



Holy Cross School Newsletter

Friday 5th July 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a difference a day makes! From glorious sunshine yesterday to grey and rain today! Overnight, also marks a historic day for the United Kingdom, with the General Election result. It is always really important for our children to understand democracy and that they are witnessing history in the making. I hope you were able to take your children with you to the polling station, so they have a better understanding of the right to vote, and that every vote really does count!



PSA Summer Party

Today we are holding the PSA Summer Party. Each class has done a fabulous job of organising different stalls and activities. It is wonderful to see the School community come together in this way. I know, that despite the weather, it will be a huge success and we will have lots of

fun! Thank you to everyone who has donated items and food, and helped to set up and man the stalls!

Mrs Spencer

This week we said goodbye to Mrs Spencer. Mrs Spencer has been working at Holy Cross for the last two years alongside Mr Foster. She has been a wonderful addition to the School but she has decided that now is the right time to retire and spend time with her lovely grandchildren. I have known Mrs Spencer for many years, worked alongside her in several local Catholic schools, and witnessed the impact that she has had on many, many children. On a personal note I would just like to thank Mrs Spencer for the love and care that she has shown towards all the colleagues who have worked alongside her, myself included! Enjoy your time Marianne!

Year 6 Trip

Yesterday, Year 6 went to a cricket festival at Beckenham Cricket Club. They joined with several other local Schools to take part in different activities as well as watching the match. I know that they all had a wonderful time and we might even produce some future cricket stars from Holy Cross!

Sports Week

Next week at Holy Cross it is sports week. This means that children need to come to School every day wearing their PE kit. They have different sporting activities arranged, from inter house competitions to supporting the Diamond Club with their sports day. I am looking forward to the EYFS Sports Day on Tuesday at 2pm and the Sports Day for Years 1-

6 on Wednesday, which will be held at Abbotshall. Thank you to Mrs Stoneham for organising the entire week.

Beach Trip



Yesterday, the sun shone for our Year 1 and 2 children as they had a day at the seaside. They had a fabulous time, building sandcastles, paddling in the sea and playing beach games. Everyone had an amazing time, and my thanks to all the parents and carers who supported on this trip, especially those who braved the water!



Wrap Around Care

Thank you to everyone who responded to the wrap around care letter. We are currently collating the results and we be in touch shortly with more information.

Year 3 and 4 Theatre Trip



Today, Year 3 and 4 went to the Broadway Theatre for a wonderful musical experience by Catapluf. They had an amazing time, and were taken on a musical journey which included samba, jazz and audience participation. Going to the Theatre is always a special occasion and I know that the experience of seeing an orchestra live was fantastic for them. Thank you to all the parents and carers who accompanied the children on the trip.

First Holy Communion Application Forms

Please see the message regarding First Holy Communion:

If your child will be in Year 3 from September 2024 (7-8 years), and you feel your child is ready to prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist, you are invited to see Fr Antony to get your application form. Confirmation application forms are also available for young people in year 8 and above. You may see Fr Antony after any of the weekday Masses (9.15am) or from 3pm or 5pm on Fridays when he has the parish surgery (you will need to check the newsletter or call the parish office 0208 698 3672 for the time).

International Week

We will be holding our annual International Week from the 15th to the 19th July. This is always a wonderful celebration of the different cultures and heritages that make the Holy Cross community so special. We are inviting all parents and carers to join with us. You could read a story, help with some cooking or even teach the children some songs from your childhood. Please speak to your child's teacher if you are able to volunteer.

Composer of the Week: Giuseppe Verdi



This week, we were thrilled to feature Giacomo Puccini as our Composer of the Week. Born in Italy in 1858, Puccini is renowned for his masterful operas that have captivated audiences worldwide. His works, such as "La Bohème," "Tosca," and "Madame Butterfly," are celebrated for their beautiful melodies, emotional depth, and dramatic intensity. Puccini's ability to convey profound human emotions through his music has made his operas timeless classics.

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

Book Bingo

It was a pleasure to spend time talking to these children about their learning, what superstars!

Reception	-	Divainya
Year 1	-	Eireann
Year 2	-	Shaji
Year 3	-	Jarreldon
Year 4	-	David
Year 5	-	Tyler
Year 6	-	Valen

Head of School Awards

Sebastian, Santiago and Jason in Year 3 for amazing double page spreads all about the Romans.

Well done to you all!

Early Help Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join the coffee morning on Monday. It was well attended and I know that it was really informative. There will be another Early Help coffee morning in the new academic year.

UNICEF Rights Respecting School



This week, in celebration of the NHS's birthday, our UNICEF Rights Respecting School work focused on the importance of the National

Health Service. Linking to relevant UNICEF Articles, such as Article 24, which emphasizes the right to the highest attainable standard of health, children learned about the formation of the NHS and its vital role in providing healthcare to everyone in the UK. They explored the reasons why the NHS is important to them and how it has impacted their lives and the lives of their families.

For homework, children are encouraged to create a poster celebrating the work of the NHS. This activity will help them express their appreciation for the healthcare system and recognise the dedication and hard work of NHS staff. Let's celebrate and honour the NHS's incredible contributions to our society.

Chocolate Award for Going Above and Beyond

Reception	-	Divainya
Year 1	-	Blaise
Year 2	-	Paari
Year 3	-	Jasmine
Year 4	-	Mazin
Year 5	-	Gabriel
Year 6	-	Patrick

Well done to you all!!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Catherine Mahony
Head of School

Message from Miss Collins:

What an eventful week it has been - at Holy Cross and in the UK in general! Holy Cross has been busy and the children have been working hard and preparing for the many different events and activities they enjoy as the end of the academic year approaches. The UK has been busy voting in the general election and we now have a new Prime Minister! I do hope that you have shared the excitement of a general election with your children and encouraged them to take part in the democratic process as they grow up. We teach them this through the various roles we offer at Holy Cross from School Council to Head Boy and Girl and help them to understand and take part in elections on a small scale. I am very much hoping that a new Prime Minister will result in fairer and more manageable funding for our lovely School! I look forward to seeing many of you at the PSA Summer Party later. Have a wonderful weekend!

8.7.24	Sports Week begins, PE kits to be worn all week
9.7.24	EYFS Sports Day from 2pm in the KSI playground
10.7.24	Sports Day for Year 1 to Year 6 at Abbotshall
16.7.24	Year 6 Performance at 6.30pm
22.7.24	Leavers Mass at 1.45pm
23.7.24	School finishes at 2pm