



## Message from the Headteacher

I cannot believe the half term is coming to an end, with a four day week next week. This week has concluded with a special treat. We received the opportunity for M&M Productions to deliver their version of Robin Hood this morning. The children (and staff) really loved it.



We also had a visit from FizzPop Science who delivered an assembly for all. These experiences bring learning into practice in a fun way.

I also had some excellent reports on our choir singing at Starbucks this week. Well done to them and to Mrs Palarm.

Unfortunately Prime VR workshop has had to be postponed due to a member of their staff having an injury. This will be re-arranged very soon.

Last week during POD Assembly, I asked the children how we learn. They worked in their groups to construct an answer. I received some very thoughtful responses, the best of which were:

"By listening,  
By answering questions,  
By sitting next to someone sensible,  
And learning from our mistakes.  
By doing the right thing in our learning,  
By asking somebody when you're stuck.  
By reading books and information,  
By listening to feedback from your peers, teachers and people around you.  
By helping other people in THEIR learning,  
By noticing important details in our work and what we have been told to do.  
By practising things we struggle on, or things we are good at, to become even better."

Please feel free to continue conversations like this with your child because it helps them understand how they learn best.

There is also excitement today in expectation for our discos tonight!

Please remember that next Friday is a Non-Pupil Day so the children finish on Thursday. It is then our half-term break, so they will not return to school until Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Have a lovely weekend.

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## 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:**

**Compassion**



**Dear Jesus, please help anyone who is suffering in anyway. Help them to trust you, like Simon Peter did. Bless them with a deep understanding of your love and goodness. Amen.**

**Book now**

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS  
BOOKING NOW OPEN**

**Booking is now live for clubs running next term with the following After School Club providers: -**

- PLYMOUTH ARGYLE
- PREMIER SPORTS
- SOUTH COAST MARTIAL ARTS
- SPANISH AMIGOS
- FIZZPOP SCIENCE

**For more information on all clubs, please see the flyers attached with the Newsletter email or pop into the school office.**



## SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

Here at Holy Cross School, we pride ourselves on looking smart at all times. Please can you ensure that your child comes to school ready for their day of learning dressed in the correct school uniform.



All pupils from Year 1 through to Year 6 are expected to wear a school tie and school jumper over their pale blue school shirt. Girls can wear either a pair of navy blue trousers or a navy skirt, and boys may have either grey or navy blue trousers. Sensible black shoes must also be worn (no trainers please). For more information on the correct uniform, please see the reverse inside cover of your child's Homework Diary. Thank you for your support.

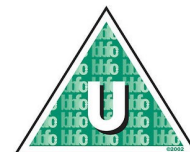
### Invitation to Youth Mass.

All are welcome to our youth celebration mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Efford on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm). It will be a youth orientated mass with which children can fully engage and take an active role if they so wish. It will be followed by a party with Face painting and other activities for the children.

Any questions please contact Damien on 07800-920636 or on

[Damien@plymouthcathsoc.org.uk](mailto:Damien@plymouthcathsoc.org.uk)

### DVD REQUEST



Do you have any DVD's with a 'U' Certification that you no longer use? If so, we would love to have them for our use at our After School Chipmunks Club (for those days when the weather is not so nice!) Thank you in advance!

### HOUSE POINTS

1ST— St Julie

2ND—St Andrew

3RD—St Judes

4TH—St Teresa

Thought for the day.....

*"One small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day"*



## PLYMOUTH INFORMATION ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR SEND



### For Your Interest: February 2019

Our February half term edition of For Your Interest is now available to download from our website. It contains lots of activities and events for families in the Plymouth area including activities suitable for young people with special educational needs and disabilities. Many activities are also FREE! Download the latest edition:

<http://www.plymouthias.org.uk/information-support/for-your-interest>



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

**Friday 15/02/19**  
**Non-Pupil Day**

**Monday 16/02/19 to**  
**Friday 24/02/19**  
**Half Term**

**Thursday 07/03/19**  
**World Book Day**

**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**

**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**

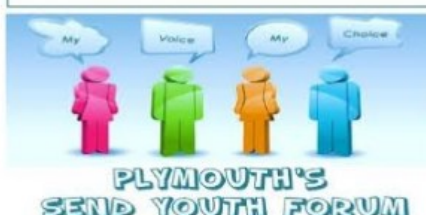
**Friday 19/07/19**  
**Last day of term**

### FOR YOUR INTEREST February 2019

Please take a copy

**Schools Out... for February Half Term!**  
There are lots of activities and events in the Plymouth area scheduled for families over the school holidays and beyond.

Take a look and see what's on offer... there's lots to see and do and many activities are **FREE!**



The Youth Forum (YPF) aims to give young people in Plymouth a voice and platform to share and discuss ideas around Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). It is open to any young person aged 10-25 years old with SEND.

The YPF Steering group will feed information up into council meetings and back into schools and agencies that work with young people.

Next Meeting: Monday 4 March 2019, 5pm—7pm  
Join us for Pizza! Taxi's available, just call us to book.

For further information see [Youth Ascents](#)  
or contact Nicolle Gallagher on 01752 305197 / 07833048700 or email: [YPF@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:YPF@plymouth.gov.uk)

Connect with us on Facebook



Stay up to date with information, activities and events happening in the Plymouth area by liking us at facebook.



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If you would like to be added to our mailing list to hear about future editions of our newsletter, please contact:  
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