



## Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 26 February 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so pleased to be able to say that we will be seeing you all on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. A letter was emailed to you this week giving details of the arrangements for the children's return to School. It will be wonderful to be back together as a community again. We will continue to take all the reasonable precautions against Covid19 that thankfully kept us safe before. Please God this terrible time is drawing to a close.

### Online superstars!

Our fabulous children continue to work very well on their online learning. We are very proud of you all for this. Each week during lockdown we are sending a card, through the post, to children who have shown true Holy Cross spirit by working hard and doing their very best. These are our online superstars!

The online superstars for this week are:

**Nursery:** Josiah and Francis

**Reception:** Sofia and Kymani

**Year 1:** Emmanuella and Divine

**Year 2:** Francesca and Michele

**Year 3:** Megan and Jim

**Year 4:** Gabriella and Saoirse

**Year 5:** Somto and Liam

**Year 6:** Logan and Martin

Well done to all of them!

### TenTen

Please see below the link for the March edition of the TenTen newsletter. Read and share it with your children at home.

[www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/)

### Daffodil Competition

Another reminder to keep looking after your daffodils and keep them growing and coming into bloom. We are asking children to bring them in for our annual competition on Thursday 18 March. It is all about the fun of taking part and seeing the wide variety of different daffodils we have managed to grow. Only a few weeks to go, keep watering them!

### World Book Day

On Thursday 4 March we will be celebrating World Book Day. Despite being during lockdown we would still very much like children to dress up as their favourite book character so that we can all enjoy the excitement online and get into the spirit. Mrs Mahony leads English in our School and she is launching two special activities for World Book Day.

**Extreme Reading:** we would like to see photographs of our fabulous children reading in unusual places. Please work out where, still abiding by lockdown rules, you can find for the children to read. Send all photographs to [jwilson52.209@lgflmail.org](mailto:jwilson52.209@lgflmail.org) by Thursday 4 March and we will make a lovely display in School.

**Painted potato:** we would like the children to use all their creative talents and decorate a potato at home as a book character! We are determined to get our children away from the screens and enjoying other activities. Let your imaginations run wild, you could all have a go if you like, we're not restricting it just to children!

## **Lent**

We continue our journey through the season of Lent. Children have undertaken work in their RE lessons and we look forward to being back together to arrange prayer sessions and prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter.

## **RSE Policy**

This week a proposed RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) policy was emailed to all parents and carers. The policy is also on our website. We are undertaking a consultation and ask that you email us at [jwilson52.209@lgflmail.org](mailto:jwilson52.209@lgflmail.org) if you wish to make a comment about it.

## **Our new website!**

We have now launched our new website. Mrs Slattery worked very hard to ensure that the website represents all that is special about our School. There are still elements to be added and this will be a continuing piece of work for us. We would like our website to be widely used to give information and celebrate all that is happening at Holy Cross. If you haven't already done so, please take a look <https://www.holycross.lewisham.sch.uk/>

To add to the website we would love to see photographs of our wonderful children doing their online work. If you are able, please take a photograph and we will make a new gallery to add to those already on the website.

We cannot wait to see you on March 8<sup>th</sup>!

Miss Collins

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## **A message from the Aspire London Chair of Governors, Mrs Tara Nelson:**

We now find ourselves with a roadmap out of lockdown, which I am sure brings great joy to all of us. As a parent I know home schooling has had its challenges, made calmer by the school's three lessons a day allowing our household to have a structure, for which the teachers are owed a great debt of gratitude. Well done to parents too, it has been a juggling act but has also allowed the school-home partnership to be cultivated further, so let's continue this nurturing when we come back and work together as a community. The Governing Body, who 'met' just before the half term break and are kept regularly informed, would also like to extend a huge and heartfelt thank you to all the staff across the Federation who have worked so very hard in a difficult and challenging environment to provide the same level of teaching, care and support to our children no matter what the setting. All of you are an inspiration and should be extremely proud of yourselves, as we are as a Governing Body to have such dedicated staff

*“Love is the flower you've got to let grow.”*

– John Lennon