



# Newsletter September 2019



Pre School Nursery

## Our Mission

The vision of our nursery is to provide safe, stimulating and culturally enriched care for children to enable them to learn, develop socially, physically, intellectually, creatively and emotionally through structured play activities supporting the Early Years Foundation



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## welcome!

A big welcome to all our new families and all children who are settling back in after a wonderful summer break. The children are settling in very well, we look forward to getting to know our new families in the forthcoming coming weeks. We have had a few tears on departures (both child and parent!) but rest assured they have all settled really well after a very short period, we appreciated it is difficult dropping your child and leaving straight away, however, all children settle much quicker out of sight of their parent/ carer. We can assure you even if they are crying when you leave them, they soon calm, settle and start enjoying their day. We would call you if this was any different.



## Building works



As you may have noticed, the school are having some building work completed. We are unable to use the usual gate throughout this time. All children will be arriving through the large gate at near the cul-de-sac island. Staff will open the gate at 8.50am to enable children to wait in a safe environment ready for when nursery opens at 9.00am. Parents will be invited onto the playground at 11.45am or 3.15pm through the same gate and children will then be brought out through door they entered nursery. If you need to contact either Ms Gordon or Mrs Hanna then please call the office or ask a member of staff and they will come round and meet you. We are trying to limit any inconvenience to our families and thank you for your cooperation at this time. A full risk assessment has been completed on the impact of building works as well the changes to our arrival and departures from nursery, which is available to view in the office.

## Parent Support Group

We are looking for active members for our Parent Support Group. The group raises much needed funds and also helps to organise some lovely events for nursery families. We welcome Moms, Dads, Nans, Grandads etc everyone is welcome. In previous years we have raised money which has had an amazing impact on our children, their environment and resources. Our first meeting of this year will be held on 12th September at 2pm, please come along and find out more about what you can do to help. Our last summer fayre enabled us to purchase our forest school's van. This will help immensely in our Forest School activities obtaining resources and transporting equipment to the local parks (New Hall, Rectory, Sutton) where we will be taking the children regularly for offsite Forest School/ Wild Wednesday lessons. Thank you to our Parent Support Group, without you we couldn't do this!



We are joining Holy Cross Primary School for Harvest Festival, attending the Harvest Mass. In preparation we are asking for collections of tins, packets, fruit and vegetables. We will be collecting items as listed below

07.10.19: Tins  
14.10.19: Packets  
21.10.19: Fresh fruit & Veg





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## First workshop of the year!

We are so excited to get to know our families and we cannot wait for our first family workshop of this academic year. Hopefully it will be the first of many as we love to have you with us! We would like as many of you as possible to join our communities themed workshop on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2pm – 3pm. We will be embracing our current communities topic and taking the opportunity to learn more about professions within our community.

## Jeans for Genes

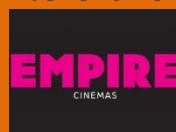


On 20/09/18 we will be raising money for Jeans for Genes. Your child can wear any jeans of their choice along with their nursery top, we ask for a donation of £1 to support this worthwhile charity. more information can be found on <https://www.jeansforgenesday.org/>

## October half term ActiveFest!



We are now taking bookings for our October half term holiday club. Places will be given out on a first come first serve basis. Prices from £29 per full day. Please ask in the office for an application pack. We will be going on some fantastic days out, for further details please contact the office. Please book in the first two weeks of term to benefit from our fantastic offers.



## Dentist Visit



As part of our Current topic "Communities" We are delighted to be welcoming a local dentist from "The Whitehouse Dental Practice" onsite to come and work with the children teaching them what is good for our teeth as well as how and why we need to brush our teeth.



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please come and join us at Holy Cross Primary School Hall for the world's biggest coffee morning on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9am.

This is a fantastic cause and we hope you will come and be part of raising as much money. In nursery we will be baking and decorating cakes prior to this event. We will also appreciate any donations of baked goods, we do ask that these are brought in by Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

## Academy Photography

Academy Photography will be coming into nursery for photos on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. If this is not your child's usual session you can bring your child in at 8.30am to have their photo taken in full uniform, likewise, if you have younger siblings you wish to join in. Otherwise all children will have their photos taken during their nursery day.





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## Uniform



Summer uniform (summer dresses or shorts) will continue until we break up on 25<sup>th</sup> October. Can we ask that you ensure all items e.g. jumpers, bags, cardigans are the correct Holy Cross logo items along with shoes clearly labelled with your child's name. This helps us to identify what belongs to who and enables us to find missing items much quicker.

Can we also ask you make sure your child has their pumps and P.E bag in school as well as wellies, waterproof suits and school bag. We will be placing a new order for uniform soon, therefore, if you require additional items please let us know.

## Coffee Morning for our Gruffalo Parents

We would like to invite all of the parents of our two year old children in for our coffee morning on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 9am. This session will be a fantastic opportunity for our parents to get to know each other. We will be providing refreshments and we will be completing a baking activity. If this is not your child's usual session please feel free to come along and your child can join the nursery children.



Date	Time	Event
02.09.19	9am	Nursery opens
11.09.19	2pm	Visit from the Dentist
12.09.19	2pm	Parent Support Group Meeting
20.09.18	All day	Jeans for Genes
27.09.19	9am	Macmillan coffee morning
04.10.19	2pm- 3pm	Parent workshop
07.10.19	8.30am	Academy Photo's
07.10.19	All week	Harvest "Tins" collection
14.10.19	All week	Harvest "Packet" collection
21.10.19	All week	Harvest "Fruit & Vegetables" collection
22.10.19	9am	Coffee morning for Gruffalo parents.
24.10.19	9am	Harvest Mass
25.10.19	3.15pm	Nursery closes for half term
28.10.19	All week	ActiveFest Holiday Club
04.11.19	9am	Nursery re opens
20.12.19	3.15pm	Nursery closes for Christmas break



Whilst we try our utmost to not change events, occasionally changes are unavoidable and out of our control, in addition events/opportunities also pop up and we will always make the most out of these. We will always try to give parents as much notice as possible of any changes. Therefore, please check our website, Facebook page, notice boards and texts for any updates or amendments.

## Invoices

All invoices should now have been settled. Any outstanding invoices remaining after this date will unfortunately now be incurring late payment charges of £5 per week per invoice, regardless of invoice amount

**IMPORTANT:** We will no longer be accepting cash payments. We accept, card payments, voucher payments, tax free childcare payments and online banking/ direct debit.



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