



Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 6th September 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week back in School, the summer holidays feel like a distant memory, especially with the weather the last two days! It has been lovely to welcome some of our Nursery and Reception children into School and I look forward to when our whole School community will be complete.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



On Sunday, we will be celebrating the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary's birth was a wonderful occasion, as it was this baby, who was to become, as a young woman, the mother of Jesus. It is even more special this year as it falls on a Sunday and we will be able to celebrate Mary our Mother during Mass.

Uniform

It is always lovely to see the children starting back after the summer break looking so smart in their uniforms. Please can I remind you that earrings and trainers are not allowed as part of our uniform policy, thank you for your cooperation with this.

Home School Communication

All children from Years 1 to 6 have new planners and in Reception Class they have reading records. These are a wonderful way of communication between home and School, in regards to homework, reading, but also if there is a change to who is picking up your child or how they are going home, you can use the planners to write this information as well.

Universal Free School Meals

All children in Reception, KS1 and KS2 are entitled to free school meals for this academic year. We have a wonderful kitchen team who deliver delicious food for our children and would be delighted to cook for more every day. If your child was previously packed lunch but would now like to take up the offer of a free hot meal every day please inform the office.

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

On Friday, 20th September, we will be wearing our jeans to support this amazing charity, who help children and adults in our society 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

Our lovely Year 4 children will start their swimming lessons on Monday. Year 4 parents and carers, please remember to send in their swimming clothes and a towel!

Parking

Please can we ensure that we are parking sensibly so that our precious children are kept safe. The School Street cameras are back in action and any cars driving down Culverley Road between 8.15-9.15am and 2.45-3.45pm will receive a fine.

Trips

At Holy Cross we love to go on a range of trips with the children. Where possible the trips that are planned are either free, or very low cost, however this isn't always possible. Previously, we asked for parents to contribute £8 per trip, even if this wasn't the true cost which is usually significantly higher, especially if we have to use a coach. The contribution cost will be increasing to £10 for those trips where a cost is incurred. Thank you for your support with this.

The Big Half



Many congratulations to all those runners that ran in the Big Half, (a half marathon around Central London), last Sunday, it was certainly a hot one! Mrs Parr represented Holy Cross and did a phenomenal job, finishing with a fabulous time! Well done to Mrs Parr; what a superstar!

Secondary Transfer

I have sent a letter home today to the parents of the children in Year 6 about the Secondary transfer process. If any Year 6 parents would like to meet with me to discuss options, please make an appointment at the office. There will be more information during the Meet the Teacher meeting on the 25th September. If you have any other questions, please speak to myself, Miss Collins or Mrs Wilson in the office.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

Catherine Mahony

Head of School

Message from Miss Collins:

A very warm welcome back to all our wonderful children and their families. A very special welcome to those joining us for the first time, we hope you enjoy being a member of the Holy Cross family!

It was lovely to see the children coming into School this week looking very smart and ready for the year ahead. It was also lovely to see you, our lovely parents and carers! We are blessed to have such a wonderful community here at Holy Cross. In School we have talked about our behaviour expectations, 'Ready, Respectful and Responsible'. Our children need to be ready for learning, respectful of those around them and responsible for themselves. They have made a fabulous start and we feel certain that we will have a happy and successful year.

Just one nag from me...parking outside the School at the start and end of the day! Please can we park considerately, several parents told me that there have been cars double parked and on double yellow lines too. We teach the children to be safe on the roads but we need you to play your part and park responsibly even if it means walking a little further to get to School.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Dates for the diary:

9.9.24	Year 4 swimming to start
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
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