



# Holy Cross

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### Newsletter No 5

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

Friday 2 October 2020



#### Car Free School Streets

First of all, thank you to everyone who participated in cycle to school week. What a success it was! It has been lovely to watch so many children (and parents!) cycling and scootering to school safely. We have also enjoyed experiencing a positive relationship with our neighbours as well as promoting a healthier lifestyle. Thank you also for the great effort today, many

fabulous scooters and bikes - blingtastic!

Here are our winners:

EYFS- Ellie-Mae

Y1 - Leylah

Y2- Amelie

Y3- Nancy

Y4- Aidan

Y5- Anaha

Y6- Jack

KS1 Winner- Mia L

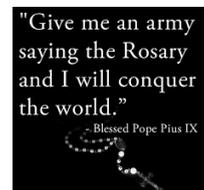
LKS2 Winner - Ciara

UKS2 Winner - Ellie M

*Important: Can parents ensure that if a child is being collected by other adults that they know about the new restrictions regarding entry into Laburnum Drive due to the Car Free School Streets. Thank you.*

#### The Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary and the children will be given the daily opportunity to pray the rosary. This is one of the great Catholic traditions and we encourage you to pray together as a family.



#### Polite Reminder

As school is now running as normally as possible, parents are reminded that if they wish to communicate with class teachers, they must do so through the [enquiry@holycross-sch.net](mailto:enquiry@holycross-sch.net) email only. Thank you for your support.



#### Walk to School Week - Monday 5- Friday 9 October

We are going to keep the ball rolling with celebrating our new school street by participating in 'walk to school week' starting on Monday 5 October. We have received a fantastic pack with resources for the children to take home as well as stickers and badges if they walk to school in the morning. Remember, parking further away and walking down to school also counts. The challenge will help pupils learn the mental, physical and social benefits



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of everyday walking, with days focused on how walking helps pupils to be happy; be healthy; be creative; connect; and think. Pupils will work collectively to make as many walked journeys as possible, with space to record 'daily counts' and the 'end of the week total' on the classroom wallchart. Thank you for your support.



### Confirmation

Please note that the Parents' Meeting advertised on the parish newsletter and website due to be held on 8 October has been cancelled.

Due to the current climate, we do not know any arrangements for Confirmation as yet. We will pass on any information when we know any further details.

**Mass:** Year 4 will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 8 October**.

### Dates for Diary - October 2020

Monday 5 October to Friday 9 October	All week	Walk to School
Monday 12 October	4.30pm - 6.10pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 13 October	3.30pm-5.00pm	Parents' Evening
Monday 19 October	4.30pm-6.10pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 20 October	3.30pm-5.00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 22 October	9.15am	Harvest Mass

### Dates for Diary - November 2020

Monday 2 November	5.00pm-6.00pm	Year 1 Phonics Parent Workshop
Wednesday 4 November		Virtual Open Evening Video Release
Friday 6 November	10.00am-11.00am	Year 6 Remembrance Day Service
Monday 9 November	All Week	Kindness Week
Thursday 12 November	6.30pm	PTA Zoom Meeting
Friday 27 November	All Day	Inset Day ( 2 further dates to be confirmed)

### Dates for Diary - December 2020

Wednesday 2 December	All Day	School Nurse carrying out Flu Nasal Immunisations
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### Dates for Diary - June 2020



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Monday 7 June	All Day	Inset Day ( 2 further dates to be confirmed)
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**Letters emailed to parents this week:**

**Whole School: Parents' Evening.**

**Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.**



**Wraparound Care (Kids' Club)** We offer Wraparound care in the form of a Breakfast and After School Club. The hours and charges for these two clubs are as follow:

7.50-8.40am — Morning Session

3.20-4.30pm and 4.30-5.30pm — Afternoon Sessions.

Registration fee £23.00 per academic year 1 session - £4.20, siblings £3.95 Full day (before and after school)

- £12.00 per day, siblings £11.00 Late collections after 5.30pm - £5 (per child) and for every 15 minutes or

part of thereafter. Please feel free to contact Kids' Club on 675-1191 or email them at-

[juliekeeley@holycrosspreschool.com](mailto:juliekeeley@holycrosspreschool.com)

### Vacancy in Year 6

We have a vacancy in Year 6. If you would like to put your child on the waiting list, please contact the school office on (0121) 675 2158. Or complete and return the forms on our website, see link below. Please find Parents/Letters/Waiting List Documents. Thank you.

<https://www.holycross-sch.net/page/?title=Home&pid=1>



### Harvest



Holy Cross will celebrate Harvest Mass as a whole school (virtually) on **Thursday 22 October**. Just like we normally would ask, we would love your help with collecting donations which we can then make food hampers for those in our community who are struggling at the moment. We will only be collecting canned and/or packaged goods; no fresh produce.

- During the week beginning the **5 October**, your child is asked to bring in canned goods e.g. baked beans, tinned tomatoes, tuna, kidney beans etc.

- During the week beginning the **12 October**, your child is asked to bring in packaged goods e.g. biscuits, breadsticks, pasta, rice etc.

We will be donating the harvest food hampers to our local food bank, the SVP and St Chad's Sanctuary. Thank you for your continued support.



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Parent's Evening

### Parents' Evening

Due to current government guidelines we will be carrying out Parents' evening differently this half term. Instead of the usual 10-minute face-to-face meeting, you will be allotted a 10-minute phone call from the class teacher. Appointments are to be made by parents logging into their **Parent Mail** account selecting Parents' Evening then choosing date and time required. The appointments are made on a first come first served basis. Appointments will be available to book from **7.00pm Monday 5 October until 3.30pm Wednesday 8 October. (Please do not try to book after Wednesday 8 October.)** Thank you for your continued support.



### Transfer to Secondary School

The closing date for applications to be submitted to the Local Authority for those children transferring to secondary school in September 2021 is **Thursday 31 October 2020**. Thank you.



### KS2 Dinner Money

Please note that after half term dinner money will increase to £2.30. Thank you.



### Holy Cross Tea Towel 2020

This week the children have all had the opportunity to draw themselves ready to be part of the Holy Cross Tea Towel 2020. The PTA are organising this fantastic project and will be selling these Tea Towels soon for you to purchase. What a beautiful keepsake!

### RECOMMENDATION

**Recommendations:** **EYFS:** Lily G, Sophia F **Year 1:** Ruby V, Josh W **Year 2:** Kye C, Jack M **Year 3:** Andrew H, Ciara P **Year 4:** Eliza H, Daniel K **Year 5:** Alice F, Henry H **Year 6:** Liam B, Caitlin K.

**Lunchtime Award:** Fabian (Year 3)



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### Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Curious and Active'. As a school community we are looking for opportunities in our own lives where we show the virtues. Please discuss this with your children at home; highlighting times when you experience or show these virtues. This will also be the focus for our 'Angel of the Week' awards for this half term.



### Angel of the Week

Each week we will be recognising those children who we feel have made that extra special effort and show the virtues in their daily life.

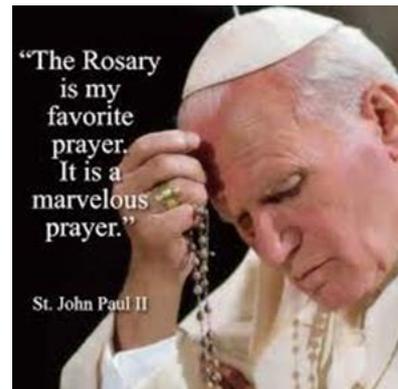
This week's winners are **Mr Hunt:** Kheelan McC **Mr Rowlands:** Summer-Rose P **Miss Cross:** Julia G **Miss Stevens:** Ellie G **Miss Nash:** Sophie H **Mr Mayor:** Alife J, Sophia J **Mrs Hope:** Daniel S.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week: Harry H (Y1), Ollie L, Aidan J, Georgia H (Y4).

Have a lovely weekend.  
Yours sincerely

Miss T Cotter  
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