



Holy Cross School Newsletter

Friday 2 October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wet and windy start to the weekend it has been! Gate duty could have been rather miserable this morning but the wonderful children of Holy Cross brightened the morning. Their manners are just exceptional, so many children greet me with a lovely smile and a polite 'Good morning, how are you?' We are very lucky to have such special children.

Executive Headteacher Awards

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

Phoebe in Year 4 for her amazing artwork creating an Anglo Saxon village

Ebube in Year 3 for being so sensible, calm and reliable, a true Holy Cross attitude!

Isabella in Year 1 for her amazing reading.

Diamond in Year 2 for her fabulous maths work.

Poppy in Year 1 for her fabulous maths work

Virginia in Year 4 for her fabulous artwork, I think she was inspired by Phoebe!

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

Chocolate Friday

The children receiving a sweet treat this week for going above and beyond are:

Reception: Maria

Year 1: David

Year 2: Chidera

Year 3: Chloe D

Year 4: Olivia

Year 5: Ollie

Year 6: Sibbi

Well done to them all!

Parent Governor Election Results

We were very fortunate to have three wonderful candidates put themselves forward as the Parent Governor for Holy Cross on the Aspire London Board of Governors. Voting ended at midday today and I am delighted to say that after a closely fought battle our new Parent Governor is Mrs Alison Cresswell. Many thanks to all who voted. I look forward to working with Alison and helping our fabulous Federation become stronger and even more successful.

Parents' Evening

A text was sent home earlier this week with the date and time of the call the teacher will make to your mobile phone to discuss your child's progress. I am very sorry that it will not be possible to offer alternative times so please make sure you are available at the specified time. Calls will last no longer than ten minutes as our teachers need to keep to a tight timetable for the thirty calls.

Black History Month

To start our Black History month journey on Thursday we emailed home a guide for parents about Black Lives Matter. I do hope that you will find time to read this thought provoking document and talk to your children about it. The children have today all taken home a poster to design. Please do talk to your child about what they might draw, paint or make a collage of to celebrate Black History Month. When they have done this please send it back into School and we will display them in the School Hall.

Month of the Holy Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is very important for us as Catholics and it would be wonderful during this month if families were able to pray together at home. We usually pray a decade of the Rosary before School but during these unusual times we are unable to continue this lovely routine so let us all try to make time in our day to set aside for prayer. The children will be praying the Rosary in class to celebrate this special month.

Walk to School Month

October is Walk to School Month and throughout the month we will be sending home quizzes and activities for the children to take part in. All returned entries will receive a small prize. For during the half term we will be sending home poster competition entry forms. The theme for the competition is My Healthy Walk to School, to highlight the benefits that walking brings to our minds and our bodies. All entries will be displayed in School and prizes awarded to the best entries after we return from the half term holiday. During October please do try to leave the car at home and walk to school or park further away from School than normal and enjoy the benefits of walking.

Messages from Holy Cross Parish:

Baptism/Holy Communion/Confirmation Forms from Holy Cross Church

These forms can only be obtained from Fr Antony. If you wish to have your child/ren baptised, or your child is in year 3 and able to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, or you have an older child in year 9 who is ready to prepare and receive the sacrament of Confirmation, Fr Antony would very much like to meet you and your family. He will explain the importance of the sacraments and the necessity to participate in the preparation programmes that our parish offers. It will be an opportunity for you to meet our parish priest and to ask him any questions you might have.

Meet our Parish Priest, Fr Antony M Sellam without an appointment

This includes meeting Fr Antony to obtain application forms for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation as well as obtaining his signature and parish stamp for all school applications. You may visit Fr Antony without an appointment this week as follows: Monday from 3pm to 4.30pm or Tuesday & Wednesday after the 9.15am Mass.

Holy Cross Church Mass Times - Week Commencing Monday 12 October ONLY

Please note that for this week only, Mass will not be offered in the mornings but at 6.30pm in the evening (Monday 12, Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Friday 16). There will be no Adoration and Confession on Friday 16 October. Mass will resume as normal over the weekend and the following week (w/c 19 October).

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Collins

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their character." - Dr Martin Luther King