



## Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 3 September 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

It has been wonderful to see all of the children back in school this week, looking so smart in their uniforms, excited and ready to learn. It has been a joy to go into the classrooms and talk to the children about what they have enjoyed doing during the summer and what they are looking forward to this coming year. It has been made even more delightful that we are able to return to our regular school day timings of 8.55 start and 3.15 finish for children in Reception to Year 6.

### Prayers

Thank you to all the parents who have been able to join us for prayers in the morning at 8.45, and an even bigger thank you to the fabulous children who have helped to lead them. Please do join us each morning, it is a lovely way to start the day.

### Uniform

Here at Holy Cross it is always such a pleasure to see the pride our children take in looking so smart in their uniforms, showing they are part of the wonderful Holy Cross community. Please can I ask that children continue to wear black shoes, tie back hair that is shoulder length or longer and ensure earrings are removed.

### Dinners

We are delighted with the range of food that is being provided by our new catering company, Caterlink. If you are in Key Stage 2 the cost of dinners for this half term is £2.50 a day, payable in advance or £92.50 to the October half term, this needs to be paid via ParentPay. Meal choices need to be made for the whole half term. If you choose to send your child in with a packed lunch please can you remember that we are a healthy school and lunches need to reflect this.

### School fund

Every year we ask for an annual contribution of £20 per family school fund. We use these funds to provide lovely extras for the children and improve our school environment.

### Chocolate Friday

We are delighted to announce that Chocolate Fridays will be resuming next Friday with a child from each class receiving a sweet treat for going above and beyond!

### Thank you

On a personal note I wanted to say a great big thank you to all of the staff here at Holy Cross. We spent Wednesday in school having training, and the staff were extremely lovely to me as it was my very first one! They enthusiastically participated in all of the activities and are brimming with new and exciting ideas for our fabulous school.

Have a lovely weekend,

Catherine Mahony  
Head of School

### A message from Miss Collins

Welcome back to our wonderful Holy Cross community, or if you are joining us for the first time, a very warm welcome to you! I hope you enjoyed a relaxing and fun summer break spending time with family and friends.

It was lovely to see the children returning to School on Wednesday. There was a lovely sense of calm about the School as the children settled into new classes and got to know their teacher and learn about all the excitement to come.

Mrs Mahony has taken up her role as Head of School and so I have returned to my job as Executive Headteacher of our federation, Aspire London. I know that Mrs Mahony will do a fabulous job and can be assured of your support and cooperation as always. I will be at Holy Cross each week on a Wednesday and a Thursday as well as the occasional Friday!

I am certain that this is going to be yet another great year for Holy Cross and I look forward to all the fun and excitement

ahead. We hope and pray for a year undisturbed by Covid19 but we know that we still need to be cautious and careful, I thank you in advance for your support with this. We are planning to return to our pre pandemic routines gradually and safely though some new ways will remain - split playtimes for upper and lower KS2 enable the children to have far more space to play for example.

Have a wonderful weekend, I wonder if the sun will come out now that we are back at School?!!

Look who's back!

Floss the school dog will be coming back into school on some days, keep your eyes peeled!



*"You're off to great places!  
Today is your day!  
Your mountain is waiting, so  
get on your way!"*  
- Dr Seuss