



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

What a special week it has been. Thank you to all of you who came and supported our Christmas performance of the 'The Magical Jigsaw.' It was so good to see so many of you there and I hope that the true message of Christmas remains with you over the coming weeks.

And didn't the children do so well! You should feel incredibly proud of what they did. Maria Edwards, our CAST Link Director attended one of the performances and in her report to the Board of Directors she has written:

"The children from Years 1 to 6 arrived on time and every child was actively engaged with speaking, singing and acting with the caring, professional support of the staff. It was a phenomenal achievement to give every child a chance to shine and participate in a beautiful Christmas Nativity with pupils, staff and parents celebrating the true meaning of Christmas in an inspirational, entertaining and moving way. I was privileged to be invited to join them."

Whilst the performance was a team effort, a special thanks to our Production team of Miss Bailey, Mrs Dyson and Miss Palarm.

I would also like to thank Karen and our fantastic kitchen staff who produced a wonderful Christmas dinner for over 250 pupils, as well as staff! It was a well-planned military operation and all the staff chipped in to ensure it ran so well.

All the children enjoyed a storyteller this week. Malou Evans took all year groups and the feedback from the children was very positive.

Next week is our last week for the term. Please feel free to join us for our Advent Mass on Tuesday afternoon and we finish on Friday.

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Liturgy in School

The theme for our prayer and worship next week is:

WAITING WITH JOY



Dear Jesus, thank you for everything you have given me. Help me to be happy with what I have. Thank you for giving me so much love and joy! Amen.



ADVENT MASS

Tuesday 18th
December at 2pm.

School hall doors
open from 1.45pm.

All Welcome



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

All information is available on our website calendar.

20th December
Whole School Mass 2pm
in school hall —
all welcome

21st December
Last day of term

7th January
First day of new term

15th February
Non-Pupil Day

16th February—24th February
Half Term

3rd—7th June 2019
Year 6 Residential

DEBTORS

We are constantly chasing and texting parents regarding debt on the following:

Dinner money

After School Club

Breakfast Club

From the New Year we will have to take a harder approach for persistent offenders. If your accounts remains in debt we will be unable to allow you to use the care clubs until the debts have cleared. We will also have to insist on a pack lunch being provided until the dinner debt is cleared.

To avoid any embarrassment please ensure your account remains in credit at all times.



Every Minute Counts

Minutes late per day	Equates to days of teaching lost in one year
5 mins	10 Days
10 mins	7 Days
15 mins	10.5 Days
20 mins	14 Days
30 mins	21 Days



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE PLYMOUTH HCPT GROUP 45 TABLETOP SALE WHICH WAS HELD ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON. TOGETHER YOU HELPED RAISE £94.00.

WE ALSO RAISED £139.08 THROUGH YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS AFTER THE PERFORMANCES ON WEDNESDAY AND A SPECIAL THANKS GOES OUT TO OUR LITTLE HELPERS JEDIDIAH AND JONELLE.

The Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface

Cecil Street Plymouth PL1 5HW

Christmas at the Cathedral



Wednesday 12 December
6.00pm—Advent Reconciliation Service
Friday 14 December
7.30pm—Primrose Charity Carol Service

Monday 24 December
4.00pm—Nativity Play for children, at the Cathedral.
5.30pm—Carols and Readings at St Joseph's, followed by
6.00pm—Vigil of Christmas at St Joseph's.
11.30pm—Carols and Readings at the Cathedral, followed by

Tuesday 25 December
12midnight—Midnight Mass at the Cathedral
8.00am—Christmas Day Mass at the Cathedral
10.00am - Christmas Day Mass at the Cathedral



RAFFLE TICKET REQUEST!

Please remember to return your raffle tickets in time for next week's prize draw. If you have any that you do not wish to buy, please return them to the office so that others may purchase them (including part purchased books).
Thank you.

Thank you all for your support as always.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Cotter and all of the staff at Holy Cross School