



Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 16 July 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we held our termly Pupil Progress meetings to discuss with each class teacher how well the children are achieving and what is required to help them make even greater progress. At these meetings the class teacher together with myself, Mrs Mahony as English lead, Miss Honoré as Maths lead and Mrs Tullett as our Inclusion Manager discuss each child. During the meetings this week it was lovely to hear about how well our children are doing in terms of their academic progress. It was very clear that those who are supported at home in terms of being heard to read, learning times tables and engaged in regular conversation and discussion are making the most rapid progress with their learning.

Chocolate Superstars who are Haribo Superstars today in order to avoid melting!

Each week class teachers and support staff think about all the children in their class and the effort they have made during the week. One child per class has been chosen to receive a bag of Haribos to enjoy as a celebration of going above and beyond what is expected of them. This week's wonderful children are:

Reception: Sebastian

Year 1: Adora

Year 2: Kymia

Year 3: Lucy

Year 4: Kamsi

Year 5: Grace A

Year 6: David

Well done to all of them!

Class Teachers for the next Academic Year

I am delighted today to announce our class teachers for the next academic year. All our teachers are highly skilled, enthusiastic and determined to ensure our children achieve the very best. Class teachers will be:

Nursery – Miss Panchoo

Reception – Ms Asamoah

Year 1 – Miss Stojek

Year 2 – Mrs Mole & Mrs Parr

Year 3 – Mr Cook

Year 4 – Miss Knight

Year 5 – Mr Foster

Year 6 – Miss Honore

Next week children will all have an opportunity to visit their new classroom and spend a lesson with their new teacher where they will hear all about the exciting things they will enjoy next year and also have an opportunity to ask any questions they may have.

As well as our wonderful class teachers there is also a wider team of additional teaching staff who help to support our precious children. Mrs Tullett will continue to work with some of our children individually and in small groups, Mrs Stoneham is going to focus on leading PE across our federation and Miss Bell will continue to support across different classes.

First Holy Communion

Over the next two weeks some of our children will be receiving their First Holy Communion at Holy Cross Church. Today those children went to church and received the sacrament of reconciliation with Fr Anthony so they are fully prepared for their special occasions. I would like to thank Fr

Anthony for his on going support for our School, we are very lucky to have such a wonderful and active Parish Priest.

Farewell

Next week we will be saying farewell to our fabulous Year 6 class and also to some members of staff. As we mentioned recently, Mrs Watmore will be retiring and Miss Nola is moving on to new ventures. Mrs Hawkins will also be leaving Holy Cross after eight years of teaching and supporting our Key Stage 2 children. We thank them all for their valuable and individual contributions to our lovely School. They, as all leavers, will forever remain part of the Holy Cross Family.

Year 6 Leavers' Mass

Next Tuesday at 2pm our Year 6 children will celebrate their Leavers Mass in Church. This is usually an occasion celebrated with parents, staff and the wider community however the Diocese has instructed that all end of school year Masses have a restricted congregation due to covid19. We are very fortunate that Fr Anthony has offered to stream our Leavers' Mass so that parents are able to watch and celebrate from home. The details for this live streaming are as follows:

<https://holy-cross-stream.click2stream.com>

Zoom ID: 7578777461

Password: 20212021

School Report

Please make sure that you check your children's bags today for their school report. This is an important document detailing your child's progress and conduct this year. Please read it carefully and discuss the content with your child.

Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who has returned their questionnaires. Your thoughts and views are really important to us so please complete and return your form if you haven't already done so.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for the first half of the September term will be £92.50 (37 days at £2.50) or £12.50 per week. Please make payment on Parentpay.

Holy Cross Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

The Holy Cross Beaver and Cub scout group has been meeting outside this summer term and will have spaces for new joiners to the group from September. The group meet on Mondays. Children aged 6-8 years can join Beaver Scouts who meet from 4pm to 5pm. Children aged 8-10.5 years can join Cub Scouts and they will be meeting from 5:15pm to 6:45pm. Places in the group are filling up fast and so to avoid disappointment, if your child is interested, then please contact Mrs Summerford on 07778 354712 or send an email to holycrosscatford.scouts@gmail.com to reserve your place.

Summer Reading Challenge, Wild World Heroes.

There will be a special Wild World Heroes event at Downham Library on 21 August from 12 noon with a nature-themed treasure hunt, craft activities, and more, as well as an amazing free performance from **Mama G at 2pm.**

Year 6 Cinema Evening

Thank you to our wonderful PSA for the Year 6 cinema evening after school yesterday. I know the children really enjoyed this fabulous treat with their delicious pizza! Our first and last cinema evening for this academic year was a tremendous success!

Year 6 Production

On Wednesday our lovely Year 6 had their production of 'We'll Meet Again' filmed. It will be available for all to see on the school website. The rehearsals have gone really well and I am certain you are all in for a real treat.

Covid19 update

The rate of positive Covid19 cases is once again rising rapidly across our Local Authority. There are classes closed in schools across the borough. Despite the government announcement that changes are being made to statutory guidance from Monday 19 July, schools within London will continue to operate on the existing guidance for the last week of term. We are desperate to get to the end of term without anyone becoming ill or classes needing to be closed so please do continue to take all necessary precautions. We still request that you wear a face covering when coming onto the school site. Thank you to all those who have cooperated with our requests over the last term.

REMEMBER! SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM NEXT THURSDAY

Miss Collins

*“Let us make our future now,
and let us make our dreams tomorrow’s reality.”* —Malala Yousafzai