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Holy Cross Primary School Newsletter

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October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Our ‘Day of Play’ was a great success and feedback from children, staff and parents has told us that everyone had an enjoyable time, learned through play and experienced new skills. I am also delighted to tell you that we raised just over £1200 which will be spent on more play experiences for our children. My thanks go to those involved in organising the day.

Other events this month:

* P7 attended a Show Racism the Red Card event in Hampden Park as part of their Divided City book study.
* P7 Bridging the Gap transition Programme started this week.
* 30 children from across the school attended Flip Out as their Curamus Award (more below).
* P4 and P5 attended the McMillan Coffee Morning at Hollybrook School.
* Nicola Benedetti MBE, classical violinist performed to the P4 and P5 children from Holy Cross and Annette Street Primary Schools.

An exciting and enjoyable time for all involved.

Your sincerely

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**Flu Vaccinations will take place in the school on Wednesday 22nd November.**

**Parent, Teacher, Pupil Meetings**

 Our recent Parent, Teacher, Pupil Meetings were a great success with 85% attendance. If you were unable to attend on the night, and would wish to meet with your child’s class teacher, please contact the school office for an appointment.

Home/School partnership is of the highest priority in Holy Cross. Questionnaires were completed by parents at Parents’ Night which will inform the content of a series of workshops to help parents support their children in reading and writing. More information to follow.

**School Photographs** have now been arranged and will take place on Tueday 28th and Wednesday 29th November. I will issue letters nearer the time telling you which day will be allocated to your child(ren).

**All Saints’ Day**

We will be attending Mass at 9.30 on 1st November in Holy Cross Church to celebrate the feast of All Saints’ Day. You are welcome to join us and your support in accompanying the children is greatly appreciated.

If you would prefer your child not to attend Mass, please keep your child at home until we return from Mass at 10.30am.

**Entering the School Playground**

I would be obliged if parents and carers would refrain from entering the school grounds at the end of the day until **2.55pm**. Many classes use the playground for various types of outdoor learning and would prefer to avoid distraction.

In addition, all issues arising in the school are managed through risk assessments created and reviewed by the leadership team. If you have any queries about any issues arising within the school, please contact the school office.





**Healthy Snacks**

**Please ensure your children only brings healthy snacks to school. Examples of healthy snacks include fruit, cheese or breadsticks. In addition children are encouraged to only drink water or milk (dining hall) during school hours. Please remember that fizzy drinks are not permitted in school. More information on healthy snacks can be found at**

**www.child-smile.org.uk**

CURAMUS – We Care

I explained in the previous newsletter that we were relaunching our Promoting Positive Behaviour Programme and we started this by recognising Curamus behaviour in our children. The children had opportunities to win not only great prizes and rewards, but also a chance to find a Golden Curamus Ticket. 30 tickets were found by those children showing Curamus and their reward was a visit to Flip -Out Trampolining event. The children were super-excited about this visit as was Miss MacCormick! We hope to have more Curamus promotions over the year, In the meantime look out for Head Teacher’s Awards and Curamus Cards all recognising the positive behaviour and achievements of our children.

Hallowe’en Disco

The Parent Council will be hosting two Hallowe’en discos on 31st October

Primaries 1 – 3 …4pm – 6pm

Primaries 4 – 7…6.30pm – 8.30pm

Tickets at £2 (ticket price will be reduced to £1 for 3 or more children from the same family)

**Staff News**

Along with the other new babies born to staff members in recent months, it gives me great delight to announce that Mrs Driver (P2c) gave birth to a healthy baby girl in late September. Mum and baby Elspeth are both very well.

We send them all our very best wishes.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Ms McLeod who will be working in Primary 2b on Thursdays and Fridays with Miss Collins teaching the class Monday – Wednesday.

Mr Doherty (P4b) has been unavailable for work over the past few weeks and he hopes to be back very soon. The class has been taught by Miss Hamilton and Mrs Baillie.

Miss MacCormick has been teaching in P7a for the past few weeks and will continue to do so until a supply teacher is appointed.

**Staffing**

**Following interviews for Depute Head Teacher, Miss Nicola Collum was successful and has taken up her post from 23rd October 2017. Miss Collum is an exsisting member of the school team and has been Acting Principal Teacher for 2 years. Miss Collum will lead developments from P4 – P7.**