



Dear Parents

We welcomed our new Reception children and their families to Holy Cross this week and they are settling in very well to school life. We hope that they will be very happy with us.

Year 6 visit

Our Year 6 children visited St Marks school today and took part in a variety of activities. This was followed by a parent information evening organised after school here in Holy Cross, which proved very useful to find out more about our secondary school and about secondary transition in general.

Play Leaders, Peer Mediators, School Council, House Captains and Buddies

Congratulations to our children who have been appointed to these very important roles in school. All children will be notified and badges distributed next week.



E-Safety

On Thursday 4th October The Two Johns will be visiting our school to speak to our KS2 children about E-Safety, including apps and games they play. Children will be taught about how to stay safe in an age appropriate format.

Following this we have an eye opening E-Safety evening running from 6pm to 8 pm. All parents (including Reception and KS1) are invited to attend this evening.

This vital evening will inform you of the risks your children face and give you tools to protect them. Even if you think you know everything about the dangers faced by our children we strongly recommend you attend.

Please note that due to the content of the evening children cannot be present.

Parking

Parents and carers are reminded that the car park is just for staff and Blue Badge holders. The Nichols Field car park is available to park in and is only a 5 minute walk from the school along the cycle track, if you are unsure where this is please ask at the office.

Applying for year 7

We have been informed that parents of Year 6 parents will no longer be sent letters regarding applying for senior school. Applications will need to be submitted by 31st October 2018 and can be done online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

RELIGIOUS LIFE AT HOLY CROSS

Based on the gospel for Sunday 23 September 2018 - Mark 9: 30-37

"An invitation for us to act as peacemakers in troubled times."

Jesus and his disciples are now travelling privately. The ministry in Galilee is over, the crowds are avoided and Jesus is instructing the disciples on the suffering of the Son of Man, "and three days after they have put him to death he will rise again."

It is the second Passion prediction, and still the disciples do not understand. Instead, they are arguing about which of them is the greatest.

Jesus once again teaches them about the consequences of following him. "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all."

Prestige and power are nowhere in his list of priorities; instead, like the child Jesus points to, the disciples are to become the lowliest of all, and the lowliest of all are to be welcomed in his name.

This gospel offers us an opportunity to change our ways, to see the suffering in our world and to act as peacemakers. When we see the world as Jesus did, those of us in positions of influence and power are called to offer our skills as servants to those most affected by conflict and war.

Father God, you call us to a life of service. Help us to be wise, not according to the world's values, but according to your perfect plan, so that we can be kind and compassionate peacemakers in our troubled world. We ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

MacMillan coffee and cake afternoon and non uniform day

On Wednesday 10th October between 2 and 3pm we will be running a coffee and cake afternoon in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. This will be a lovely opportunity to relax with friends, while listening to the choir, before picking the children up from school.

We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes and biscuits to sell.

We will also have a non-uniform day for a £1 donation. Please do not send your child in a football kit.

All proceeds will go to MacMillan Cancer Support.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Congratulations to 2HD who are the winners of the KS1 Attendance Trophy this week. The winners of the KS2 Attendance Trophy is 5P. Both classes achieving a fantastic **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	98%
RL	97%
1D	94%
1S	99%
2C	98%
2HD	100%
3MT	98%
3N	93%
4C	95%
4E	97%
5P	100%
5S	98%
6CA	98%
6ND	99%



This week the children enjoyed being outside in the wind, observing the leaves falling and starting to change colour as we enter the Autumn season. They have already learnt so much about the trees, which encouraged lots of problem solving and mathematical language. After finding mini wooden doors, Year 1 children built mini houses for the elves and fairies using logs and sticks, plants and habitats around them. Year 5 persevered with building 3D shapes with the tent poles. All classes have displayed excellent behaviour, by showing patience, good listening and communication skills.



Happy Birthday to... Ishwar Muraleedharan, Jack Cater, Nikodem Smaglo, Logan Coombe, James Kelly, Nathaniel Adeoye, Sebastian Darlea, Aurora Milciute Blynovas, Jose Ogbonze, Julia Kibirango, Iga Zitek, Sophia-Jai Henry, Isabella Bethell, Stanislaw Marti.



Merit Certificates:

- 1D: Kiera Hodgkinson, for her fantastic maths work.
 1S: Zoe Staines, for a fantastic piece of work about her family.
 2C: Evie Wigger, for being kind and caring to all her friends.
 2HD: Caitlin Masambique, for fantastic numeracy work.
 3MT: Kailani Loughran Ricketts, for outstanding handwriting and presentation.
 3N: Daniel Owusu, for settling in quickly and already showing role model qualities.
 4C: Janelle Morrison, for brilliant writing about Narnia.
 4E: Alexis Onwurah, for settling in quickly and already showing role model qualities.
 5P: Amy Cook, for working really hard on her handwriting.
 5S: Luca Nicolaou, for a fantastic effort in all subjects and always trying his best.
 6CA: Cairo Kyriacou-Mason, for his positive and enthusiastic attitude towards his learning in Year 6.
 6N: Dominic Nguyen, for an excellent start to the year.

Learning Mentor: Peer Mediators, Play Leaders and Buddies.

Walking Bus: Will Bannister-How and Lewis Ridler

Diary Dates

Monday 24th September

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 Trip to the Gibberd Garden

Tuesday 25th September

Dodgeball 3.15- 4.15
 KS2 Homework 3.15- 4.15
 Choir 3.15-4.20
 Football Team 3.15-4.30

Wednesday 26th September

Netball 3.15-4.15
 Chess Club 12.30-1.30
 Karate 3.15-4.15

Thursday 27th September

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

Friday 28th September

Year 1 & 2 Football Festival, Mark Hall 9.30-12 pm
 Karate 3.15-4.15
 Multisports 3.15-4.15

House Points

**Congratulations to the
winning house St Patricks**

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

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