



Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 27th September 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have certainly seen a shift in the weather this week with much colder and some very, very wet weather! Please could you ensure that you send your child into school with a coat each day as the weather can be very changeable. At Holy Cross we recognise the importance of being outdoors and getting some fresh air; we love and appreciate being able to play and learn outside in all weathers!

Buddy Assembly



On Wednesday, we had a wonderful assembly involving Year 6 and Reception Class. This was a very special assembly where we were introduced to the lovely new Reception Class children by their amazing Year 6 buddies. It is such a wonderful way to welcome the new children and their families into our School family. You could see very special relationships that have already been formed between the two classes. I

would like to thank Mr Foster, Ms Asamoah and Mrs Ley for all their hard work in preparing the children so well.

Breck Foundation Parent Online Session



On Monday 30th September we are offering parents and carers a valuable opportunity. We have secured a session with The Breck Foundation which focuses on the importance of online safety. This is a vitally important session for all our parents and carers however old the children are. Please join us for this information session from 6pm until 7pm using the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81298989685?pwd=eh5oAimQWNKHvrmBTGWbW6Slb5mdLLI>

Meeting ID: 812 9898 9685

Passcode: 736650

Black History Month



Next Tuesday, on the 1st October, we will start celebrating Black History Month. The children will have a range of different lessons and activities linked to the theme, which this year is 'reclaiming the narrative'. If you

would like to come into School and share something about your culture or heritage, please speak to the class teacher to confirm your preferred day of the week and time. This could involve anything from teaching the children a song, to cooking and tasting food, as well as dancing and stories. Many thanks for your support with this.

Jeans for Genes

Thank you to everyone who was so generous in their donations. To date we have raised £95 for a very special charity, there is still the opportunity to donate on ParentPay if you wish to.

Start of the New School Mass



Yesterday, the GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) team, had the opportunity to go to St George's Cathedral to celebrate the start of the School year with a Mass. There were children from across the Diocese who came together for this special occasion. It was a wonderful celebration to be a part of.

Rosary

As October is the month of the Holy Rosary, we will be praying the full Rosary every Friday throughout the month. This will begin next week at 8.30am in the hall. It is such a wonderful way to come together as a community and one of the best ways to begin your day.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who attended the Meet the Teacher meetings on Wednesday. I hope that you found the information given about the year ahead helpful and informative.

Parents Evening

Booking for parents evening is open and many appointments have been filled. Please contact the office if you are having any issues with the online system.

Composer of the Week: Franz Joseph Haydn



This week, we have been exploring the life and music of Joseph Haydn, our Composer of the Week. Known as the "Father of the Symphony" and "Father of the String Quartet," Haydn was a pivotal figure in the development of classical music during the 18th century. His works are full of creativity, charm, and wit, with famous pieces like the "Surprise Symphony" and "The Creation" leaving a lasting legacy. Haydn's

compositions laid the groundwork for future composers such as Mozart and Beethoven.

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

Harvest Festival

On Monday 21st October, we will be holding our Harvest Festival in Holy Cross Church. All parents are welcome to join us for this celebration. Please could you send in donations of dried goods, including pasta and rice, or tinned goods. The food collected will be donated to the local Foodbank, supported by the Parish.

Secondary Transfer

For the parents and carers in Year 6, if you would like to discuss your secondary transfer options with either myself or Miss Collins please make an appointment to meet with us. The deadline for applications is the 31st October.

Special Dinner Menu

Next Thursday, we will be offering the children a very special lunch menu. More details will be sent out detailing the fabulous dinner shortly. Please let the office know if you would like a dinner and usually have a packed lunch, there is no cost to children in Reception to Year 6, for Nursery children the cost will be £3.

Chocolate Friday for Going Above and Beyond

Well done to all of these wonderful children who have gone above and beyond this week in School.

Reception: Mila
Year 1: Otto
Year 2: Valentina
Year 3: Anita
Year 4: Michelle
Year 5: Luca
Year 6: Sam

UNICEF Rights Respecting School



This week, as part of our UNICEF Rights Respecting School focus, we celebrated European Language Day during our assembly. We explored the wide variety of languages spoken within our school community, highlighting the importance of cultural diversity. This celebration linked to Article 7 and Article 8 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which emphasize every child's right to a name, nationality, and cultural identity.

For homework, children are invited to create a poster celebrating a culture that is important to them. They can share key aspects such as traditions, language, or special customs, helping to promote a deeper understanding and appreciation of the rich cultural diversity that makes our school community so special. We look forward to seeing their creative work!

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend,

Catherine Mahony

Head of School

Message from Miss Collins:

Another lovely week passes by at Holy Cross. The children and staff have all been working very hard and as a result children are achieving well.

It was great to see so many of you at our Meet the Teacher event on Wednesday. I am sure that you found it interesting and useful to get to know your child's teacher a little more and also to see inside their lovely classrooms. Your attendance and support is much appreciated by us all here at Holy Cross.

I would like to thank all of you for your daily cheerfulness when staff are at the gate at the start and the end of each day. It is always a wonderful chorus of greetings, chatter and smiles and warms the hearts of us all. Staff here agree that we are blessed with the very best parents!

Have a fabulous weekend everyone.

Dates for the diary:

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| 30.9.24 | Breck Foundation Online Session for Parents at 6pm |
| 11.10.24 | Mini Vinnie's Commissioning Mass at 11am |
| 15.10.24 | Parents Evening 5-7:30pm |
| 17.10.24 | Parents Evening 3:30-6pm |
| 21.10.24 | Harvest Liturgy |
| 28.10.24 | Start of the half term |

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| 4.11.24 | Children back to School at 8.45am |
| 7.11.24 | Nursery Class Trip to see Dear Zoo |
| 12.11.24 | Flu injections for Reception to Year 6 |
| 13.11.24 | Year 5 Class Assembly at 9.15am |
| 15.11.24 | Individual and Family Photos |
| 20.11.24 | Year 6 Class Assembly at 9.15am |
| 20.12.24 | School finishes at 2pm for Christmas |