

Spring term 2018

1st February 2018

Holy Cross News



Dear Parents/Carers...

Please visit the website at: www.holycross.swindon.sch.uk

Visit To The Cemetery

The children from Year 6 visited the Radnor Street Cemetery to study the war graves of the many men from Swindon who lost their lives during WWI and WWII. The children took rubbings from the graves of soldiers who gave their lives during WWII and we spoke about the sacrifice these men made. Some children also used the information they had found to produce their own poems based on a soldier's life.



National Storytelling Week

On Tuesday, children took part in National Storytelling week by dressing up as their favourite book character. Mrs Dowdeswell told stories with the children and we now encourage you to tell stories at home. Perhaps you know a great story you would like to share with your child's class. Please talk to your child's teacher if you would like to do this.



Steam Museum Trip

On **Tuesday 23rd January 2018**, the children in Year 1 went to visit the Steam Museum in Swindon. Before the trip, both classes thought about what questions they had about trains. After exploring the trains and answering questions, the children took part in a workshop about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and we found out about George and Robert Stephenson and the invention of steam trains. The children had the opportunity to have a go at taking apart and re-building some wooden trains themselves. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to extend their learning for their topic on travel and transport and a fun day was had by all. A big thank you to the adult helpers who came with us on the day.



Football Festival

It was lovely to be able to take some Year 3 children to take part in the annual Year 3/4 indoor 5-a-side Football Festival at 'Play Football' last Friday. In their first competitive action playing for Holy Cross, the seven players acquitted themselves very well during a whole series of 'friendly' ten minute matches against lots of other Swindon schools. There were a mixture of wins, draws and losses in these rather frantic games but what was clear was that the more they played together, the better the understanding and tactics of the players – they really did look like a team with real potential by the time the final game started. The future looks bright! Well done: William, Cayden, Declan, Ola, Leon, Marcelli and Michael.



Diary Dates 2018

2nd & 5th February	Clothes Recycling
7th February	School Disco
12th-16th February	Mid Term Holiday (School closed to children)
20th March	Parent / Teacher Consultations
22nd March	Parent / Teacher Consultations
28th March	Year 2 Trip to Westonbirt Arboretum
29th March	LAST DAY OF TERM

More information will be given closer to the time of each event.

Please note that these dates are subject to change.

Well done to the following children who received a Certificate of Excellence last week

Ash	Zoie Rodrigues
Oak	Vanister Fernandes
Elm	Aston Wesley
Pine	Jed De Souza
Beech	Parasjeet Singh
Cedar	Kimberly Marques
Willow	Meliba Goes
Sycamore	Andre Dias
Chestnut	Abena Kankam

PFA Updates

Remember recycling day is this **Friday 2nd Feb** and **Monday 5th Feb**. Please drop off any donated clothes, paired shoes, handbags and belts between 8-9am at the Swindon Town Football Club car park.

School disco is on **Wednesday 7th Feb** for £3.50 which includes a drink and hotdog.

- 3-4pm for Reception and Year 1
- 4-5.30pm for Year 2 and Year 3

Please let us know if you're able to help.

SUPPORT THE PFA

Attendance and Punctuality

Please ensure your child is in school and on time as much as possible. As OFSTED noted that a lot of children have too much time away from school, we are not in a position to authorise any term time absences. Swindon Borough Council will be issuing fines for non-authorised absences which are paid to Swindon Borough Council. The school day starts at 8.50 and finishes at 3.15 on the Queen's Drive site.



Office hours

Please note that the office at Queen's Drive is open from Monday to Friday, 8.00am until 4.00pm.

Reflection

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining
I believe in love even when I do not feel it
I believe in God even when he is silent
(Found on the walls of a cellar in Germany where Jews were hidden)



Yours sincerely
Mrs. K Salter
Head of School