



Holy Cross School Newsletter
Friday 16th September 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday the School will be closed for the Queen's State funeral. We are currently living through events that will be remembered in History and I would encourage you to talk to your children about this, as well as watching some of the events happening over the weekend together.

"It's worth remembering that it is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change"

Queen Elizabeth II

Head Boy and Head Girl

We are delighted to announce that our Head Boy for this term is Giacomo and our Head Girl is Gracie N. I know that they will be fabulous role models and ambassadors for our School.

Medical Updates

A letter has been sent out to you all regarding updating up any medical records. It is extremely important that you read this and act upon it if necessary.

Polio Vaccination

Children aged 1 to 9 years old in London are being offered a dose of polio vaccine. For some children this may be an extra dose on top of their routine vaccinations. In other children it may bring them up to date with their routine vaccinations. Lewisham Hospital is offering children the polio vaccine. Polio can be very serious, and the vaccine will boost children's protection. Parents can book an appointment for their child by completing this form via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/bde8m2z8>

Vaccination Support

On Tuesday the School nurse will also be available for you to speak to, in School, regarding advise on all children's vaccinations and how to register your child on line for these. Please speak to the nurse if you have any questions or need support.

Catford Island

Please see the statement form the Catford Island Team:

“We have taken the difficult decision to postpone the planned exhibition event on Saturday (September 17th) due to the national period of mourning. The exhibition will now take place on Saturday September 24th at the Corbett Community Library (Torridon Rd, London SE6 1RQ) from 10AM-2PM.”

Choir

Choir will start on Wednesday 21st September at 8:30am in the music room. It is open to all children in Years 4, 5 and 6. Children need to attend on a regular basis. Please ensure Mrs Slattery or Mrs Forde has the names of any children wishing to attend.

Home School Communication

All children from Years 1 to 6 have planners and in Reception Class they have reading records. These are a wonderful way of communication between home and School, in regards to homework, reading, but also if there is a change to who is picking up your child or how they are going home you can write this information in the planner as well.

Jeans for Genes

Remember, next Friday, 23rd September, we will be wearing our Jeans to support this wonderful charity, who help some of the most vulnerable. We ask that children make a £1 donation on this day.

Meet the Teacher

On Wednesday we will be holding our annual Meet the Teacher meetings in the classrooms. The meetings will be 15 minutes long and will be held at:

Reception: 4:30pm
Year 1: 4:45pm
Year 2: 5:00pm
Year 3: 5:15pm

Year 4: 5:30pm
Year 5: 5:45pm
Year 6: 6:00pm

We will also be having a tasting session, from 4:30pm in the hall, being run by Caterlink, our catering company. They will be providing samples of food and will be able to answer any questions that you might have.

New Nursery Children

This week some of our fabulous Nursery children have begun their learning journey with us at Holy Cross. It has been delightful to see the children settling so well and all playing together. We are looking forward to the remaining children starting over the next few weeks.

Secondary Transfer

It has been lovely to meet with some of the Year 6 parents to discuss Secondary School options. If you would like to meet with me please make an appointment at the Office. Please speak to myself or Mrs Forde in the office if you have any other questions.

Head of School Awards

Savannah in Year 6 for a fabulous letter completed for homework, written to William from Goodnight Mr Tom. It was so realistically done that I thought it was actually 80 years old! Well done Savannah!

Book Bingo

I had the pleasure of spending time with these amazing children talking about their learning, they were all absolutely delightful!

Reception- Elizabeth-Mia

Year 1 - Ally

Year 2 - Maison

Year 3 - Nicole

Year 4 - Charlene

Year 5 - Patrick

Year 6 - Amanda

Mini Vinnies – Year 5 to Mass

If you have a child in Year 5 and they are able to help with the fundraising coffee morning after the 9am on Sunday 25th September please could you write a note in your child's planner

next week. This is to celebrate the feast of St Vincent de Paul, and SVP month.

UNICEF: Rights Respecting School



The Convention on the Rights of the Child brings together a range of rights that all children aged under 18 are entitled to, no matter who they are or where they are born. These rights ensure that all children are given the support they need to develop and reach their potential and are protected from harm. Next week we will be looking at: **Article 1**, which makes clear that everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention; **Article 4**, which states that governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights; and **Article 41** which states that if a country has laws and standards that go further than the present Convention, then the country must keep these laws.

These are some questions that you could speak to your children about over the weekend. How do children get to **enjoy their rights** in the UK? What does Government do to make this happen?

Lunchtime/Afterschool Clubs and Music Tuition

All lunchtime/afterschool clubs and music tuition start next week with the exception of guitar tuition that has started today, and coding club which will start the following week. We still have a few spaces in Hockey, Junior Football, Senior Football, Wednesday and Thursday Storytelling, Brass and Violin. You can pay for clubs and music tuition via your ParentPay account. If you would like your child to go on a club waiting list then please see either Mrs Slattery or the School Office. A club timetable is

attached to this week's Newsletter for information on finishing times. Children are allowed to bring a small healthy snack to have before the start of their club and children attending sports clubs can bring in appropriate sports clothing to change into. All children should be collected from the main school entrance with the exception of Art Club. These children should be collected from the Year 2 classroom.

Chocolate Friday for Going Above and Beyond!

This week the children who have gone above and beyond are:

Reception- Tania

Year 1 - Michelle

Year 2 - Eliza

Year 3 - Edie

Year 4 - Melanie

Year 5 - Tabitha

Year 6 - Benedict

Congratulations to them all.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Catherine Mahony
Head of School

Message from Miss Collins:

Another wonderful week passes by at Holy Cross! The children seem extremely well settled into their new classes and on my learning walks around the School I can see how well they are working and the pleasing progress they are making. It has also been a delight to see the increasing numbers of people at morning prayers. This is such a special way for our community to start each day, simple but beautiful. It always warms my heart.

Next week we have our Meet the Teacher event on Wednesday evening and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for this important meeting at the start of the academic year. Have a good weekend.

Dates for the diary:

21.9.22	Meet the Teacher
23.9.22	Jeans for Genes Day
28.9.22	Buddy Assembly – 9:15am
30.9.22	Mass at St George's for the GIFT Team
3.10.22	Start of Black History Month
5.10.22	Reception and Year 6 – height and weight check
6.10.22	National Poetry Day
12.10.22	Year 4 Class Mass 10am
18.10.22	Parents Evening – 5 – 7:30pm
20.10.22	Parent's Evening – 3:30 – 6pm
1.11.22	All Saints – Whole School Mass 9:15am
9.11.22	Year 6 Class Assembly – 9:15am
16.11.22	Year 5 Class Assembly – 9:15am
2.12.22	Christingle - Friday 2 nd December
12.12.22	KS1 Nativity at 10am and 2pm
19.12.22	EYFS Nativity 10am KS2 Carols in the Church at 6:30
21.12.22	School finishes at 2pm

Clubs and Music Tuition Timetable

Day	Club	Year
Monday	KS1 Computer Club	Rec – Year 2
	Multi Sports Club	Year 1 - 2
	Piano Lessons	Year 3 – 6 (30 minute session)
Tuesday	Violin Tuition	Year 3 – 6 (30 minute session)
	Art Club	Rec – Year 2
	Junior Football Club	Year 3 & 4
	Netball Club	Year 3 - 6
	Piano Lessons	Year 3 – 6 (30 minute session)
Wednesday	Choir	Year 4 - 6
	Gardening Club	Rec – Year 6
	Hockey Club	Year 4 - 6
	Piano lessons	Year 3 – 6 (30 minute session)
	Storytelling Club	Year 2 - 3
Thursday	Brass Tuition	Year 3 – 6 (30 minute session)
	Cheerleading Club	Year 3 - 6
	Coding Club	Year 3 - 6
	Senior Football Club	Year 5 & 6
	Storytelling Club	Rec – Year 1
Friday	KS2 Computer Club	Year 3 - 6
	Guitar Tuition	Year 3 – 6 (30 minute session)

