



Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 17th September 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderfully busy week here at Holy Cross. Yesterday, Miss Collins, Mrs Ley and myself attended a course about improving Oracy within the classroom. This is something that you will be hearing about more and more over the coming year, but we want all of fabulous children to be confident and articulate speakers, and after the training we have been inspired so watch this space! Mr Foster and myself have also been lucky enough to spend some time in each of the classes this week and the children were as we expected them to be – wonderful! There was a very clam but productive atmosphere in each of the classrooms with some fantastic learning happening.

School Councillors

The children have been very busy writing and presenting manifestos to their class to be elected as the school council representative for this year. The children who were elected are:

Year 3: Kayley and Michele

Year 4: Chioma and Ebube

Year 5: Dillon U and Grace G

Year 6: Betsy and Giacomo

Congratulations to all of them and all of the children who put themselves forward for this extremely important role. Through our Unicef Assemblies this week we have been learning about how important it is for our children to have a voice, and how important it is for us, as adults, to listen to them, school council is just one way we give our children their pupil voice.

Meet the Teacher

This is an opportunity for you to virtually meet your child's teacher. Each meeting will be a ten minutes long with a few minutes at the end for questions. You will be given lots of information about what is going to happen in your child's class over the next year and information on how you can help support them as well. It would be lovely for as many of you to join these as possible. The link will be in the calendar on Teams, under your child's

year group. If you have any issues with passwords or logging on please get in touch with us before Wednesday.

4:30 Reception

4:45 Year 1

5:00 Year 2

5:15 Year 3

5:30 Year 4

5:45 Year 5

6:00 Year 6

Font

A few parents have mentioned the change of font on the newsletter. I want to explain why we have decided to change to using this particular font. This is the font that we use with the children here at Holy Cross and that we expect them to use in their writing. I understand that to begin with it does look very different to the fonts t we usually use, but I believe it is important to show the children that we value this font by using it where possible. It also gives you the parents the opportunity to see our handwriting expectations in school as well. I have made the change to the joined-up font and made it larger this week, I hope that this helps! Thank you for getting in touch though, as you know we always like to hear your views.

Head of School Awards

Chloe D in Year 4 for designing a beautiful poster for the book 'The Promise' at home.

Joseph in Year 4 for fabulous Maths work which was presented beautifully.

Finnan in Reception for being a superstar in the classroom and always helping when he is asked to.

Oisín in Year 1 for explaining the meaning of the candle being lit during RE sessions, he said 'We light the candle because Jesus is the light of the world', how well explained.

Well done to you all, I have loved seeing you all and your super work this week.

Nursery

We have finally welcomed all of our lovely youngest members of Holy Cross into our fabulous Nursery. Miss Panchoo and the Nursery Team have worked extremely hard to get

the classroom ready and are delighted to meet all of the children and their families. They have all had a wonderful time getting to know each other and have had lots of fun!

Parking

Please can I ask that parents park considerately when you are picking up or dropping off at the school. We have had several neighbours phoning the school complaining that parents are parking over their driveways. We must always be responsible role models to our children and park where there is a proper place.

Artist

Year 4 are extremely fortunate to be working with a wonderful artist for the next nine weeks. She came into school yesterday and spent some time talking to the children about different types of environmental art. The children had the opportunity to sketch their own pictures, which look wonderful. Year 4 and Miss Knight are all extremely excited about the coming weeks.

Chocolate Friday for Going Above and Beyond!

These children this week have shown true Holy Cross spirit and have gone above and beyond this week!

Reception	-	Elodie
Year 1	-	Joanne
Year 2	-	Grace
Year 3	-	Stefan
Year 4	-	Alyssa
Year 5	-	Amanda
Year 6	-	Oliver

A fantastic effort, well done to you all!

Music Curriculum: Artist of the Week

This week the children have been introduced to the work of the composer Johann Sebastian Bach. Bach was recently voted as the Greatest Composer of all time by 174 other composers! The PowerPoint is on our website, under the music tab, ready for you to look at, and to listen to a range of his inspiring music.

First Holy Communion 2022

Fr Antony has had to cancel the First Holy Communion registration meeting on 18th September. If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like them to prepare for their First Holy Communion, please collect an application form from Fr Antony after any weekend or weekday Mass. The First Holy Communion 2021/22 programme will now begin at 10am on **Saturday 2nd October** in Holy Cross church

Wellies

Mrs Downton will be leading gardening club again this year, she has asked that if you have any old wellies and no longer use them, could you send them in for the gardening club to use, they will be using them to make planters!



Pick Up Arrangements

Parents are increasingly calling the office at the end of the school day to change who is picking up their child. The office is very busy at this time, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Forde would be very grateful if these arrangements could be in place before this time.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 22nd September: Reception and Year 6 height and weight check in school

Wednesday 22nd September: Meet the Teacher, this will be held on Teams

Friday 1st October: Buddy Assembly for Reception and Year 6

Monday 4th October – Friday 8th October: Bikeability training for Year 6

Tuesday 19th October: Parents Evening from 4:30 – 7, this will be held on Teams

Thursday 21st October: Parents Evening from 3:30 – 6, this will be held on Teams

Friday 22nd October: Year 4 Class Mass at 10am in the Classroom

Remember that clubs start again next week.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Catherine Mahony

Head of School

Message from Miss Collins:

It was wonderful to see the children in Nursery and Reception this week having settled so well into their new environments. Any time spent in Early Years is such a pleasure, the children's imaginations and pure joy of life is just beautiful. The rest of the School is equally inspiring obviously and the children in Key Stages 1 and 2 have been working hard and making great strides of progress.

Some members of our School community are facing difficult times at present with the loss or the illness of a family member. Please keep our very special community in your prayers, we all know how important it is to care for one another in good times and bad.

Have a very lovely weekend. I hope that you enjoy some sunshine and time with those you love, appreciate every moment.

God bless you all.

*"When the whole world is silent,
even one voice becomes powerful."*

Malala Yousafzai

