



Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 13th September 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome all of our children from Nursery and Reception class into Holy Cross, it feels like we are finally complete and ready for the year ahead. It is always a joy to see the Year 6 children supporting their Buddies in Reception class, helping them to settle in by reading to them and playing with them. On Wednesday 25th September, we will be holding our Buddy Assembly where Year 6 will be introducing their Buddies to the School, this is always such a special occasions and parents and carers from Reception Class and Year 6 are welcome to join with us, just remember to bring your tissues!



Ready, Respectful and Responsible

At Holy Cross we expect all children to be Ready for learning, Respectful towards others, and Responsible for their actions. As a School we have decided to move away from 'Good to be Green' as a method to support behaviour, this does not mean however, that our expectations have been lowered. We continue to have extremely high behavioural expectations and instead will focus on positive behaviour. Research shows that a child will repeat a behaviour if it is being rewarded. In each class we have a superstar board, which if the children are demonstrating ready, respectful or responsible behaviour, then their name goes on the star. At the end of each day every child on the star gets a round of applause from their class mates. Please ask your child if they have made it on the 'superstar' board today!

Head Pupils

Since we returned to School last week staff have been busy voting for two children from Year 6 who will be our Head Pupils for this term. We are looking for children who are consistently ready, respectful and responsible. I am delighted to announce that for the Autumn term our Head Pupils are Kayley and Stefan. Well done to you both, I know you will be amazing ambassadors for our School.

Free School Meals

Free School meals is different to the universal free school meals that all children from Reception Class to Year 6 are entitled to. If you receive certain benefits then your child might be entitled to Free School Meals. Children entitled to free school meals are offered a range of benefits in School from a free extra-curricular club, and music lessons amongst

other things. Parents currently also receive shopping vouchers during the holidays. Please check online to see if you are eligible.

Uniform

Thank you for your support with our Uniform expectations, the children look so smart as they come into School each morning.

Composer of the Week: Johann Sebastian Bach



This week, we were delighted to feature Johann Sebastian Bach as our Composer of the Week. Born in 1685, Bach is widely regarded as one of the greatest composers in the history of classical music. His remarkable talent for combining intricate harmonies and expressive melodies has left an indelible mark on the world of music. Bach's works, such as "The Well-Tempered Clavier," "Brandenburg Concertos," and "Mass in B Minor," showcased his extraordinary skill in composing for a wide range of instruments and voices. As we explored Bach's music, students had the opportunity to appreciate the complexity, beauty, and timelessness of his compositions, which continue to inspire musicians and listeners around the globe.

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

Meet the Teacher

On Wednesday 25th September 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: 3:30pm

Year 1: 3:45pm

Year 2: 4:00pm

Year 3: 4:15pm

Year 4: 4:30pm

Year 5: 4:45pm

Year 6: 5:00pm

These meetings will give an overview of what will be taught and other information about the year ahead. They are really informative meetings and I look forward to welcoming you into our wonderful school. For your convenience there will be creche for the time of your meeting.

Jeans for Genes

Please remember that next Friday, 20th September, we will be wearing our jeans to support Jeans for Genes. This is an amazing charity, who help children and adults with life altering genetic conditions by working on scientific research to further treatment and help. We ask that children make a £1 donation on this day, this can be paid on ParentPay.

Swimming

Year 4 started their swimming lessons this week, and they all did brilliantly! Mrs Parr was extremely impressed with every child and thinks we might have some future Olympic stars in the class!

Head of School Awards

Benjamin in Year 1 for wonderful recall of his number bonds in Maths.

Chocolate Friday for Going Above and Beyond

Well done to these superstars who have gone above and beyond this week in School. They have a very special treat of a delicious chocolate bar, just remember not to eat it all at once!

Reception:	Lily
Year 1:	Olivia
Year 2:	Uchechi
Year 3:	Joshua
Year 4:	Timaeus
Year 5:	Zachary
Year 6:	Tyler

UNICEF Rights Respecting School



This week, we explored the UNICEF Rights of the Child articles and discussed the ones that are most relevant and important to our class. After thoughtful discussions, we selected key articles to create our own class UNICEF Charters. Some of the rules classes have established include respecting everyone's right to an education, ensuring every child feels safe and protected in school, encouraging freedom of expression, and treating everyone equally and without discrimination.

For homework, children are tasked with creating a poster to display in class, showcasing the UNICEF articles they feel are most important to their class charter. This is a great opportunity for children to express their understanding of the rights and help promote these values in our school community.

Secondary Transfer

Please make an appointment to discuss your secondary transfer options with either myself or Miss Collins. There will also be more information during the Meet the Teacher meeting on the 25th September.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, let's hope the sunshine continues into next week!

Catherine Mahony
Head of School

Message from Miss Collins:

Another lovely week at Holy Cross comes to a close. The children are all settled into their new classes and are acquiring a wide range of roles of responsibility from Head Pupils to School Councillors, GIFT team members and many more. It is wonderful to see the children enjoying these leadership roles, they help them to feel empowered and also give them great experiences which may inspire them for future roles in their life.

The weather has not been kind this week but the children still go outside each playtime and lunchtime so it is important that they bring a raincoat with them each day. At lunchtime the children have the opportunity to use both playgrounds in School and mix with children from across the

School. It is heart warming to see the older children playing so nicely with the younger children and being fabulous role models for them - true Holy Cross style!

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and enjoy time with your precious children. Believe me, they grow up very quickly, enjoy every minute with them and never forget how blessed you are.

Dates for the diary:

18.9.24	Year 6 to Catford Broadway
20.9.24	Jeans for Genes day
21.9.24	International Day of Peace
25.9.24	Buddy Assembly at 9.15am Meeting the Teacher meetings from 3.30pm
4.10.24	Year 4 Class Mass at 10am
15.10.24	Parents Evening 5-7:30pm
17.10.24	Parents Evening 3:30-6pm
21.10.24	Harvest Liturgy at 2pm
28.10.24	Start of the half term
4.11.24	Children back to School at 8.45am
13.11.24	Year 5 Class Assembly at 9.15am
15.11.24	Flu injections for Reception - Year 6
20.11.24	Year 6 Class Assembly at 9.15am
20.12.24	School finishes at 2pm for Christmas