



Holy Cross School Newsletter

Friday 6 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week we had three visitors from Challenge Partners undergoing a quality assurance review of Holy Cross. This was done with the senior leadership team. We went into lessons, spoke to the children and staff and looked at work in books. Our visitors were very impressed with our lovely School and could not have been more effusive about the wonderful behaviour, attitudes and manners of our children. One of them said, 'The ethos is like the sunshine in this school.'

Week beginning 9 March:

Monday 9 March	Start of Maths Week
Tuesday 10 March	Daffodil Competition Mini Vinnie Mass
Wednesday 11 March	Cycle Training for Year 4
Thursday 12 March	Lenten Breakfast Cycle Training for Year 4
Friday 13 March	Recycled artwork homework project display in the hall 3:15-4

Morning Prayers.

Please join us for morning prayers. During Lent, as it is the Year of the Word, members of the GIFT team will be reading the Gospel of the day. It is a wonderful way to start the day.

Headteacher Awards

Spencer in Year 5 for showing superb manners to our visitors.

Virginia and Nicolas in Year 3 for some beautifully evocative artwork.

Neriah in Year 2 for fantastic progress in reading.

Natalia in Year 4 for a Spring poem – we have published it at the bottom of this newsletter to help everyone feel a little bit more sunny!

Well done to them and all the children who made an extra effort this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday

My distinguished guests today were Emmanuella, Marcel, Megan, Gracie, Somto and Macie

World Book Day

What fabulous inventive creations we saw on Thursday. The children (and staff) all looked fantastic and made a great effort to transform themselves into their favourite book character. You will know from the main display in the School Hall that we are putting an extra emphasis on reading for pleasure. Please take the time to read to your children and listen to them reading to you. The enjoyment of reading together and talking about the book is immeasurable. It also helps build up good habits for life in our lovely children.

Mini Vinnie Mass

Our Year 5 Mini Vinnies will hold their commissioning Mass with members of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) on Tuesday at 9:15 in Church. This is an important occasion for them and celebrates all the good work they do for those in our community who are in need.

Half Term Homework

The beautiful recycled artwork will be displayed after school in the hall on Friday 13 March. Please come and have a look.

PGL School Journeys for 2021

Letters have gone home to parents of children in currently in Years 2, 3 and 5 regarding the school journeys we have provisionally booked for 2021. Booking deposits that have already been sent in are being held in the school safe until we know if sufficient numbers of children wish to take part to make these viable residential. If your child would like to go away for the two nights next year can I please ask that you send in your reply slip and deposit as soon as possible.

Book Bus

The Book People Book Bus will NOT be coming in for another visit.

Lenten Breakfast – 8.00 - 8.45am Thursdays during Lent

Please try and join us for a lovely breakfast each Thursday during Lent from 8am. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Prices for breakfast are as follows: full English £2.20, bacon or sausage sandwich £1.50, egg or beans on toast £1, toast or cereal 50p, tea, coffee or juice 20p. All money raised will go to UNICEF to be spent on their education projects in the developing world.

Daffodil Competition

A reminder to bring the daffodils to School that the children have been nurturing. Judging will take place next Tuesday, 10 March with our friends from the Diamond Club awarding the winning entries. Please make sure the daffodils are brought in at the start of the school day and are taken to the School Hall ready for judging.

Polling

School will be closed on Thursday 7 May for GLA polling. School will also be closed on Friday 8 May as this is a bank holiday.

Coronavirus

The school website contains current information about the coronavirus.

Give Blood

A reminder that there is a blood donation session at St Laurence Church on Tuesday 24 March between 1-4pm and 5-7pm.

Junior Football

We only have nine children in Junior football club on Tuesdays after school. We would like to encourage boys and girls in Years 3 and 4 to consider having a go. Please get in touch with Mrs Slattery if your child expresses an interest.

Homework

Some teachers have come to speak to me about their concern that homework and home reading is not being done as reliably as it should. It is very important that children do the homework that is set for them as this consolidates the learning done in school. I know I can count on your support with this. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Finaldi

Message from Miss Collins:

Goodness me, it has been a very busy week for Holy Cross! The Challenge Partner review Miss Finaldi referred to was a very useful few days celebrating all that is good about our lovely School but, as always, looking at ways we can become even better.

Thank you to those who have spoken to me about becoming a Parent Governor and to those who may have just considered it by themselves. Please remember that the statement you need to write must be handed or emailed to the School Office by Monday 9 March. It is a great opportunity to work closely with the School and help us in our determination to provide the very best for all our children.

Next week I am off reviewing another school, this time in Liverpool, I shall feed back to you on my return. I am sure it will be lovely ... but not as lovely as Holy Cross obviously!

Have a wonderful weekend and thank you for your continued support and friendship.

Spring Poem by Natalia in Year 4

The grass is light green across the hill,
But I see dark yellow daffodils.

My snowy winter days have gone,
The lovely sun this morning shone.

It gets warmer every day,
All the children come out and play. (continued)

Lovely weather days are longer,

Everyday I feel stronger and stronger.

The birds around me fly and sing,
With infinite power under their wings.

I watch all the animals run and play,
I don't want to go anywhere,
I am staying here all day.

"Without education, your children can never really meet the challenges they will face. So it's very important to give children education and explain that they should play a role for their country." – Nelson Mandela

So many Mary Poppins – practically perfect in every way!

