



Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 19th April 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see the children back in School this week, we have a busy, action packed term ahead of us. As we are now in the Summer term, even though it has felt more like Winter, children must now come to School wearing their summer uniforms. The uniform requirements are on our website, if you have any difficulties sourcing any clothing please come and speak to Mrs Forde in the School Office.

Earth Day



On Monday it is Earth Day, the theme for this year is Planet vs Plastics. In School we will be thinking about small changes we could all make

to look after God's amazing world. One of our significant people is Greta Thunberg, and in her words "No one is too small to make a difference". What small change could you make?

Head Boy and Head Girl

Each term two children from Year 6 are given the responsibility of representing the School as Head Boy and Head Girl, they are voted for by all of the staff in the School. I am delighted to announce that Francis and Alyssa will be our new Head Boy and Head Girl. I know that they will do a fantastic job. I would like to thank Victor and Lucy for all the hard work they did in their role last term.

Year 1 Library Trip



Year 1 went to Torrington Library yesterday. They had a wonderful story session linked to their humanities topic about Explorers. The children were all very excited to choose a book to bring back to School. The trip finished with a nature walk and picnic at Culverley Green, where the sun was shining! Thank you to all the parents and carers who accompanied the children and made this trip possible.

School Photographs

On Wednesday 24th April, we will be having class photographs taken in School. All children from Reception to Year 5 must be wearing their Summer uniform. Children in Nursery who do not usually attend on a Wednesday are welcome into School for 9am and we will ensure that Nursery have their picture taken first. Parents of these children must wait while the photograph is being taken and then take the children home afterwards.

Playground Equipment

Please can I remind you that children should not use the climbing apparatus in the playgrounds before or after School. This includes the equipment in the Reception playground, KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. Our insurance does not cover accidents outside of School or Nursery hours. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Composer of the Week: Samuel Coleridge-Taylor



This week, we have been celebrating the remarkable achievements of Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, a pioneering composer who left an indelible

mark on the world of classical music. Born in London in 1875, Coleridge-Taylor rose to prominence as a composer, conductor, and professor, despite facing racial prejudice in his lifetime. His most famous work, the cantata "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast," garnered widespread acclaim and remains a beloved classic to this day. Coleridge-Taylor's compositions often drew inspiration from African and British musical traditions, showcasing his unique artistic voice and cultural heritage. Through his music, he broke barriers and paved the way for future generations of Black composers.

You can learn more about the composers that we are exploring in school by visiting the Music section of the school website.

Book Bingo

I had the pleasure of spending time with these amazing children and sharing their fabulous learning,

Reception	-	Angel
Year 1	-	Blaise
Year 2	-	Malachi
Year 3	-	Leonardo
Year 4	-	Zara
Year 5	-	Nicholas
Year 6	-	Matty

Well done to you all, you should be very proud of your wonderful learning!

UNICEF Rights Respecting School



This week, we delved into the rich history of UNICEF and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, reflecting on its evolution since its birth in 1946 and the very first declaration for children's rights in 1959. From the original ten principles to addressing contemporary issues like digital technology and climate change, UNICEF continues to champion the rights and well-being of children globally.

As part of our UNICEF homework, children are tasked with creating a new Article 55, focusing on a concern relevant to them and other children in today's world. Maybe it could be an article emphasising the right to a safe and healthy digital environment, advocating for the right to education on climate change and sustainable living practices, or about mental health support and the importance of emotional well-being in today's fast-paced world.

Chocolate Award for Going Above and Beyond

Reception	-	Noah
Year 1	-	Osinachi
Year 2	-	Kyle
Year 3	-	Timaeus
Year 4	-	Isabella

Year 5 - Poppy

Year 6 - Francis

Well done to all of you for being superstars this week!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

Catherine Mahony

Head of School

Message from Miss Collins:

It was lovely to see everyone back in School this week. I hope that you all enjoyed a lovely Easter break and had some time to rest and relax. The children have all returned to School with their usual determination to achieve the very best they can. They are working hard and showing all the enthusiasm and positivity we expect of Holy Cross children.

You may have seen me smiling a little more than usual recently and this is because I am delighted to have my trusty sidekick Mrs Jean Wilson back in the School Office with me! Mrs Wilson has agreed to come out of retirement for another year at Holy Cross. She will be with us two days per week until summer 2025. I am eternally grateful for her hard work and support.

Have a lovely weekend everyone, any marathon runners out there?

24.4.24	Class Photo Day
26.4.24	Year 1 Class Assembly at 9.15am

1.5.24	Year 5 Class Mass at 10am
17.5.24	Year 2 Class Trip to the Ragged Museum
24.5.24	Crowning of Mary at 2pm led by Year 3
27.5.24	Start of Half Term
3.6.24	Inset Day
4.6.24	Schools starts at 8.45am
12.6.24	Year 6 Theatre Trip
19.6.24	Reception Class Assembly at 9.15am
28.6.24	Year 3 Class Mass Big Summer Sing
4.7.24	Year 1 and 2 Beach Trip
16.7.24	Year 6 Performance at 6.30am
22.7.24	Leavers Mass at 1.45pm
23.7.24	School finishes at 2pm