



HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

What another busy week it has been! It was so good to see you at our Parents' Evenings this week. There are not many parents who were unable to make the most of this opportunity - and I know teachers are keen to still provide this for any unable to make this week. I just loved hearing some of the conversations where the children were sharing their work with you. It was also great for you to hear how your child is doing first hand. Thank you for making sure this learning process is a partnership. Thank you also to all the staff who made such an effort to ensure you are fully informed on this journey.

I am delighted to have received some returns from the form that went out with last week's newsletter entitled **Our Community - commitment and engagement**. I would still like to hear from you about what you might be able to offer, or who you have contacts with. This is not meant to be a huge commitment but by way of example I would love in the new year to have a day dedicated to food from across the world. The idea of many of you cooking a traditional meal from various countries would be amazing - so I would like for these sheets to capture those skills and opportunities. Please feel free to continue to either send me the form filled in or ask for one at the office.

Visits have been a wonderful part of our learning this week. Lower Key Stage 2 have gone on a Guided History Tour locally. This was very much enjoyed by the children. Year 5 also carried out some work on Beaumont Park as part of their studies.



We also had a visit from the Fire Service, more First Aid training, Mayflower 400 work and Key Stage 1 have had parents in to share their learning. There is so much going on and, through experiences it is making sure there is real breadth and depth in our curriculum.

We marked this time of year with a whole school Remembrance Mass where Father Jacek reminded us about the sacrifices made so that we enjoy peace. We reflected on making sure we live according to gospel values to show we honour those that died and ensure peace is part of our lives.

I am sorry to inform you that Mr Flashman, our wonderful Year 5 teacher, will not be teaching in Holy Cross next term. I have advertised the position and hope to make an appointment as soon as possible. We will have the opportunity to say farewell and thank him at the end of the term.

Sorry to mention the Rugby World Cup again, but I felt I needed to congratulate South Africa and Mr Flashman!

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, so we will be carrying out various activities to cover this important area. Next Friday, some of the staff will attend the funeral of Mrs Lilian Harrad. Lilian volunteered at this school for many years and was a wonderful character. She turned 95 this year. Many of our ex-pupils will remember her for all the support she gave us, especially in the office.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mr Cotter, Headteacher



Next week, as part of Anti-Bullying Week, we will be exploring the issue of bullying; what it is, why it happens and how we prevent it. Our work will include learning about feelings, social interaction, diversity, social structures, discrimination, justice, power and conflict.

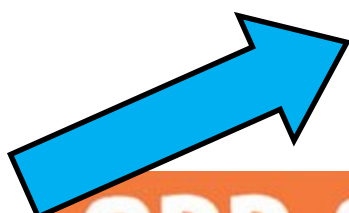
Parents are invited to attend an assembly on **Friday 15th November** where the children will showcase their work: -

KS1—9.15am

LKS2—1.45pm

UKS2—2.30pm

Friday 15th November AND WEAR BLUE CLOTHES DAY!



ODD SOCKS DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK





Radio Plymouth's Design a Christmas Card Competition!

Radio Plymouth have joined forces with Otter Garden Centres in this year's Design a Christmas Card Competition. To enter the competition all you need to do is print off the attached template, draw your design and colour it in with pencils or felt pens only.

Entries open now &
close Friday 29th November.

The winning school will receive a Christmas tree and decorations.

Each child in the winner's class will receive a pack of 10 Christmas cards printed in the winning design to take home!



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Simon James (Y1):	Blake
Eric Carle (Y1/2):	Reece
Roger Hargreaves (Y2):	Aya
Roald Dahl (Y3):	Harry
David Walliams (Y3/4):	Esme
Michael Morpurgo (Y4):	Eitan
Emma Carroll (Y5):	Alex
Anthony Horowitz (Y5):	Isabelle
J K Rowling (Y6):	Jada



Each week we recognise and reward those with the highest percentage for attendance and punctuality.

This week we say well done and congratulations to:

Eric Carle Class (Year 1/2)



St Andrew—3515

St Jude—3140

St Julie—3122

St Teresa—2560

Thank you all for your support, as always.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mr Cotter and staff

Here is a list of some important dates confirmed for this year.
All information is available on our website calendar.

Dates for your diary.....

Tuesday 12/11/19

**Tempest
Photography
(Individuals & siblings)**

Thursday 15/11/19

**Roger Hargreaves
Class Mass**

Friday 15/11/19

School Discos

Thursday 21/11/19

Whole School Mass

Thursday 28/11/19

Eric Carle Class Mass

Thursday 05/12/19

Whole School Mass

Thursday 12/12/19

**Simon James
Class Mass**

**Tuesday 10/12/19 &
Wednesday 11/12/19**

**Foundation Stage
Nativity @ 1.45pm**

**Tuesday 17/12/19
& Wednesday 18/12/19**

**Christmas
Production @ 6.30pm**

Thursday 19/12/19

Whole School Mass

Friday 20/12/19

Last day of term

Monday 06/01/20

Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 07/01/20

Back to School

Liturgy in School

Parents and parishioners are invited to join us for liturgy, 9am, Monday mornings.

The theme for our prayer and worship next week is:

Faith and Humility



Thank you Jesus for promising me life in heaven. Help me to live well every day, knowing you are always with me. Amen.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK: -

- **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**
- **SCHOOL PHOTOS ON TUESDAY**
- **SCHOOL DISCOS ON FRIDAY**



If you have a DBS and would like to help contact the office, or Justine's email hc.ptfa@gmail.com