



HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

4TH OCTOBER 2019 — NO.4



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

We warmly welcome two more pupils to Holy Cross - Hala in Year 4 and Qamar in Year 6.

My apologies for not getting a newsletter out last week - we have been out and about a bit. Mrs Buscombe and I attended the CAST Heads and Deputies Conference last Thursday and Friday where we heard from many inspirational leaders - so we have even more wonderful ideas!

BRIGHTEN UP We had a visit from Gillian Mill last week on CAFOD - allowing the children to understand the work of this amazing organisation. Today's Mufti Day looks to raise money for the work that they do.

Our Year 1 and 2 classes have visited Smeaton's Tower over the last week as part of their topic work on the story of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.'

Thank you to those of you who joined the PTFA meeting last week. We have established some events that will raise money for the school. All these efforts are greatly appreciated.

Anthony Horowitz class had a class mass last week and we had our whole school Harvest Mass this week, so Father Jacek has been busy! Thank you for those who brought items for the Food Bank - it sends such a strong message that we have to look after those less fortunate than ourselves.



This week we have appointed a Foundation Stage teacher to replace Miss Palarm. We have another Miss Heaton in the school - not related! Miss Heaton will start with us on Monday and we wish her all the very best as she works alongside Mrs Shaw. I would also like to thank Mrs Higson who has been amazing the last three weeks in supporting our new children to settle in.

The Rugby World Cup is creating its own interest here at school as each class looks to find out more about a particular country. They are:

Julia Donaldson - France	Simon James - Ireland
Eric Carle - America	Roger Hargreaves - Wales
Roald Dahl - Fiji	David Walliams - New Zealand
Michael Morpurgo - Australia	Emma Carroll - Russia
Anthony Horowitz - South Africa	J K Rowling - Japan

Obviously the teachers have their own teams to support as well!

The wet weather seems to have arrived all of a sudden. It has raised a few issues for us as some parents are not parking safely when picking up or dropping off their child. We have had complaints from our neighbours who have shared with us how some parents have parked without consideration. More importantly, some of the parking is dangerous and is making it unsafe for children leaving the school. I would urge all of you to think carefully about where you are parking. We know it is very difficult in this area and means that you need to walk a distance, even if it is raining.

Holy Cross is being used next Tuesday to support the appointment of a new Director of Education for CAST, our Multi-Academy Trust. It will be a great opportunity for the school to show just how good we are all doing.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Cotter
Headteacher



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NUMBOTS

We are delighted to inform you about a new service we're using to support your child's maths education. The creators of Times Tables Rock Stars have produced a platform for boosting addition and subtraction skills, called **NumBots**.

NumBots is an online game and playing little and often will significantly improve your child's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts. These are critical foundations in maths so we are excited by the impact **NumBots** will have.

Your child will be sent home with a letter over the next week with more information about Numbots and how to access it. Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions or comments.

Holy Church at Beacon Park hold a family mass with Father Petroc at 9am on the first Sunday of each month . Everyone welcome.

**ALL
ARE
WELCOME**



LOST PROPERTY!!!

Yet again we have a **VERY FULL** Lost Property Box . If you have lost an item of uniform, please remember to check the box in the school office to see if it is there.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO CLEARLY LABEL
ALL UNIFORM.**

CAFOD
Just one world

**THANK
YOU!!**

TOGETHER

WE RAISED **£295.34** FOR
CAFOD BY COMING INTO
SCHOOL IN BRIGHT CLOTHES.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

We are celebrating Black
History Month Tuesday
1st October to Thursday
31st October

**LOOK OUT FOR THE
STEM NEWSLETTER
ATTACHED TO THIS
WEEK'S E-MAIL.**

**GOOD LUCK WITH THE
PUZZLE!**



Plymouth
School of
Creative Arts

**Creating Individuals
Making Futures**



Secondary Open Evening
Wednesday 9th October 6 - 8pm

www.plymouthschoolofcreativearts.co.uk



No need to book, just come along at 6pm!

Any queries please contact events@schoolofcreativearts.co.uk
Plymouth School of Creative Arts: 22 Millbay Road, Plymouth PL1 3EG

**COMING
SOON.....**

**NEXT TERM'S AFTER
SCHOOL CLUB LIST**



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WINTER FLU VACCINE—IMPORTANT NEWS

The nasal flu vaccine was due to be administered in school today 4th October, however due to a shortage in the vaccine, Virgin Health have had to postpone the vaccination date to **Thursday 5th December**. If you have signed consent for your child to be vaccinated, you do not need to do anything as consent will be carried forward. If you have not yet signed your child up to receive the vaccination, and now wish to do so, you can still sign up using the link below:

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2019/devon>

The closing date for providing online consent will close on Sunday 24th November.
If you do not wish your child to have the vaccine, you do not need to do anything.

CATERed is the schools led local authority trading cooperative jointly owned by your child's school and the Council.

Our aim and objective is to buy fresh, seasonal, locally sourced produce and ingredients and to cook them from scratch each day in your child's school to produce great tasting, freshly prepared hot food which meets and exceeds the Governments Standards for School Food so that every child, regardless of the school they attend, gets the right food and nutrients to grow and learn.

To ensure we're doing the very best, we need your help & for you to tell us what you think! Please click on the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KDNPHQH>

KDNPHQH

The survey should take no more than a few minutes to complete and your views are very important. **The survey will close on Friday 25 October 2019.**

The survey link will also be posted across our social media Twitter and Facebook so if you prefer you can complete in this way: -



facebook.com/plymouthcatered



[@cateredplymouth](https://twitter.com/cateredplymouth)

CATERed
FEEDING AMBITIONS - MAKING A DIFFERENCE
EVERY CHILD, EVERY TIME

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:

Faith



**Dear Jesus, help me to really believe in you.
Help me to do as you ask and look after other people before thinking about what I want.
Amen.**



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Stars of the Week

JD (FS):	_____
SJ (Y1):	Daria
EC (Y 1/2):	Jedidiah
RH (Y2):	Millie
RD (Y3):	Katie
DW (Y3/4):	Jacob
MM (Y4):	Tilly
AH (Y5):	Philip
EMC (Y5):	Kiana
RM (Y6):	Simeon

HOUSE POINTS

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



Be In SCHOOL Be On TIME

EACH WEEK, WE
RECOGNISE AND REWARD
THOSE WITH THE HIGHEST
PERCENTAGE FOR
ATTENDANCE AND
PUNCTUALITY. THIS WEEK
WE SAY WELL DONE TO:

Eric Carle (Y1/2)
Roger Hargreaves (Y2)
Michael Morpurgo (Y4)

Our on time Heroes

Well Done!

Don't forget we are collecting the stickers from Aldi's 'Kit for Schools' competition. If you have been given any stickers from Aldi please pass them into the school office to give us a chance to win £20,000 for your school.



**ALDI'S
KIT
FOR SCHOOLS**

There are **20 prizes of £20,000** to be won.
All you have to do is get stuck in!

Will your school win £20,000?

From 6th September, Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit! Collect a sticker with every £30 spent in store and fill up your school's poster for a chance to win.



w/c 21/10/19

Half term

Monday 28/10/19

Non-pupil day

Tuesday 29/10/19

Back to school

Thursday 07/11/19

**Whole School
Remembrance Mass**

Tuesday 12/11/19

**Tempest Photography
(Individuals & siblings)**

Friday 15/11/19

School Discos

Thursday 21/11/19

Whole School Mass

Thursday 05/12/19

Whole School Mass

Friday 20/12/19

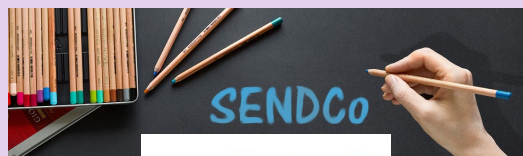
Last day of term

Monday 06/01/20

Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 07/01/20

Back to School



Emotional Health and Wellbeing Drop In

For children aged 5 to 18 and their families

If you're worried about something that's happening in your life, need some space to talk or want some advice on how you're feeling, drop in and have a chat to a trained professional.

You can come on your own or with someone else; you will always be made to feel welcome.

When? Friday 25th October 2019

1030-1230

Where? Tavy Lodge Scout Hut,

Tavy Place, PL4 7DJ

www.livewellsouthwest.co.uk



Livewell Southwest



@livewellsw

Supporting people to be Safe, Well and at Home



SHORT BREAKS

In partnership with the Sports Development Unit

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

Plymouth Life Centre
Sunday 20th October 1pm to 5pm



If you are the parent or carer of a disabled child aged 6 to 18 years, this free event will enable your whole family to enjoy a range of activities.

Activities include climbing, trampolining, dodgeball, archery, table tennis, soft play, arts & crafts board games, followed by an hour's swim.

To be eligible to access this event your child must live in Plymouth and have a diagnosis of a disability and attend a special school or support centre, although they may still be eligible if they attend a mainstream school and are supported by an EHCP Plan.

Booking is essential please contact the Sports Development Unit on 01752 307008
Email nyrene.dudley@plymouth.gov.uk



Taster sessions on Monday's 30th September & 7th October 2019
8 weekly meetings from Monday 14th October 2019, 10am-12pm at Routeways

Time for YOU

Plymouth

A small supportive group for mums of children with additional needs

Use Creative tools + COACHING to:

Take time and space for YOU

Share how being a mum of a child with additional needs transforms us
Re-fuel, play with words and images and say what needs to be said
Listen to what YOU need and how this fits into your life



Could this be for you?

Book a place on our

Taster Sessions

30th Sept + 7th Oct

Text 07855 529582

jo@mums4change.org

fb @mums4change

- A small, safe and supportive group for mothers
- Take time for you without your children
- We will use words, images & coaching tools
- No need to be 'creative' just willing to give it a go
- Your child doesn't need an official diagnosis

"For me the course was life changing. I'm now so much stronger, happier and looking forward to the future."

WHEN: Mondays 10-12am from 14th October

WEEKLY: 8 weekly meetings, term-time only

WHERE: Routeways, Devonport, Plymouth

COST: Free BOOKING ASAP ESSENTIAL

INTERESTED? email jo@mums4change.org or text

07855 529582

RUN BY: Jo Ball - life and career coach, mum of 2, with a background

in Arts Therapy. SUPPORTED BY: Clare Gale. Clare has a son with

complex medical needs and loved the group so much she wanted

to help share it with others.

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Is your child interested in learning photography? Get them started with Basic Digital Photography classes for Children aged 8-12 years. Fun & relaxed Photographer led classes involving practical photo taking & learning around Basic Camera Settings, Composition, Lighting & Posing with Lauren Blue Photography!

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SATURDAY CLASSES IN
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**FANCY SOMETHING
NEW?**

**NEW PHOTOGRAPHY
CLASSES STARTING
THIS WEEK**

**SATURDAY 5TH
OCTOBER
AND
MONDAY 7TH**