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## Newsletter – 10th March 2017 No:21

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF LEARNING

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Parent Consultation evenings this week. We value highly our partnership with you as parents. If you were not able to make an appointment with your child's class teacher please do pop into reception to make an appointment at a time convenient to you. As always, I am more than happy to meet with parents who would like to discuss their child's education further. I am also keen to hear your ideas about how we can continue to strengthen communication with you, so that you feel fully informed and consulted with as parents. Do chat to me at the door in the morning or email me if you prefer.

We have another exciting week to look forward to next week. It is Science week at Holy Cross and we have many wonderful experiences and outings planned for the children. Many thanks to Mrs Watters for all her hard work in organising the week's events. Please visit our website next week to see the photos!

I had the pleasure of visiting classes during early morning time this week. It was wonderful to see the children being welcomed so warmly into class and to talk to the children about the tasks they were engaged in. There are a wide range of activities available to all children from 8.30 each morning which provide the children with a smooth start to the school day. It is wonderful to see so many of you taking up this opportunity by dropping off your children at 8.30 each morning. This early start is open to everyone if you wish to accept the offer.

Our wonderful school parliament met this week, chaired expertly by our

Vice Chair, Maja. They have many great ideas for our school. They are currently working on a lunchtime charter to further improve children's experiences outside and in the lunch hall. They have the task of pulling together all children's suggestions which were gathered in our whole school assembly this week. I will share the charter with you once it is finalised.

I hope you have a lovely weekend with your children. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Potterton

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### ON TIME HEROES



**Being at school on time is crucial for learning. Well done to Holly, who are our On Time Heroes this week!**



Premier Sports clubs – There is 1 space left on Ball Skills (Wed KS2)  
There is 1 space left on Drama Club (Thurs Y5 & Y6)

### 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:*

**LISTEN TO JESUS**

*Jesus, when we listen to you we grown and transform. Help us to be attentive listeners to your call in our lives so that in this hopeful season of Lent, we may change and grow in love for you.*

**Amen**





### Childcare Vouchers

We are now registered with Edenred (ref.P21102440) & Fideliti (ref.HOL357C), and are in the process of setting up Allsave/Sodexo. In order to use your vouchers, you will need to give our reference number for the relevant scheme to your employer.

### PTFA Mufti Day

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Please donate an Easter Egg instead of money



### **EASTER EGG RAFFLE**

**Thursday  
30th March**



Easter eggs are symbols of the Risen Christ. As a chick breaks the shell when it is hatched and begins life, so Our Lord comes forth living from the tomb.

**Raffle tickets will be on sale shortly**

### WONDERS OF THE WEEK

Auriana (Y6), Erin (Y5), (Y4), Niamh (Y3), Abigail (Oak), Iris (Holly), Michal Z (Maple), Alexander, Sarah & Isabelle (Foundation)

### OTHER AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

Niamh for receiving her award in Street Dancing  
Alice for getting her Brownie badge for swimming

**Thank you to you all for sharing with us and also the kindness and generosity you have given to others**



The winners were as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> St Jude's**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> St Andrew's**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> St Theresa's**  
**4<sup>th</sup> St Julie's**

### Witness of the week:

This will now be celebrated at Monday Liturgy and awards will be mentioned on the following Friday newsletter



### MTA AWARDS

We are so proud of the winners of our MTA (Top Table) awards:

**Shayla, Stanley, Niamh N, Matthew, Gerran, Daria, Jackson & Melissa**

*for showing exemplary behaviour during meal times this week.*



### **MTA Award on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

Congratulation to Henry (Oak) for showing good manners. Apologies for being missed off the newsletter.



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

13<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 & Y6 Science week trip to Stemcentre  
14<sup>th</sup> March – Y3, Y4 & Y5 Planetarium in school  
15<sup>th</sup> March - Y4 class Mass  
KS1 (incl FS) **visit from** Dartmoor Zoo (in school)  
16<sup>th</sup> March – First Holy Communion Preparation (for parents)  
Y3 trip to Buckfast Abbey  
17<sup>th</sup> March – Feast of St Patrick  
21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March – FS to Frankie & Benny's  
22<sup>nd</sup> March – Y5 class Mass  
24<sup>th</sup> March – Ubuntu Retreat Day, Notre Dame (Y5 & Y6 - girls)

### **Mufti Day**

29<sup>th</sup> March – Y6 class Mass  
30<sup>th</sup> March – Y3 trip to Eden Project  
31<sup>st</sup> March – Lenten Service  
**31<sup>st</sup> March – last day, school closes for Easter**

**School reopens Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

### Change to Friday Celebration Assembly

Celebration Assembly will now start at 2:40pm on a Friday from 17<sup>th</sup> March and will no longer be held in the morning.

**Thank you for all your support as always and have a lovely weekend,**

**Mrs Potterton and Mr Cotter**