



Holy Cross Primary
Newsletter
October 2022

Dear families

As we start this second half term it is a good opportunity to think about the many activities and events we have to look forward to. We said goodbye to Father Cahill before the half term holiday and we wish him all the very best in his retirement. Father Gabriel is our new priest and has already met our year 6 pupils. We will all have the opportunity to meet him at our school mass on the 31st October. This will take place at 10am in the church and you are most welcome to join us.

Please take a note of future dates for your diary, but please be aware that sometimes we do have to change or reschedule our arrangements. If this happens, we will do our best to give you as much notice as possible.

Best wishes

Mrs Catherine Murphy

Parents' Consultation Evenings - These will be held on 8th November in person and 9th November via School Cloud. You will be able to book for both days on the School Cloud website. We will be sending our more detailed instructions on Dojo. There will also be an opportunity to look at your child's work and talk about it with them on Friday 4th November 2.00pm -3.00pm and 3.30pm - 4.15pm. Please note that this will be for Years 1-6.

Last day of term – traditionally school has finished at lunchtime (12.30pm) on the last day of term. This will continue for this term only and so at Easter and when we break up for the summer the children will finish at 3.15pm EYFS and KS1 and 3.20m KS2, as usual.

Sport – Our children participate in many sports events such as Year 1 and Year 2 multi-skills and inclusive multi-skills. Also, the Year 6 sports ambassadors went to the Hermitage for a sports ambassador day. Well done to everyone who has represented Holy Cross. Thank you to all the parents who support the school by taking children to events. Coming up we have Year 5/6 indoor athletics and Year5/6 dodge ball competition.

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Chaplaincy Team – The chaplaincy team have enjoyed their first half term in their roles because it has been fun. We have been busy with our classes by leading and planning their liturgies. We were also fortunate to go on a trip to the Rosmini Centre. The purpose of the day was to meet with other schools and see how different chaplaincy teams work. The chaplaincy team is all about team work and communication. This day helped us to realise how important it is to work together. Over the next few weeks, we will be busy helping the rest of school to prepare for Advent and the coming of the baby Jesus.

(Lily, Chesca and Dimitra)

Friends of Holy Cross – We are so lucky to have such an active parent group who does so much to raise money for the school. In these days of very squeezed budgets this money is so important for the school to be able to buy additional resources. Recently, the inflatable evening and film nights have proved very popular. Their next event this term is the Christmas Craft Fair. This is always a busy event and we shall look forward to seeing you there.

Dates for your diary

- 31st October Mass in Church 10am
- 4th November Parents & Carers welcome to look at books 2pm-3pm and 3.30pm-4.15pm
- 8th and 9th November Parent Consultation Meetings
- 18th November School Closed (Trust INSET day)
- 8th December Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the Children
- 8th December Christmas Nativity EYFS and Key Stage 1 - in church 11.00am
- 9th December Christmas Nativity EYFS and Key Stage 1 – in church 2.00pm
- 9th December FOHC Christmas Craft fair – straight after school. Children can switch **one item** of school uniform in return for a bottle for the tombola stall. This can be any bottle.
- 12th December Christmas Dinner
- 13th December Carols by Candlelight (in aid of Menphys) - more details to follow
- 16th December End of Term (school closes at 12.30pm - no wrap around care)
- 3rd January Lent Term Begins

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