



Holy Cross School Newsletter

Friday 31 January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our School Council went to visit the Civic Suite this morning to hear about how the Mayor and Young Mayor are elected and to discuss priorities for change in Lewisham. They enjoyed speaking in the Council Chamber and meeting other School Councillors from St Augustine's and other local schools. We are always keen to give opportunities to the children at Holy Cross School to take on and explore responsibilities.

Next week:

Monday 3 February	Year 6 trip to Royal Courts of Justice
Tuesday 4 February	Cinema evening. Pick up at 5.15pm please Year 4 trip to Tate Britain
Wednesday 5 February	
Thursday 6 February	
Friday 7 February	10am Year 5 Class Mass 1.30pm Year 4 to St Lawrence's for music concert.

Morning Prayers.

Please join us for morning prayers. It is a wonderful way to start the day. A few minutes of peace and reflection. All welcome.

Headteacher's Awards

Francesca, Charlene, Sena, Kayley and Chidera in Year 1 for fantastic writing.

Muna, Eva, Alicja, Abigail and Oliver for representing the School beautifully on their trip this week. Kayla in Year 4 for superb homework.

Michelle and Kendra in Year 5 for a lovely Holy Cross poem (printed at the end of this newsletter) Well done to all these children and to all children who made an extra effort this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday

My Hot Chocolate guests today were Edie, Miki, Francis, Dylan A, Liam, Ide and Edith.

Other Faiths' Week

Next week children will be exploring Judaism, Hinduism, Islam and Sikhism during our focus on other faiths. Please ask them about what they learnt. The classes will be looking at the following faiths and I know classes who are studying the same faith will be working together to help one another.

Nursery - Judaism

Reception - Hinduism

Year 1 - Sikhism

Year 2 - Islam

Year 3 - Judaism

Year 4 - Hinduism

Year 5 - Sikhism

Year 6 - Islam

Children late for School

If your child is late for School please take them to the School Office to register. They must not go straight to the classroom. Gates will be closed promptly at 9.05am and after that time the main entrance in Culverley Road must be used. This is for the safety of our children.

Cinema Evening

Cinema evening is this coming Tuesday. Tickets are £3 available from the School Office. The film is Small Foot and children will be dismissed from their classrooms at 5pm.

Clubs

There are no after school clubs on Tuesday due to cinema evening.

PTA Children's Discos

The discos last Saturday were an enormous success. The DJ was fantastic and got all the children up dancing. I think it is safe to say they all enjoyed a great time. A total of £578 was raised for extras for our wonderful children. Many thanks to our lovely PTA who organised it and all those who volunteered their time on Saturday to ensure this event took place.

Credit Union

Credit Union is open every Tuesday morning from 9am at the round table. New savers always welcome.

Academic Review Day

The Academic Review times have now been sent home to those parents who did not sign up.

Lost Property

The lost property bin is full. This will be disposed of at the end of this half term if not claimed.

Childnet Sessions

Thank you to all the parents who attended the on-line safety session yesterday run by Childnet. I hope you found it both useful and informative. The children all have sessions throughout the day to remind them how to remain safe on-line. We cannot emphasise enough how important it is for you parents to be aware of what your children are accessing online and for us to work together to keep them safe online.

Blood Donation Session

There will be a blood donation session on Wednesday 12 February at St Laurence's Church.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Finaldi

Message from Miss Collins:

It has been a very busy week as always! We have had some wonderful visits this week, children going out and visitors coming in, all helping our wonderful children to increase their knowledge and understanding. Our staff have been busy learning too with two after school staff meetings; one from Childnet teaching us about safe ways to encourage our children to use the internet and one from Challenge Partners where all the schools in our local hub shared the excellent practice going on in their schools. Mr Foster was the Holy Cross star, sharing his knowledge of the Computing curriculum and ways to enthuse and educate our children. Thank you Mr Foster and thank you to all our dedicated and hard working staff!

I met with the Catholic Headteachers from Lewisham schools this morning to discuss how we can all help each other to improve the opportunities and experiences of our children. All very positive and exciting stuff!

Have a good weekend everyone.

"There is a time for departure even when there's no certain place to go." – Tennessee Williams

Holy Cross – a poem

Holy Cross is a happy place to be
Holy Cross is a place to be free
All the pupils and teachers smile
You can see them from miles
Holy cross has lots of features
And lots of friendly teachers
I love Holy Cross!

Michelle and Kendra Year 5