



# HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

26TH APRIL 2019 — NO.24



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our summer term! I hope you all had a wonderful break. Certainly the Easter weekend gave us a taste of warmth and sunshine.

We celebrated **Easter** with a whole school Mass on Tuesday. Our Year 5/6 entries at the Catenians Project led the homily of the Mass and it was lovely to see a good group of parents join us.

Well done to those who also presented their speeches on 'Sharing the Easter Message' on Wednesday to most of the school and to parents. As one of our priorities is **Oracy**, I am so delighted to see children get the opportunity to speak in front of such a large number – with confidence and skill. Well done to:

Jeroen, Tiago, Alexander, Marian  
Tomas, Holly, Gabriel, Saffron, Evan  
Sienna, Annouska, Annie, Uche, Olivia  
Isabelle, Holly, Yashvee, Ava  
Emily, Esme, Atene, Benjamin  
Daragh, Jesse, Dylan  
Boden, Daria, Nathan  
Niamh, Anastasia, Jake, Amelia, Nina  
Gracjan, Lamis, Jada, Erin  
Ruby, Lily, Isaac, Caleb  
Sofia, Adriana, Ursule, Ava

Some pupils from Year 5 attended a Maths Day at Plymouth University yesterday. They were given some excellent challenges and showed a lot of skill.

I hope you will all have received a letter from your child's teacher giving you a flavour for what is in store for their class over the term. It is a very busy one and we look forward to all the learning as well as other events.

This is the last call to any of you who would like to be a school governor. Closing date for expressing interest is Monday after which we will hold elections for a Parent Governor or look to see who might be able to be a Foundation Governor. Please feel free to email me if you are interested or want to know more,

Enjoy your weekend.

Paul Cotter  
pcotter@maryofthecross.co.uk

## 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:**

**Lots of Fish!**



**The disciples didn't recognise you  
at first, Jesus. They knew it was  
you when you helped them catch  
fish and ate with them. Help me to  
see you in the ordinary, everyday  
events of my life. Amen.**

# PRIME VR

We are very pleased that our VR Workshops have been rescheduled. They are confirmed for **Wednesday 8th May**. Thank you for your patience understanding regarding the delay we have experienced with this.

Prime VR are a small team of qualified teachers delivering topic specific workshops to KS2 pupils across the UK. Their workshops have been rated 5/5 on Google, Facebook and Trustpilot. They are passionate about inspiring pupils and they use VR as a way of bringing the outside world into the classroom. Each class will take part in two workshops across the day that will be relevant to the current topic they are learning about. We think this is a fantastic opportunity for our children and will help to bring their learning to life.

## Attention!

### Foundation, Year 3 and Year 6



Please remember to return your Bikeability forms to the school office by no later than Wednesday 1st May as we need to pass on the information to our providers.

Bikeability will be taking place in June for Year 3 and during the first week of July for Foundation and Year 6.



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## Plymouth Parent Carer Voice events

- 29<sup>th</sup> April- Developing your Behaviour Tool Box
- 8<sup>th</sup> May- Parent Carer SEND conference
- 4<sup>th</sup> June - Sleep with Cerebra- for Primary age children

For attendance to any of these events follow the link below and book yourself a place!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ppcv-accessing-public-services-with-cerebra-tickets-56410915567>

## Head Space

### Peer 2 Peer Mental Health Support

Here for you when times get tough  
A safe, calm place where you can find support

Peer supporters on hand with mental health lived experience

Week commencing 8th April 2019 our new opening hours will be at the following venues:

OPEN: WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY 9am - 10pm

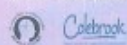
Wednesday: The Rues Centre, Nudge Way, Plympton, PL2 2PS

Thursday & Friday: Four Greens Wellbeing Hub, Whitteleigh Green, Plymouth, PL5 4DD

Saturday & Sunday: The Jan Cutting Centre, Scott Business Park, Beacon Park Road, Plymouth, PL2 2PQ

No need for an appointment  
Just come by or give us a call  
07890257614 - 0509090909 only  
headspace@colbrooksw.org

Find us on  
#YourHeadSpace



## Autism Plymouth Parent Support Group

Autism Plymouth Parent Support Group is a small, free, friendly place to meet for parents/carers of anyone with an Autism Spectrum Condition, monthly on a Wednesday from 7 - 9pm at Pomphlett Methodist Hall, Pomphlett Road (near the Plymouth Morrisons).

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> from 7pm.  
Come and join us for a cuppa and share your ups and downs with people who understand and can sometimes suggest ways to make life easier.

We also have a closed Facebook page to join - Autism Plymouth Parent Support Group  
email: [Plymouthparentsupport@nas.org.uk](mailto:Plymouthparentsupport@nas.org.uk)

FREE HELPLINE:  
The National Autism Society's helpline for people with autism and their families - 0808 800 4104 or visit their website - [www.autism.org.uk](http://www.autism.org.uk) Please note: we are unable to offer any therapeutic provision, counselling or crisis intervention, nor are we able to help people requiring support workers.



## ROOTED JUNIORS



AUTISM AND DISABILITY FRIENDLY INCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES  
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 8-13 YEARS  
DEVONPORT PARK ACTIVITY CENTRE

Saturdays 10-1

£5 per session

MUST be pre booked at [www.bookwhen.com/routeways](http://www.bookwhen.com/routeways)

Email: [rtaylor@routeways.org.uk](mailto:rtaylor@routeways.org.uk)  
Tel: 01752 856719



## HOUSE POINTS

- 1ST— St Andrew
- 2ND— St Judes
- 3RD— St Teresa
- 4TH— St Julie



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.



Here is a list of some important dates confirmed for this year.

All information is available on our website calendar.

**Friday 03/05/19**  
**Year 6 Residential Meeting**

**Monday 06/05/19**  
**Bank Holiday Monday**  
**School Closed**

**Monday 27/05/19 to**  
**Friday 31/05/19**  
**Half Term**

**Monday 03/06/19 to**  
**Friday 07/06/19**  
**Year 6 Residential**

**Monday 10/06/19**  
**@ 9am**  
**Whole School**  
**Pentecost Mass**

**w/c 13/06/19**  
**Bikeability Y3**

**Friday 28/06/19**  
**Summer Fair**

**w/c 01/07/19**  
**Bikeability**  
**Foundation and Y6**

**Friday 12/07/19**  
**End of Year Discos**

**Tuesday 16/07/19 &**  
**Wednesday 17/07/19**  
**Year 6 Leavers' Production**

**Thursday 18/07/19 @**  
**1.30pm**  
**Year 6 Leavers' Mass**

**Friday 19/07/19**  
**Last day of term**