**Message from the**

**Head of Schools**

We were delighted that so many of you were able to meet with your child’s class teacher this week. There will be another formal parent-teacher evening later in the year but, in the meantime, do remember that the teaching staff are available to meet with parents throughout the year. Appointments may be made through the school office.

We received the wonderful news last week that Holy Cross achieved the highest proportion of children completing the Mischief Makers Summer Reading Challenge this year! 79 children (30% of pupil roll) will be awarded certificates in a special celebration assembly next Friday. Their combined efforts have earned us the school prize of £100 to be spent on books. Well done to each and every one of them. Thank you for supporting your children to become readers for life.

Next week, the libraries are launching a year round challenge ‘Findalots’ for all children aged 4-11, so you don’t have to wait until next summer to take part! Please take your child along to sign up:

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/libraries/childrenandyoungpeople/findalotslibrarychallenge>



Our Harvest Mass has been rescheduled for Sunday 14th October at 10.00am. We are looking forward to celebrating as a whole school community with our parish at the Cathedral.

Mrs Potterton

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***Liturgy in School***

**Please join us for whole school liturgy on Monday at 9.00 am.**



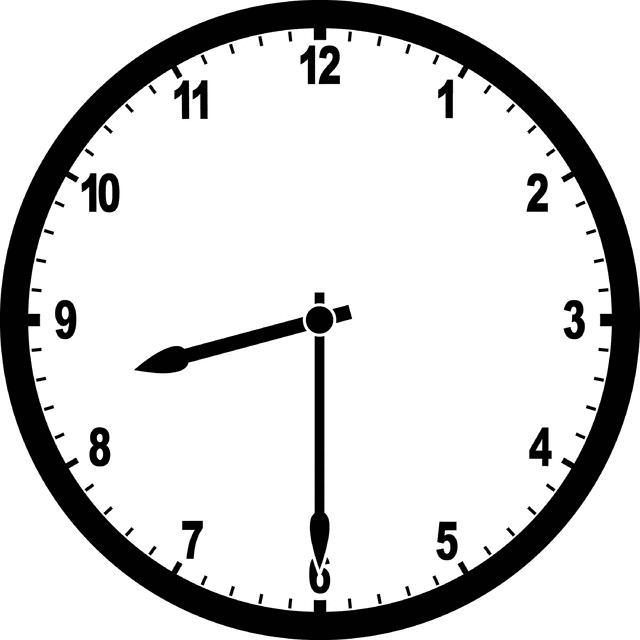
Please remember that your ParentPay Account **MUST NOT** go into debit. Please ensure that you always have sufficient monies within your account at all times. We are continually having to chase debtors which is both costly and time consuming.

**The theme for our prayer and worship this week is:**

**GOD LOVES US**

**Dear Jesus, please help all the people who are married to stay friends with each other always.  Sometimes people can’t stay married. Please help them to know that God’s love for them will never end.**

**Amen**



**Lateness matters**

**Remember that the school day**

**starts at 8.50am and that the school is open from 8.30am for early learning.**

**WHAT’S ON**

SOUTH WEST CELEBRATE WEEKEND

A joyful and faith-filled event for all the family!

13th/14th October

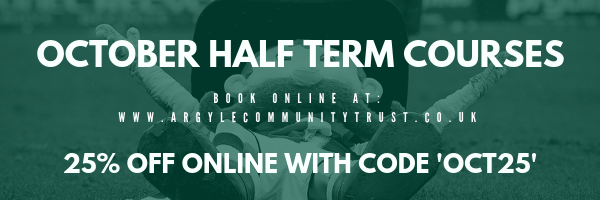
Notre Dame School, Looseleigh Lane, Plymouth PL6 5HN

*Main Speakers:* Maria Heath, Fr. Oscar Ardila, Charles Whitehead

Separate streams for children & young people. Lively worship, drama, a variety of workshops, family Mass

*Online booking now open* (Prior booking essential) *More details:*[www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) *Email:*[southwest@celebrateconference.org](mailto:torquay@celebrateconference.org) Rebecca 01395 489902 or Susanne 01803 606256





**Thinking of booking your child into Plymouth Argyle’s Half Term Activity Club? Grab yourself an early bird bargain and use the code above to get 25% off your booking.**

**Thank you all for your support as always. Have a wonderful weekend.**

**Mrs Potterton and Mr Cotter**



Here is a list of some

Important dates confirmed

for this year.

All information is available

on our website calendar.

**19th October**

**Non-Pupil day – School closed to pupils**

**22nd – 26th October**

**Half Term**

**29th October**

**Non-pupil Day – School Closed to Pupils**

**20th November**

**Tempest Photography – School Photos – NEW DATE**

**23rd November**

**School Discos – NEW DATE**

**11th December**

**Christmas Production – 1.30pm & 7pm**

**12th December**

**Christmas Production – 7pm**

**13th December**

**Christmas Dinner Day**