display has a photograph of every single Holy Cross child and member of staff, and it reminds us that '*At Holy Cross we are all Ready, Respectful and Responsible.*' We are ready to do what we need to do, face new challenges and build good relationships. We are respectful to everyone, and we are responsible for ourselves, for our School and for each other's happiness.

#### Next week:

Monday 30 September	9.30am Tour for prospective parents
Tuesday 1 October	Year 3 to 9:15 Parish Mass Football tournament for some pupils in Y5 and Y6 at Bonus Pastor
Wednesday 2 October	No Pens Day 9am PTA Coffee Morning Hartley Hall
Thursday 3 October	
Friday 4 October	10am Year 6 Class Mass Dr Bike in School Altar serving training for Y5 and Y6

#### 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, everyone is welcome.

#### Communication Workshop

Thank you to all those parents who came along and listened to this very useful and informative session about communication skills.

#### Applying for Reception 2020

Thank you to all the parents who came to the meeting on Wednesday evening explaining how to apply for a school place in Lewisham, If you have any further questions please contact the office.

#### Headteacher Awards

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

Betsy in Year 4 for being such a courageous swimmer,

Patrick in Year 2 for outstanding improvement in writing.

Francesca in Year 1 for excellent homework.

Somto in Year 4 for great learning about electricity.

Tobe in Year 2 for remembering a story so well.

Nate and Tania in Year 5 for their superb presentation skills during Thursday's Mini Vinnies assembly.

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

#### Buddy Assembly

Today we held our annual Buddy Assembly. It was a lovely assembly and it is always wonderful to see the Reception children bonding with their special friend in Year 6. Thank you to all the parents who came along. I know the children really enjoy and appreciate you being there.

#### Macmillan coffee morning

Thank you to everyone who went to the Macmillan coffee morning in Hartley Hall this morning. An incredible £271 was raised.

#### Thursday Lunch

On Thursday the number of children taking a school lunch will be counted and some of the funding the school receives is based on this. We would like to encourage all children to try a school lunch on Thursday next week when our kitchen will be preparing a special menu of beef Bolognese, vegetarian sausage and mash, and chocolate cake and custard. Dinners for KS2 children is £2.30 but for KS1 and Reception they are free.

#### PTA Cinema Evening 10 October

To organise a cinema evening the PTA need volunteers before and at the event. We will trial offering this responsibility to specific classes. For the Cinema Evening on Thursday 10 October the PTA is kindly asking parents of children in Year 6 to help out. If you can volunteer some time to help please speak to Mrs Ornato. Payment for this event will be taken at the office only and rather than receiving a ticket, a list will be kept of the children who are going. The cost is £3.

### **Parents' Evening – 15 & 17 October**

The lists to choose your slot for parents' evening will be posted outside the school office on Monday 30 September from 8.30am. The exception is Nursery, their lists will be in the Nursery classroom. The sooner you sign up the more likely you will get a time to suit you. If you are unable to get into School to sign up please email Mrs Wilson with your preferred times and she will do her best – [jwilson52.209@lgflmail.org](mailto:jwilson52.209@lgflmail.org) or call the School Office.

### **Kitchen Taster**

Our wonderful school chefs will be preparing some tasters for parents to try during the parents evening on Thursday 17 October.

### **Lewisham Swimming: Free Top-Up School Swimming Lessons**

In partnership with Saxon Crown and Fusion Lifestyle, funded by Lewisham Council, free school top-up swimming sessions are available to children at Lewisham primary schools. The sessions are provided to help swimmers achieve the National Curriculum standard in swimming, which requires children to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, use a range of strokes effectively and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations. The sessions are for Lewisham Primary School Pupils in Year 3 and above, and will be running at Glass Mill Leisure Centre during October half term holiday 2019. An leaflet with further details will be sent with this week's newsletter.

### **Catford Arts Trail – The Diamond Club**

The Diamond Club is having an exhibition day on Saturday, 5 October 11-3 in Hartley Hall as part of Catford Arts trail and the creative ageing festival. People can come and learn basic quilting, knitting, cross stitch, Pom Pom making, seated dance and more. There will be home made cakes and refreshments available.

### **Parking**

A reminder that parents should not be parking in the car park at pick-up and drop off. Particularly not in the disabled spaces.

### **Have a lovely weekend.**

Miss Finaldi

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

It has been another wonderful week here at Holy Cross with our lovely children have shown their enthusiasm and enjoyment of learning. The Buddy Assembly this morning reminded us all how lucky we are to belong to such a caring community; our parents, children and staff work so hard to achieve the best for our fabulous children.

On Monday you were sent information regarding our Consultation to make the current arrangement we have with St Augustine's Primary School a permanent one. Please do read through the documents and then you have the option of sending an email or attending our special meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm in the School Hall to give your views or ask any questions you may have. This is an important decision for our School so please do make your voice heard.

*“To us, family means putting your arms around each other and being there.”* – Barbara Bush