



HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another year and a very busy 'Spring' term! We welcome Mr Shaw to our teaching team in Anthony Horowitz class.

Before sharing events of this week, I wanted to pass on a message from Sue Hobbs who organised the Carol Service at the Cathedral on the evening of our last day of term. She said *"On behalf of the Primrose Foundation may I formally thank you for your part in the Service in Celebration of Christmas on December 20th 2019 such a brilliant and beautiful event... I thought this year was particularly enhanced with the addition of the children from the two local primary schools. They were so good and the school staff and parents worked so hard to make it such a great success."*



You should receive a letter from your child's class teacher informing you of what lies ahead over the next term. I hope you get the sense that we are making sure that our curriculum entitlement provides a balance across all subjects whilst also continuing to have very high expectations in the core subjects.

During our Non-Pupil Day on Monday, the staff all worked very hard to make better use of all resource areas. This also meant the need for three skip loads of 'stuff' to be cleared away. In doing this, it has allowed us to better utilise this extra clear space.

FizzPop Science came in on Wednesday to provide an assembly for the children and share the excitement of science. On Thursday the whole school were treated to a performance of 'Sleeping Beauty' by M&M Productions. This experience allows children to enjoy the power of a story as well as the skills of performance. It was wonderful just to see their faces throughout. Julia Donaldson will also enjoy visiting 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' at the Theatre Royal next week.

We had a visit today from our Education Standards Manager from CAST who helped us look at our provision through 'deep dives' into Reading and History. We also had our first Sing! choir event before school—it looks like it will be a big success. Ten pupils started and if any children still want to join, you can through the link <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/sing/>

Next week is another busy one. Two students will start their teaching practice with us - an ex-pupil Elize Hands in Roger Hargreaves Class and Airish Suarez in David Walliams Class. We also have an RE Inspection Review on Thursday too so these 'checks' are great to ensure we are doing all we can for the children.

Mr Cotter
Headteacher

Star of the Week

Julia Donaldson (FS): Milkyas & Leo
 Simon James (Y1): Harry
 Eric Carle (Y1/2): Wiktor
 Roger Hargreaves (Y2): Nikola
 Roald Dahl (Y3): Summer
 David Walliams (Y3/4): Abady
 Michael Morpurgo (Y4): Stewart
 Emma Carroll (Y5): Zuzanna
 Anthony Horowitz (Y5): Gerran
 J K Rowling (Y6): Matthew



**Roger Hargreaves (Y2)
&**

David Walliams Class (Y3/4)

**Well done on your
excellent punctuality**

Liturgy in School

Parents and parishioners are invited to join us for liturgy, 9am, Monday mornings.

The theme for our prayer and worship next week is:

Loved by God



Dear Jesus, your baptism was the start of your life new life doing God the Father's work. Help me to make each day a new start with you Amen.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Here is a list of some important dates confirmed for this year.

All information is available on our website calendar.

16/01/2020

Whole School Mass

W/C 27/01/20

Bikeability for years FS, 3 & 6

W/C 03/02/20

National Storytelling Week

W/C 17/02/20

Half Term

Monday 24/02/20

Non-pupil day

Tuesday 25/02/20

Term Begins

Friday 27/03/20

Last day of term

Tuesday 14/04/20

Summer Term commences

Friday 8/05/20

Early May Bank Holiday for VE Day

Friday 22/05/20

Non-pupil day



Thank you to all the local companies to supported our Christmas Raffle

last term by donating a prize, voucher or goods to sell at the Christmas Productions including Aldi, Tesco and Sainsburys as well as the following Barbican businesses....Glass; the Jewellers; Plymouth Gin; Pasta Bar; The Barbican Pasty Co and Clay Art. In total we had 41 prizes for our draw including items donated for our various hampers.

Thank you also to all parents who donated prizes for our raffle hampers.

Refreshments made a total of £294.80 and the Christmas Raffle made a total of £973.00. Amazing!

Thank you also to our team of volunteers, for whom without we could not have run the events, to our lovely office staff who collected draw tickets and money and also to our treasurer who tallied up the figures.

Thank you everyone for supporting your school PTFA.

Happy New year!

Justine

Thank you all for your support, as always. Have a lovely Weekend.

Mr Cotter, Miss Buscombe and all the staff at Holy Cross.