



## Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is incredible to think that we are nearly at the end of the Autumn term, where has the time gone? The children have achieved so much over the last few months and had some fabulous experiences. It has been wonderful to have had all the usual Christmas fun and activities, it is a joy to hear singing and laughter all around the School.

### KSI Nativity - BaaRmy Bethlehem

This week our amazing KSI children performed their Nativity to parents and carers. It was an incredibly joyful occasion; the message the children gave was to celebrate the birth of Jesus and they certainly did! The children were absolutely fantastic, they had a lot to remember from lines to songs but they were word perfect! My thanks to all the staff involved, especially Mrs Byrne, Mrs Parr, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Ley.



## EYFS Performance

On Monday our wonderful EYFS will be performing *Whoops a Daisy Angel* at 10am. I have had a sneaky peek of the performance and it is wonderful. If your child is in Nursery and does not usually attend on Monday's, they are more than welcome to join us at 9.15am in time for the performance.

## A Christmas Celebration

Monday evening will be our annual KS2 Christmas celebration. This is such a special occasion and it is made even more wonderful being held in the Church. The celebration brings all four classes together through carols, readings and prayers. The performance begins at 6.30pm so children must be back in School by 6pm.

## Christmas Dinner

Yesterday, we had a fabulous Christmas Dinner, the children had so much fun, with turkey, crackers and party hats all round! The kitchen staff worked so incredibly hard to ensure that it was a huge success, we are blessed to have such a fabulous team supporting us.



### Christmas Charity

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Christmas charity, the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity, so far this year. This is a charity that is very close to our hearts here at Holy Cross, they do an amazing job supporting families at extremely difficult times. Money can be given in cash through the sale of the Christmas stamps, or after our productions, or you can contribute on ParentPay if you prefer.

### Carol Singing

Today some of our Year 5 and 6 children went carol singing for the Hummingbird's at St Laurence's Church. The children were fabulous and sang beautifully. It was lovely to see the joy that our children bring to the local community.

### Christmas Party

On Tuesday each class will be holding a Christmas Party. Children can wear their own clothes for the day, which can be Christmassy! We are hoping that a special guest will also be making an appearance!

### Book Bingo

This week I had the pleasure of spending time with these children:

Nursery - Henio

Reception - Remo

Year 1 - Kyrie

Year 2 - Michelle

Year 3 - Henry

Year 4 - Sienna

Year 5 - Faith

Year 6 - Gabriella

You were all fabulous, well done!

### Head of School Awards

Eliza in Year 2 for fabulous Maths work and knowing her number bonds so well!

Emmanuella in Year 3 for being so amazing and working hard on her spellings!

Congratulations to you all!

### Chocolate Friday for Going Above and Beyond!

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

Reception - Joseph

Year 1 - Lily

Year 2 - Emilija

Year 3 - Asbon

Year 4 - Stefan

Year 5 - Chloe D

Year 6 - Crystal

Well done to all you superstars!

We've had a very cold and snowy start to the week and it still very icy, so take care and stay as warm as you can. I look forward to seeing you next week for the last few days of term,

Catherine Mahony  
Head of School

### Message from Miss Collins:

What wonderful week it has been here at Holy Cross, Nativities and Christmas lunch to name but a few of our festive celebrations! The children are excited and enthused by all the fun we share at this special time of year, it is a truly magical time to be in a primary school I have to say.

Next week we have our Key Stage 2 Carol Concert on Monday evening which I am very much looking forward to and then we all look forward to a good rest!

At this time of year we are always reminded to think of others.

This year however, even more than ever, there is so much difficulty, worry and stress for so many people I think we all need to make sure that we live the true spirit of Christmas and show kindness and compassion to all.

Wrap up warm this weekend, there is still ice and snow about!

### Dates for the diary:

19.12.22	EYFS Nativity 10am KS2 Carols in the Church at 6:30
21.12.22	School finishes at 2pm

9.1.23	School returns from 8.45am
11.1.23	Geography Day
13.1.23	Holy Cross School's Birthday! Children to attend Mass at 9.15am
24.1.23	Young Voices Concert
27.1.23	Year 1 Class Assembly 9.15am
30.1.23	Start of Other Faiths Week
8.2.23	Safer Internet Day Year 5 Class Mass 10am
10.2.23	Academic Review Day
20.2.23	School returns from 8.45am
21.2.23	Pancake Race
22.2.23	Ash Wednesday
27.2.23	Start of English Week Bikeability for Year 6
2.3.23	World Book Day
3.3.23	Year 6 Class Mass 10am
14.3.23	Mini Vinnie's Commissioning Mass - at St Augustine's 10.15am
16.3.23	Science Day
29.3.23	Passion Play 6.30pm
31.3.23	School finishes at 2pm