

# HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Headteacher

I hope the children are sharing with you our new Five Faith Promises as we look to make even more explicit how this impacts on our learning and our behaviour. These are:

- Be **safe** - I keep myself and other people safe
- Be **respectful** - I respect people's feelings and environment
- Be **curious** - I ask questions and find our new things
- Be **resilient** - I keep going, even when things get tough
- Be **proud** - I say what is good about myself and others

See if your child can also recite a couple of lines that goes with this:

*"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."*

Some children have once again been asked about their learning and I would like to share some of their comments:

How do you know if you're being successful at this learning / task?

*"I know because I won't find the work easy but I understand it and find it a challenge so I know I'm learning. Having a choice of activities means I can challenge myself."  
"When we get a green comment, we learn from it. We get dojo's and verbal comments to say we are doing well."  
"I know because my understanding grows."  
"Green comments - they are really helpful, the teacher gives us lots of feedback. Post its are feedback."*

What would you do if you were stuck?

*"Brain, book or learning wall."  
"Use the learning wall, ask a friend, ask an adult to help you."*

The **library** has been moved and already it is a more welcoming and accessible space. This is before our artist gets going! We want this space to be continually used as we build from World Book Day in promoting a real love of reading.



This evening your child might be bringing some of their old exercise books from the last school year home. In order to show progression, we keep them for a period of time but feel that they can go home now.

The PTFA had its AGM on Wednesday and I am delighted to inform you that the following were elected to these posts:

Chair: Justine Andrews  
Vice-Chair: Paul Cotter  
Treasurer: Irene McKenzie  
Secretary: Angela Rosevear  
Buyer/purchaser: Catarina Silva

The Treasurer's Report was particularly encouraging and highlights the great work of a PTFA in raising money both for those little extras as well as accumulating funds for our Playground Project. Thank you to those parents who give up their time to support us – and if others are keen to do so, please feel free to get in touch

We look forward to our **Parents' evenings** with you next week. It is a great opportunity to meet with you and discuss how your child is doing. We very much value you coming to these meetings.

Next Wednesday is **International Day of Happiness**. What a nice celebration – especially at this time. How will you make sure you are happy?

Have a lovely weekend.

Paul Cotter  
pcotter@maryofthecross.co.uk



**Parents' Evening**  
**LAST CHANCE TO BOOK!**

**Monday 18th March  
& Tuesday 19th March**

@ 3.30pm—6pm (Years 1—6)  
@ 1.30pm—6.30pm (FS only)

**Please contact the school  
office if you have any issues with  
making a booking or if you need  
a password  
reminder.**

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## IMPORTANT: PACKED LUNCHES

If your child brings a packed lunch into school, you might have noticed that they (may) have been coming home with wrappers and leftover food, as opposed to a clean and clear lunch box. This is because it has been spotted by our kitchen staff that some entire sandwiches, and other items from packed lunch boxes, are being thrown away in our food waste bins. By requesting that all children take their lunch boxes home with any uneaten food, this not only prevents those items that should be recycled from going into the food waste bin (which then makes it unable to be composted) but more importantly to ensure that you, as parents and carers, get to see exactly what your child has or hasn't eaten from their lunch. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this change, please contact the school office.



### 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**



**Dear Jesus, you changed at the top of the mountain. Your disciples saw your glory. Help me to understand and be changed too. Help me to feel full of love. Amen.**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING COLLECTION AFTER CLUBS

Please be aware that as of **Monday 18th March**, After School Clubs will be exiting the building using the following doors: -

- All Premier Sports clubs (Gymnastics, Multi Sports and Fun Fitness): Please collect your child from the **red door** at the top of the first playground
- Martial Arts Football and Tag Rugby, Fizzpop Science, Spanish Amigos and Choir: Please collect your child from the **white door** near the Noticeboard in the top playground.

**Do we have all of your correct details?**



**Have you recently moved house?**

**Have you changed your mobile number?**

Please let the office know if you have recently changed any of your details as it is vitally important that we hold up to date and accurate information in the event that we need to get in touch with you.



## Parents evening 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Mrs Cotter the SENDCo will be available to meet with any parents. If you would like an appointment contact me by email [jcotter@maryofthecross.co.uk](mailto:jcotter@maryofthecross.co.uk)

## World Autism Awareness Week 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### 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>



**Argyle Community Trust**  
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## SHORT BREAKS

Running during school half terms and summer



### Short Breaks is for children with Autism or ADHD, aged 7-14.

Enjoy football games and other fun activities.

[www.bookwhen.com/shortbreaks](http://www.bookwhen.com/shortbreaks) or contact 01752 300700



Sessions run from 10am - 1pm on Monday and Tuesday  
Just £5 per session  
Open to children aged from 7 - 14  
Held at Home Park, Plymouth, PL2 3DQ

For more information call 01752 300700 or e-mail [josh.grant@pafc.co.uk](mailto:josh.grant@pafc.co.uk)

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you have a child attending a school or 6<sup>th</sup> form and you receive certain benefits, you may be entitled to claim free school meals. Plymouth City Council is able to check your eligibility online, therefore minimising the need to provide proof of your entitlement.

It is of great benefit for your child's school if you are entitled to free school meals as they receive extra school funding for all children who qualify. Please contact your child's school for details of their Pupil Premium Policy. Plymouth City Council have a 5 day turn around for all free school meals applications, and will advise your child's school of the date the free school meals start.

For more information please go to <https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/>



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

THIS WEEK WE SAY WELL DONE TO: -

**Simon James (Y1)**  
&  
**Anthony Horowitz (Y5)**  
**Well done!!**



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**Premier  
Camps**

Go on an 'Eggcellent' Easter adventure with Premier, with sport, wellbeing & art activities for all 4-12 year

Choose from a wide variety of exciting sports and arts activities to try. Be as creative and adventurous as you like, all whilst making new friends and having loads of fun along the way!

Visit [camps.premier-education.com](http://camps.premier-education.com) or alternatively call 01953 499 040

 Premier

**What's on this April?**  
**PLYMOUTH & TORBAY**

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| <b>PLYMOUTH</b><br>Plymouth College Preparatory School<br>Multi-Sports "including swimming"<br>8th April - 18th April<br><br><b>PLYMPTON</b><br>Chaddleswood Primary School<br>Multi-Sports<br>9th April - 18th April | <b>TOTNES</b><br>Darlington Primary School<br>Multi-Sports<br>10th April - 18th April<br><br><b>TORQUAY</b><br>Our Lady Of The Angels Primary<br>School<br>Multi-Sports<br>8th April - 17th April |
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Standard day from 09:00 - 16:00  
Extended day from 08:00 - 17:30  
(Extended Days available at selected venues only)

**You will need...**

- ▶ A packed lunch
- ▶ Plenty of water or fruit juice
- ▶ Weather-appropriate clothing
- ▶ A change of footwear
- ▶ Shin pads (for contact sports)
- ▶ ...and loads of energy!

**Don't worry!**  
Our Activity Professionals are fully insured and DBS checked. They all hold an Emergency First Aid certification.

**50% OFF**  
Book a friend for HALF PRICE using code FRIEND/50



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

**Monday 18/03/19**  
**Parents Evening**

**Tuesday 19/03/19**  
**Parents Evening**

**Tuesday 19/03/19**  
**Tempest**  
**—Class Photographs**

**Monday 08/04/19 to**  
**Friday 19/04/19**  
**Easter Holiday**

**Friday 19/04/19**  
**Good Friday**

**Monday 22/04/19**  
**Easter Monday**

**Tuesday 23/04/19**  
**Summer Term starts & Whole School Mass @ 9am**

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

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

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

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

## School Uniform Sale



There will be a school uniform sale on  
Parents Evenings on 18th and 19th  
3.30pm to 6pm.



The sale will take place outside Mr Cotter's  
office on the ground floor.

Coming Soon

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**HOUSE  
POINTS**

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

The PTFA are soon to be setting up a Facebook page for the 'Friends of Holy Cross School'.

Watch this space for more information.....