



## Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an extremely busy week here at Holy Cross and we are delighted that the sun is still shining, just! I have been involved in lots of different meetings this week from meeting the Lewisham Headteachers, new Catholic Headteachers in our Diocese and my favourite of all - meetings with lots of Year 6 parents who have spoken to me about the Secondary Transfer process. I have loved having the opportunity to spend time with so many of the parents from Year 6.

### Rushey Green

This week we were all shocked by the sad news that a teacher at Rushey Green had been murdered. We have kept Sabina Nessa, her family, friends, and the whole of Rushey Green School in our thoughts and prayers. We sent flowers to Rushey Green from all of us at Holy Cross and offered the school our support and help during this very difficult time. It is moments like this that we must pull together as a community, and continue to offer our support and prayers to all of those affected.

### Meet the Teacher

Thank you so much to all of the families who were able to virtually meet their class teacher earlier this week. I hope you found the meetings

informative and have helped to prepare you for the year ahead. If you were unable to join the live meeting don't worry! They were all recorded and you can access these through your child's Teams account, teachers have also uploaded the PowerPoint presentations they used.

### Climate Change

There was no Unicef article last week but an encouragement to get the children to think about climate change and the affect it could have on their rights as children. We had assemblies where we thought about how we could make small changes that would help to protect the environment, these could include turning off the taps when we clean our teeth and walking instead of using the car. Just imagine if everyone in the world made one small change the amazing difference it would make!

### Head of School Awards

**Peace** in Year 3 for super Maths work and for working very hard.

Well done Peace, working hard and trying your best is extremely important.

### Chocolate Friday for Going Above and Beyond!

Reception	-	Malachi
Year 1	-	Moya
Year 2	-	Zachary
Year 3	-	Amira-Rose
Year 4	-	Alice

Year 5 - Grace G

Year 6 - Francesca

Well done to all of those who have been even more fabulous than usual this week.

### Music Curriculum: Artist of the Week

This week the children have been learning all about the composer George Frideric Handel. He composed more than forty operas in just over thirty years! His music had a strong influence on many composers including Mozart and Beethoven. The PowerPoint with some of his best pieces of music and interesting facts is available on our website under the Music section within the curriculum tab.

### Nutella

Several children are bringing in Nutella sandwiches for their lunch, please can I remind you that we are a Nut Aware school and we ask that parents do not send in food containing any nuts. Thank you!

### Harvest

As part of our Harvest Festival service, which will be held in October, we will be collecting dry goods which will be given to the Church to be used as part of a Foodbank. We will be collecting these in the classrooms over the next few weeks and ask that you send in a range of food including pasta, rice, and tins of meat and vegetables.

## Birthday Treats

At Holy Cross last year, we decided that birthdays would be celebrated without any treats being sent in. This is just a reminder we will not be giving out any sweets and cakes that come in but making sure we sing a very loud happy birthday to your children instead! Thank you for your support with this.

## Clubs

This week our wonderful afterschool clubs have restarted. We have missed having these fabulous extra-curricular activities and I think the children have as well. Just look at the fun that the Story tellers had with the amazing Mrs Warren.



There are a couple of spaces left in different clubs so please check on your ParentPay account if you would like to book them for your child.

## Space Week

This year we will be celebrating International Space Week, with an exciting competition and a special dinner. This is held in the first week in October across the globe and here at Holy Cross we will be taking part and

having lots of space fun! Children can take part by either drawing a picture or making a model on a space theme, and sending these into School by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, there will be a small prize in each class for the most cosmic entries! On Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> October there will be a spectacular space themed lunch that our fabulous kitchen staff are putting together and rocket lollies for every child on the Friday. It would be fantastic if all children were able to join us for the space themed dinner, please let the office know if you would like your child to participate.



### Parents Evening

Parents Evenings will be held on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October. These will be a ten-minute meeting with your child's teacher and will be held virtually using Teams. The link will be sent out on Monday through email and texts for you to book your meeting - remember to look out for this!

### Unicef - Rights Respecting School

Next week we will be introducing articles 28 and 29 to the children. Article 28 is a child's right to education and Article 29 is the goals of education.

We will be thinking about how every child has a right to be have an education and how the education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities. This is something that we believe is extremely important here at Holy Cross.



### Djembe drumming

We are delighted that the Year 6 class are the first class this year to be having Djembe lessons. They absolutely loved it and they sounded wonderful. Several classes, over the course of the year, will be learning this powerful instrument.



### Dates for the Diary

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October: Buddy Assembly for Reception and Year 6, and for their parents at 9:15

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October: Bikeability training for Year 6

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October: Space themed lunch

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Parents Evening from 4:30 - 7, this will be held on Teams

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October: Parents Evening from 3:30 - 6, this will be held on Teams

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: Year 4 Class Mass at 10am in their Classroom

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November: Individual and sibling photos, all day

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November: Year 6 Class Assembly at 9:15

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November: Year 5 Class Assembly at 9:15

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Christingle Service

Have a wonderful weekend,

Catherine Mahony

Head of School

### Message from Miss Collins:

Another fun filled and busy week has passed by here at Holy Cross. The children are all enjoying our curriculum and the wide range of learning offered to them. From Djembe (pronounced jem-bay) drumming, football clubs led by England international female footballers, climate change assemblies and the wonderful

buddy system enabling our youngest and oldest children to mix excitedly and learn from each other, we are all thoroughly enjoying this academic year.

As Mrs Mahony has mentioned, our thoughts and prayers this week are with the Rushey Green School community following the tragic news of last weekend. We have offered the School our love and support at this heartbreaking time. Sabina Nessa, rest in peace.

*“I have learned you are never too small to make a difference”*

*Greta Thunberg*

