



Dear Parents

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our E Safety talks this week. Children in Key Stage Two also spent time with John who explained about the dangers associated with many apps and games which are so popular with our children. We all need to be vigilant but also teach our children how to be safe. It is shocking the number of young children who are addicted to games such as Fortnite for example or those who are allowed to freely use Facebook or Snapchat often unsupervised and using tablets or mobile phones. I am sure that children are allowed with the very best intentions but we need to be aware - not only on the age restriction of such sites but also the potential damaging consequences.

We have already emailed you the link to the E Safety site which was referred to last night but will also put this onto our school website. Please take a look as it will be a very valuable support to you.

#### Multi faith Week

Our children spent time this week learning about the Jewish faith. We have such close ties to our Jewish community and we value these opportunities to learn more about their religion.

#### Harvest Festival Week

Thank you for all your contributions this week for our Harvest Festival appeal. There's still 1 week left to bring in non-perishable items to donate to the Street 2 Homes charity. Please give generously as our contributions are a bit thin on the ground at the moment

#### Grapes

Please remember when giving your children grapes in packed lunches they must be cut in half length ways. Uncut grapes and those cut width ways are a choking hazard.

#### 3pm Pick Up

Can I just remind you that parents are not permitted onto the school premises to pick up their children before 3pm. Please do not come through the gates when they are opened for other visitors to the school. This is to keep our children safe.

#### Year 3/4 Football Tournament

Today, two teams of girls from years 3 and 4 took part in a football tournament at Mark Hall school, where they played six-a-side football against teams from all over Harlow. For many of the girls, this was their first time playing football competitively. They all put in a fantastic performance and showed great sportsmanship, learning some new skills along the way.

Well done to Erin Downing, Jessica Wadding, Cora Laporte, Emilia Hyde, Nina Novosiadla, Molly O'Donovan, Martha Edwards, Laura Norris, Lily Baker, Lola



## RELIGIOUS LIFE AT HOLY CROSS



### WEEKLY Reflections

**"But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female'...Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."**

The Pharisees are testing Jesus to see whether or not he knows and understands the Law. Yet, as usual, Jesus asks us to go even beyond the law - the rules and regulations - to do what is most loving and caring.

Jesus emphasises how important loving relationships are for us all. We are made to be in community, not for isolation. Yet we know that today, many people are lonely and may not see another person from one day to the next.

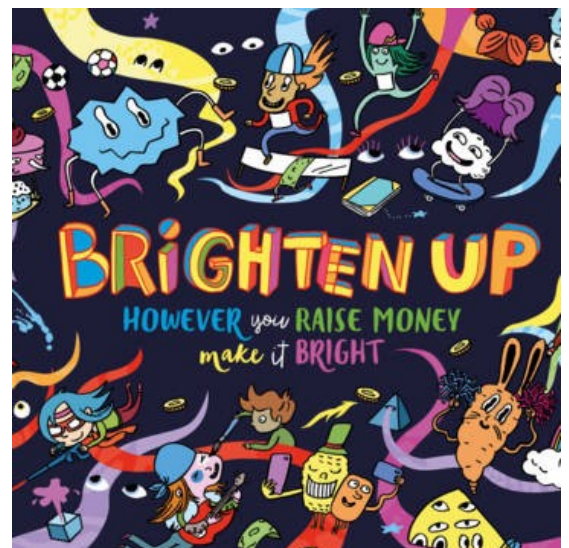
And across the world, we can see how many people are excluded from the good things of life that others take for granted - a safe place to live, enough food, clean water and an education for their children. Yet the good things of creation are destined for all people, not for just a few.

Jesus reminds us always to act with love and to reach out our hands to help others because we are all connected. We are one global family.

Dear Lord, Your blessed son reminds us of your unwavering love. May we too show love, compassion and solidarity to our global brothers and sisters who cry out for our help. Amen.

Thank you to parents who have already sent back their CAFOD envelopes for Family Fast Day. As you know, the idea is that you give up a certain food, as a family, and the money that you save is given to CAFOD.

Please also remember to provide donations of food for Streets To Homes. Can we ask that all donation for both are sent to school by on day Thankyou.







# Forest School



This week the children worked well together to build some fantastic dens. They enjoyed challenging themselves to climb different trees. We spotted lots of caterpillars eating their way through the cabbages in the allotment as they prepare for their next stage in their cycle. With first hand experience, we plan to learn even more about the different life cycles, happening before our eyes! Lots of pond creatures were identified and observed closely using magnifying glasses.

Year 6 look forward to creating their own minibeast classification charts as part of their science work on living things.

Finally year 5 learnt to light their first fire by persevering with the flint and steels. Quite rightly, they felt very proud of themselves.







This week 3N were in charge of caring for the chickens. Each day they made sure they had fresh water and food and fed them treats of corn. They collected 18 eggs in total and made frittata so they could taste them.

Next week it is 2C's turn to be on chicken duty.



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Congratulations to 1S, who are the winners of the KS1 Attendance Trophy this week with a fantastic **100%**. The winners of the KS2 Attendance Trophy are 3N and 6CA, both achieving **100%**

Attending school is so important and makes a huge difference to your child's learning.

Please ensure you notify us of your child's absence by 9am either by telephone or using the Parentmail report absence option. We need full details of why your child is unable to attend school.

Parents of children below attendance targets will be invited in for a meeting with the Educational Welfare Officer.

RB	99%
RL	93%
1D	93%
1S	100%
2C	99%
2HD	98%
3MT	99%
3N	100%
4C	99%
4E	99%
5P	95%
5S	98%
6CA	95%
6ND	100%

**Invitation to the  
Holy Cross Catholic Primary Academy Friends Association  
Annual General meeting  
Tuesday 9th October 2018, 6pm, Main School Hall**

All Holy Cross parents and carers are invited to support your Friends 2018 annual general meeting with drinks and nibbles being provided by the Committee.

The meeting will include;

- a review of 2017-18 Friends events and fund raising activities
- the annual accounts report, how much was raised and what was invested into school
- election of the committee members, Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary
- opportunity to join the volunteer helpers

As a parent / carer of a child attending Holy Cross we warmly invite you to come along to the meeting, celebrate our successes, find out about what the Friends do and see how you can get involved, as well as vote in the people you would like to run your Friends!

**We need you!**

There are four Officer roles on the committee; Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary as well as Ordinary Committee members and we currently meet at least once a term to help organise fundraising and social events, below is a brief description of each role;

Chair / Vice Chair - provides leadership, welcomes and involves new committee members, liaises with the Head teacher, chairs the PTA meetings and oversees any event sub-committee meetings.

Treasurer - is responsible for keeping the finances in order. The role includes co-ordinating and recording PTA monies, float provision, banking monies, issuing cheques and preparing annual accounts.

Secretary - sends out agenda prior to any meetings, takes the minutes and distributes them to relevant parties, advertises events where appropriate and deals with general administration tasks.

Ordinary Committee Members - play a vital role in working alongside and supporting the Officers. They are willing to attend and contribute in meetings, share their opinions/thoughts as well as plan, organise and participate in fund raising events.

Volunteer Helpers - The Committee also runs a volunteer/helpers list for parents who are keen to support the work of the committee but cannot commit to a full-time committee member role and are willing to help when needed i.e. help sell raffle tickets, run a stall at the Summer Fair, set up at events, supervise disco's etc.

**Please email us ASAP to let us know if you are able to attend the AGM, if you would be interested in any of the above posts or if you need further information to help you make a decision!**

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM for without your support the Friends would not be able to continue so please do help us if you can.

Sincere thanks,

*Friends of Holy Cross*

Happy Birthday to... Jonathan Ferreira-Borges, Lucy Philpot, Zoe Staines, Christabel Enwere, Harry Acheampong, Szymon Harmas, Zachary Kaczmarek, Isabella Kilvington, Amelia Tarczwska, Dominica Nguyen, Conor O'Rourke, Kamsi Uzuegbuna, Victoria Banjo



### Merit Certificates:

1D: Darcie Bethell, for her amazing effort in literacy  
 1S: Iris Wells, for excellent subtraction work  
 2C: Conor O'Rourke, for using some amazing scientific words when writing about trees  
 2HD: Luciann Henry, for showing great interest in all our work so far  
 3MT: Francesca Griffiths, for excellent work during our literacy lesson  
 3N: Lucy Richardson, for her positive attitude to learning  
 4C: Lola McGhee, for amazing work in Judaism week  
 4E: Liam McNamara, for fantastic work in numeracy  
 5P: Oliver Smith, for always being an excellent role model for his peers  
 5S: Lochrin McGinty, for an excellent piece of literacy using modal verbs  
 6CA: Manuela Ogbonze, for her positive and helpful attitude towards year 6  
 6N: Opemipo Ogtuga, for working hard and displaying an excellent attitude towards his learning  
 Learning Mentor: Evie Baker, for being a lovely helper  
 Walking Bus: Aurora Simone Boyce Grace and Catherine Kazakov

## Diary Dates

### Read With Your Child Week

#### Monday 8th October

Fairy & Elf Garden 3.15-4.30  
 KS1 Football 3.15-4.15  
 Dance 3.15-4.15  
 Year 2 Homework 3.15-4.15  
 5P Class Mass 2pm

#### Tuesday 9th October

Dodgeball 3.15- 4.15  
 KS2 Homework 3.15- 4.15  
 Choir 3.15-4.20  
 Football Team 3.15-4.30  
 2HD Bushfair trip 9.30

#### Wednesday 10th October

Netball 3.15-4.15  
 Chess Club 12.30-1.30  
 Karate 3.15-4.15  
 Macmillan Coffee and cake afternoon 2-3pm  
 Non-Uniform day £1 to Macmillan Charity

#### Thursday 11th October

Newspaper 3.15-4.15  
 Cooking 3.15-4.30  
 Lego 3.15-4.15  
 Choir 3.15-4.20  
 KS2 Football 3.15-4.15  
 2C Bushfair trip 9.30

#### Friday 12th October

Year 1 & 2 Football Festival, Mark Hall 9.30-12 pm  
 Karate 3.15-4.15  
 Multisports 3.15-4.15  
 Parent Forum 1.30pm  
 Y 5 & 6 Football Qualifiers at Passmores

### House Points

**Congratulations to the  
 winning house St Georges**

*S. McGuigan*

Miss S McGuigan

Headteacher

Please download our News & Events App for dates for the year. Details are available on the schools website under News & Events at [www.holycross-pri.essex.sch.uk](http://www.holycross-pri.essex.sch.uk)

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