



# Newsletter Autumn Term 1 2023



## Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to say 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 weeks.

## Tapestry

As you are aware, we use the Tapestry app to record evidence and track your child's learning and development in our setting. It is a great tool to use and we appreciate and enjoy reading your comments and viewing your uploads. Tapestry has a section called 'All About Me.' This section is where we can learn more about your child and family. Please could you complete this section as this helps enable your child's keyworker to plan around your child's individual needs and interests.

## Holy Cross Pre School Library

Here at Holy Cross Pre School we are promoting 'Early reading' through a lot of literacy themed activities. As part of this initiative we are excited to introduce our brand new weekly library book exchange to our setting. The children will all receive their own library card where they will be able to select a pre-loved book at the end of their weekly sessions. In order for your child to take home a book they must bring in their library card.

## Me Myself and Others

This term's topic is called 'Me, myself and others' where we will be learning all about our own likes and dislikes, what makes us individual and how others are different.

To support this and as part of our nursery curriculum goals to become a Considerate Citizen, Confident Communicator and Fabulous Friend we would like to create a non-fiction book using photographs of the children visiting their local communities, this could be going swimming, visiting your local park, church, local shops, or if you have any days out from over the summer holiday please share with us on Tapestry. If you could add a short description of what you got up to this would be great. This book will be added to our story corner where the children can freely explore and talk about their experiences with their peers.

## Show and Tell

We are introducing show and tell during our circle time sessions, week commencing 18th-22nd September 2023 to support this term's topic 'me, myself and others'. We would like the children to bring in anything that has a special meaning to them i.e. a picture of their family/pets.





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## European Day of Languages

The children will have the opportunity to take part in celebrating European day of languages on Tuesday 26th September 2023. This will be a non-uniform day. We would like the children to select a country, and come dressed in their selected country's flag colours. The children will be learning about the different countries, their cultures, taste testing various foods, as well as lots of other activities. There will also be face-painting. If you do not wish for your child to have their face painted, please let us know on the day. If there is a story, information, artifacts or photos about your family heritage, or if you have visited a country in Europe over the holidays that your child would like to share with their peers please bring them on this day. If you are able to support our European day in any other way, we would be pleased to receive these contributions as part of show and tell.

## MacMillan Bake Sale

We would like to invite you to our Coffee morning on Friday 29th September at 9.15am which will be held inside the nursery. The children will be baking cakes in the nursery. If you would like to donate any cakes to support this wonderful charity, we would really appreciate this.

## Black History Month

As you may be aware October is Black History Month (BHM). On Thursday 26th October the children will be participating in age appropriate activities which celebrate the lives of positive black role models and the contribution they have made and continue to make; as well as exploring cultural foods, art and dance. Please inform your child's Key worker if there is a story, information, artifacts or photos about your family heritage that your child would like to share with their peers, or if you are able to support our BHM day in any other way, we would be pleased to receive these contributions.

## Reminder

Holy Cross Preschool Nursery will be closed on Friday 27th October 2023 for the inset days. Monday 6th November may also be an inset day this is still to be confirmed.

## Harvest Festival

As part of the Harvest Festival Holy Cross Catholic Primary School and Nursery will be donating to a local food bank, supporting families within our community who are in need. If you would like to donate any items we ask for the following: canned food tins, lentils, kidney beans, tea, coffee, UHT milk, pasta, jar sauces. Please could we have the donations brought into the Nursery by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

## Parent's Consultations

We will be holding our Preschool parent's consultations during the week of 27th November-1st December 2023 via the telephone. You will be able to book your time slot within the coming weeks. During this 10-minute telephone conversation your child's key worker will let you know how your child has settled in and discuss their progress.

## Car Free Street – Health and Safety important reminder





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Please can we remind you that Laburnum Drive is a car free street for specific times at the start and end of the school day. This enables children to walk, cycle, and scoot safely to and from school. Unless drivers have either a permit or a disabled badge, they must not drive up/down Laburnum Drive between 8.15am-9.15am and 2.30pm-3.30pm (it is clearly signed at the entry to Laburnum Drive). I stress that these restrictions are legal and apply regardless of whether there is staff present at the end of the road. For the safety of all our families I must insist on everyone's full cooperation in this very important matter. The school will continue to record registration numbers of cars who persistently break the restrictions and pass them on to the relevant body, which unfortunately could result in a fine. Thank you for your support.

Date	Time	Event
5.9.23	8.45am	Return back to Nursery
26.9.23	All Day	European Day of Languages
29.9.23	9.15am	MacMillan coffee morning
18th-22nd.9.23	All Day	Show and tell
20.10.22	All Day	Harvest donations to be brought into nursery
26.10.23	All Day	Black History Month celebrations
26.10.23	3.00pm	Nursery breaks up for half term
27.10.23	All Day	Nursery closed for inset day
6.11.23	9.00 am	Nursery returns after half term/ may be an inset day still to be confirmed.
27th-1.12.23	All week	Telephone parent consultations
30.11.23	8.30am	Academy Photography
22.12.23	3.00 pm	Nursery breaks up for half term
8.1.2024	9.00 am	Nursery returns after half term

Whilst we try our utmost not to change events, occasionally changes are unavoidable and out of our control. In addition, events/opportunities also crop 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.





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