



Holy Cross School Newsletter

Friday 16 October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have all been working extremely hard this week, each class has a wonderful buzz of learning within it! During our staff meeting on Wednesday evening we walked around each classroom sharing ideas and good practice with each other. We want the children to enjoy learning and strive to improve so as staff it is important that we offer role models for this.

Head of School Appointment

I was delighted to let you know this week that Mrs Mahony has been appointed to the post of Head of School with effect from September 2021. She had very stiff competition from a group of strong applicants. All candidates undertook a day of managerial and teaching tasks (Mrs Mahony undertook her tasks at St Augustine's to ensure equal treatment for all candidates). The governors took two candidates to interview following assessment of the tasks undertaken and decided by an unanimous decision that Mrs Mahony should be offered the position. I am sure you will wish to join the rest of the staff and I in congratulating Mrs Mahony on her success. I will continue spending four days each week at Holy Cross until the start of the autumn term.

Executive Headteacher Awards

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

Crystal in Year 4 for her beautiful paintings, what a talent!

Eva and Keoni in Year 5 for being exceptionally kind and caring. Their behaviour was not only exemplary but extremely touching. What lovely children we have here at Holy Cross.

Somto for being absolutely fabulous in her music lesson and singing a solo to the class for the first time ever. Mrs Ley and I were so very proud of her. What a gorgeous girl she is!

Well done 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: Clarence

Year 1: Julian

Year 2: Melanie

Year 3: Ebube

Year 4: Gabriella

Year 5: Stephanie

Year 6: Marcus

Well done to them all!

Parents' Evening

Our Parent - Teacher phone calls will be made on Monday and Wednesday next week. Please make sure that you are available to speak with your child's teacher at your allotted time. You will have ten minutes to discuss the progress and attainment of your child and hear about all the lovely things they have done since the start of term.

Covid 19

Attached to this newsletter are two useful information sheets regarding symptoms of Covid19. Please do read through carefully. It is essential that if someone at home is showing symptoms of the virus that a test is taken promptly and all preventative measures are taken to protect others and stop the spread of Covid19.

Flu Immunisation

Forms were sent home earlier this week. Please complete and return to school before the half term holiday.

Free School Meals

In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are all given a free school meal, paid for by government. Children in these classes may also be entitled to the Free School Meal (FSM) benefit given to children of all ages. The FSM benefit brings additional money to our School and therefore a wide range of benefits for your child. It is a very simple process to check your eligibility for this and here

is the link: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myserVICES/education/student-pupil-support/free-school-meals-and-extra-support-for-your-child>

Remember, every penny counts for you and for us!

Bikes and Scooters

It is lovely to see so many children cycling and scooting to School each day, a very healthy and environmentally friendly way to travel. We do ask however that rules are abided by and children step off their scooter or bike and walk them round to the parking area. Children are not to cycle or scoot in the School grounds at the start or the end of the day.

Coats

Can you please ensure that your child brings a warm and waterproof coat to School every day. We are very keen for the children to play outside during their breaks to get some fresh air. They will play outside even if it is drizzling with rain.

Collection arrangements

It is essential that children coming into School each day know who is going to collect them at the end of the day. The School Office is being inundated at the end of the day with phone calls detailing changes to collection arrangements. In an emergency we understand the need for a sudden change in arrangements but this must not be common practice.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for the next half term will be £80.50. All payments on Parentpay please.

Black History Month celebrations

All our lovely children have been enjoying Black History Month and have learned a great deal about a wide range of inspirational people. Next Friday, just as we break up for half term, we are holding an own clothes day here in School. In the afternoon we will be holding a Covid safe carnival! Children are asked to wear bright colours or clothes that represent their family heritage. We will be raising money for The Sickle Cell Society and suggest that a donation of £1 per family is made on the day, you may donate more if you wish. All donations to be made on Parentpay please.

Walk to School Month

The children have submitted some wonderful poster entries. Small prizes have been awarded today. Another activity is also going home today.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Collins

“We can't be brave without fear.” - Mohammed Ali

Our younger children enjoyed a visit from the author, Cynthia Deluola:

