



# HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Week 3 has just finished - with it being such a short term, every day seems so important to the children's learning.

I mentioned that we had an Inspection Review of RE last week. I wanted to share a comment that one of our youngest children told the inspector that made me very proud. When asked what makes our school special, she said 'because you can feel the presence of God.'

We are working on making even more explicit the gospel values that we see as important and this week we have been talking about **humility**. We will soon be giving awards to those we see practising those values.

We continue to work on what it means to be a pupil at Holy Cross, as distinct from other schools. One of the lines that the children are learning is:

*"I want to be the very best I can be, so I can do what God wants me to do. I want to be the very best I can be so God can do His work through me."*

Our **Pupil Chaplain** training with Sister Judith Rossi was a highlight of the week and those children are now trained and fired up to lead the school in many ways. We will be working on an Action Plan that will allow them to take responsibility for areas of our Catholic life.



Year 6 have enjoyed rowing in school this week. Our Year 5 classes attended Plymouth University for a Science showcase. And I hear that some Key Stage 1 classes are investigating a dragon making Holy Cross its home!

Next week sees Year 6 taking part in more rowing - this time out of school. Bikeability is back and I think the School Council might be doing something with Big Schools Birdwatch.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Cotter  
Headteacher

## 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:**

## Follow Me



**Help me Jesus, to listen to your call. I want to follow you just like the first disciples. Help me to be quick to do what you ask me. Amen.**



## Term dates for the next school year



### HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM DATES: 2020/2021



AUTUMN TERM 2020	
Non - Pupil day - <i>School CLOSED to pupils</i>	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020
Autumn Term commences - <i>Back to School</i>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020
Half Term - <i>School CLOSED for the week</i>	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> October - Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2020
Non - Pupil day - <i>School CLOSED to pupils</i>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020
<i>Back to School</i>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020
Term Finishes for Christmas ( <i>Last day of term</i> )	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Christmas Holidays <i>School CLOSED for two weeks</i>	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 to Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2021
SPRING TERM 2021	
Non - Pupil day - <i>School CLOSED to pupils</i>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Spring Term commences - <i>Back to School</i>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Half Term <i>School CLOSED for the week</i>	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2021
Non - Pupil day - <i>School CLOSED to pupils</i>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021
<i>Back to School</i>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021
Term Finishes ( <i>Last day of term</i> )	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021
Easter Holidays <i>School CLOSED for two weeks</i>	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2021 to Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
SUMMER TERM 2021	
Summer Term commences on - <i>Back to School</i>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
May bank holiday ( <i>School closed</i> )	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021
Half Term - <i>School CLOSED for the week</i>	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Non - Pupil day - <i>School CLOSED to pupils</i>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
<i>Back to School</i>	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Term finishes ( <i>Last day of term</i> )	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021



On Wednesday, all Year 5 children explored the Science Exhibition by Plymouth University's Faculty of Science and Technology.

In the exhibit, children explored various stands about engineering, life sciences and biological sciences including looking at robots, completing a dinosaur run, creating a facial profile for the police and extracting DNA from bananas. All children said how much they enjoyed it. They acted in such a mature manner while out of school.



## Reminders for next week.....

**Change of Menu on Monday—Chinese New Year** (see page 1)

**Bikeability—Foundation**  
Monday to Friday

**Bikeability—Year 6**  
Monday to Thursday

**Bikeability—Year 3**  
Friday only

**Rowing Competition**  
KS2—Tuesday

**Multiskills Competition**  
KS1—Thursday

## Coming soon.....

**Safer Internet Day**  
11th February

**World Book Day**  
5th March

**British Science Week**  
6th to 15th March



Julia Donaldson (FS):	Dawson
Simon James (Y1):	_____
Eric Carle (Y1/2):	Alex
Roger Hargreaves (Y2):	Johan
Roald Dahl (Y3):	Zakk
David Walliams (Y3/4):	Iris
Michael Morpurgo (Y4):	Alexander
Emma Carroll (Y5):	Alice
Anthony Horowitz (Y5):	Daragh
J K Rowling (Y6):	Elliot & Lily



**Be In SCHOOL**  
**Be On TIME**

EACH WEEK, WE RECOGNISE AND REWARD THOSE WITH THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE FOR ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY.

THIS WEEK THE AWARD GOES TO: -

**Eric Carle Class (Y1/2)**  
**&**  
**David Walliams Class (Y3/4)**

**Well done on your excellent punctuality**

**Remember school opens at 8.30am**

***Be an on time hero!***

Thank you all for your support, as always.  
Have a lovely Weekend.  
Mr Cotter, Miss Buscombe and all the staff at Holy Cross.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

All information is available on our website calendar.

**W/C 27/01/20**

**Bikeability for years FS, 3 & 6**

**W/C 03/02/20**

**National Storytelling Week**

**W/C 17/02/20**

**Half Term**

**Monday 24/02/20**

**Non-pupil day**

**Tuesday 25/02/20**

**Term Begins**

**Wednesday 26/02/20**

**Ash Wednesday**  
**Whole School Mass**

**Friday 13/03/20**

**School Discos**

**Thursday 26/03/20**

**Whole School Mass**

**Friday 27/03/20**

**Last day of term**

**Tuesday 14/04/20**

**Summer Term commences**

**Friday 8/05/20**

**Early May Bank Holiday for VE Day**

**Friday 22/05/20**

**Non-pupil day**