



Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 13 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

With so much going on in the news this week we have been closely following Government advice. Children are washing their hands often and for longer, using hand sanitiser and disposing of tissues appropriately. Posters have been put up around the school all staff have spoken to the children about how to prevent the spread of the virus. **All trips are cancelled until further notice. Swimming on Monday and the Swimming Gala are also cancelled.**

If you or your child are displaying symptoms (temperature, dry cough, breathlessness) please stay at home, self-isolate and follow the current government advice. Please let the school know.

A letter from Miss Collins is attached explaining more about how coronavirus may affect Holy Cross School.

Week beginning March 16:

Monday 16 March	Y4 Swimming - CANCELLED
Tuesday 17 March	Year 3 trip to The National Gallery - CANCELLED
Wednesday 18 March	9.15am Year 3 Class Assembly Mathematics Meeting for parents after school
Thursday 19 March	Lenten Breakfast
Friday 20 March	Swimming Gala for some Year 5 & 6 children – CANCELLED 2pm Mother's Day afternoon tea

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

Diamond in Year 1 for fabulous reading.

Nneoma and Isaiah in Year 6 for wonderful improvement in writing.

Matty in Year 2 for progress in reading.

Fabian in Year 6 for a scary mathematical story (included at the bottom of this newsletter!)

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

Hot Chocolate Friday

My distinguished guests today were Zachary, Stefan, Megan, Chidimma, Savannah, Natalia, Ada and Chinonye

Daffodil Competition

On Tuesday we held our annual Daffodil Competition. We were delighted that some of the Diamond Club were able to come into School to judge the competition. It proved a very difficult task choosing the winners from nearly 150 entries. After much deliberation the winners are; EYFS; 3rd prize Lotanna, 2nd prize Grace, 1st prize Ezra. KS1; 3rd prize Sena, 2nd prize Gabriel, 1st prize Chloe. KS2; 3rd prize Ailish, 2nd prize Diviyon, 1st prize Idowu. The class went to Year 3 for the most daffodils. Well done to all of our winners who received prizes and to our runners up who received a certificate.

Holy Cross School Football Team

The Holy Cross School football team played two games last Saturday at the Blackheath football pitches. The first was a league game against Baring Primary School winning 1 – 0. The second game was a friendly against Tidemill Primary School drawing 2 – 2. Well done to Issacar, Joseph, Joshua, Daniel, Sophia, Louis, Spencer, Marcus and Paolo.

Lenten Breakfast – 8.00 - 8.45am Thursdays during Lent

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported Lenten Breakfast this morning. The hall was apparently packed with much lively chatter taking place. Breakfast will be available again next Thursday from 8am, do please come along.

Credit Union

Mrs Malley is in School each Tuesday morning to run the Credit Union savings bank. If you are interested in opening an account for your child please do pop in to see Mrs Malley at 9am any Tuesday.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Finaldi

Message from Miss Collins:

It has been an exceptionally busy week for Holy Cross and the wider world. I spent three days in Liverpool reviewing a school through our fabulous Challenge Partner network. It was a great opportunity to pick up some new tips to bring back to Catford! Whilst on my travels I have been carefully following the news regarding Coronavirus and I then attended a meeting of Lewisham Headteachers on Thursday about the unravelling situation. Please see the attached letter regarding our situation at Holy Cross.

During this difficult and unsettling time we must remember to always show great kindness to one another. Let us be kind, compassionate and sensible and together we will remain the wonderful community of Holy Cross that we all know and love.

“Seek God in all things and we shall find God by our side.” - St. Peter Claver -

Mini Vinnie’s Commissioning Mass

