

NEWSLETTER—NO. 7



2nd November 2018

Message from the Head of School

Welcome back to school. I hope everyone is well rested after their half-term break which was kind enough to remain sunny throughout! We have had a superb start to one of the busiest terms of the school year.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our wonderful All Saints Day Mass led by Father Jacek. It was a beautiful service and was lovely to see so many parents joining us on a day when we come together to honour all known and unknown saints.



Years 2 and 5 were today visited by our local Fire Safety Team from Greenbank Fire Station when they learnt all about fire prevention and fire safety. Year 2 were lucky enough to also be able to see and use some of the life saving equipment held on board the Fire Engine. On Monday 5th November KS1 will be having a day when they will be learning all about the Great Fire of London. The children will be coming into school dressed in clothes similar to those that would have been worn back in 1666 when the Great Fire started. The children will be taking part in baking, design & technology and art based activities to support and focus on their new topic.

*Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs D Potterton*



Anti-Bullying Week

12th November to 16th November is Anti-Bullying Week. To help us raise awareness within the school, we would like to invite all pupils (and staff!) to come to school on Monday 12th November wearing odd socks.



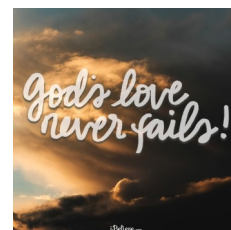
We have received a number of complaints from the residents of Friary Court that cars are being inappropriately parked in the vicinity of the school during drop off and pick up.

Please remember to be considerate to our fellow residents by not parking improperly in or near residents' parking bays or on double yellow lines.

Liturgy in School

Please join us for whole school liturgy on Monday at 9.00 am. The theme for our prayer and worship next week is:

Love



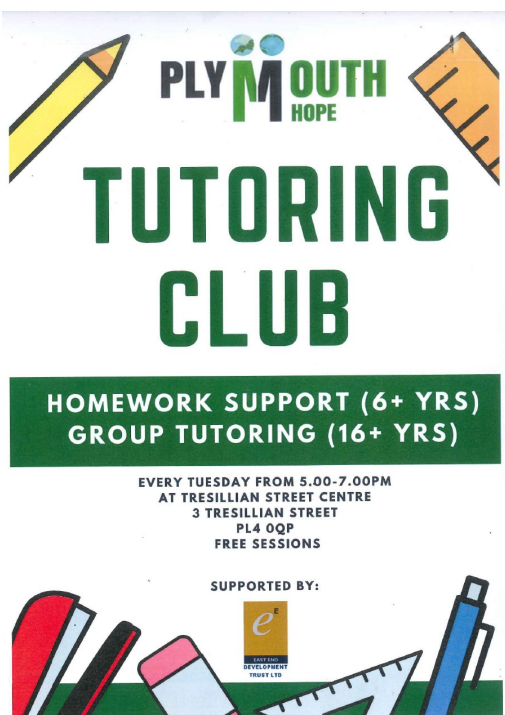
Help me, Jesus, to show how much I love you by being kind to other people.

Amen

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

12th—16th November

Anti-Bullying Week

20th November

Tempest Photography – School Photos

23rd November

School Discos

3rd December—1.30pm

Foundation Christmas Production

4th December—1.30pm

Foundation Christmas Production

11th December

Christmas Production – 1.30pm & 7pm

12th December

Christmas Production – 7pm

13th December

Christmas Dinner Day - Mufti Clothes

Some of you will have received a letter from a qualified Optometrist and PhD student from Aston University who is looking for volunteers aged between 7 and 12 years old to take part in an exciting study of children's eyes. If you would like your child to take part, or would like more information, please contact Rachel on rachel@maryofthecross.co.uk



Once again we have a very full Lost Property Box in the School Office. If you have lost an item of school uniform, please remember to check the box. **All uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name.** We have also had handed into the office the following items:

- 2 x pairs of child's glasses
- A pair of square cubic zirconia earrings
 - A car key (!)
- 2 x charms for a bracelet

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Cotter and Mrs Potterton

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The P.T.F.A. have lots going on this term and we need your help!

Discos

First and foremost, thank you to all those who have volunteered for the discos that are being held on Friday 23rd November, without your help we would not be able to run these discos.

Tickets for both discos will go on sale in the School Office next Friday 9th November and will cost £2.00 per ticket.

Christmas Prize Draw

We are starting to collect raffle prizes for our Christmas raffle (please see the list below for suggestions for each year group). All donations much appreciated. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the refreshments, cakes and draw ticket sales at each of the Christmas Productions as follows:

Monday 3rd December @ 1.30pm

Tuesday 4th December @ 1.30pm

Tuesday 11th December @ 1.30pm and 6pm

Wednesday 12th December @ 6pm

Playground Project

Do you own a company (or work for a company) who would like to sponsor any equipment for our playground project to improve our children's outside space?

For more information on any of the above please contact Justine, PTFA Chairperson, on hc.ptfa@gmail.com

Thank you in anticipation of your help!

Do you have some spare time that you would be willing to donate to your school P.T.F.A?

Would you like to help our school P.T.F.A. with the many events they hold throughout the year to raising funds for the benefit of the children of Holy Cross?

The P.T.F.A are only able to run their events with your help and support. Please look out for a letter that will be coming home shortly explaining more about what we do. If you would like to get more involved, contact Justine on hc.ptfa@gmail.com.



The PTFA are making a request for donations of the following items for our Christmas Raffle:

Foundation: Toiletries or tinned food

Year 1: Christmas arts and crafting materials or soft drinks

Year 2: Gardening products or chocolates

Year 3: Biscuits or toiletries

Year 4: Tea, coffee, hot chocolate or gardening products

Year 5: Toiletries or tinned food

Year 6: Christmas arts and crafting materials or soft drinks