



# HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents,

Happy All Saints day! Thank you to those of you who joined us for our holy day of obligation Mass today.

We have had a very busy week back. The staff all took part in training on Monday where we looked at Early Reading and its importance. It has left us with more to consider on how to make sure we are doing all we can in this area. You will see some exciting practices being introduced.

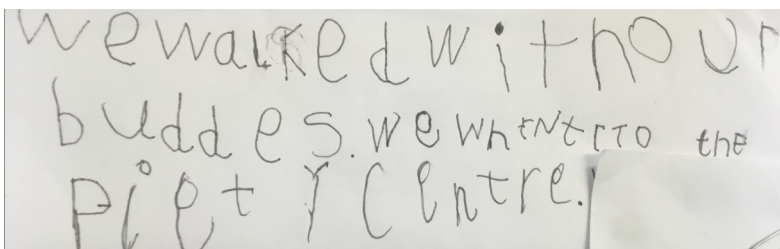
We welcome Elka Svetozarova to our Mealtime Assistant Team. What a start for her with all this miserable weather!

Thank you to those parents who attended our introduction to the **Relationships Education** programme called 'Life to the Full.' As we embed this throughout the school, we will share parts of it with you.

Many of the classes have really enjoyed visiting Piety this week as part of our study of other faiths. The visits really did provide the children with a greater understanding of the Islamic faith. Hussein, a leader at the Centre, was excellent and very patient. He explained things so well and answered the children's questions. He expressed delight at the quality of the questions as well as the behaviour of the children. It was great to see the children gaining a deeper understanding of the similarities shared with our Christian faith. Please read the article written by the children.

*"On Tuesday 29th October, Foundation, Year 2 and Year 6 went on a trip to the Piety Centre. We learnt lots about Islam including that they share one God and they only listen to him. We really would like to thank the Piety Centre for having us and the teachers and parents who went with us. Year 6 and Foundation are buddies so it was lovely to go on a day out with them!"*

Martin (Y6), Henryk (Y6), Quinton (FS) and Adam (FS)



We were pleased that the Foodbank collected the donations you provided this week - thank you to our Year 6 helpers who helped load the Food Bank volunteer's car. Thank you everyone for your donations.



South West Water visited classes this week and provided lessons on the properties of water. We had First Aid lessons on upper key Stage 2 and in Key Stage 1 we began specific Nutrition workshops. Thank you to the parents of those making their First Holy Communion later this academic year for attending your first meeting. I also hear our first Parent Committee meeting looking at SEN was a great success.

As promised, with this newsletter, I have attached a brainstorm sheet entitled **Our Community - commitment and engagement**. I would appreciate as many of you as possible responding and looking at it from your own family's perspective. The idea is that you can return any ideas on the sheet either directly to me via email or bring them along to Parents Evening next week and give them to your child's class teacher. My email is [pcotter@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:pcotter@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk)

Please think about what you could contribute to our school community or anyone else you may know. Then think about what we as a school can do for the local community. I believe our parent community especially has so much to offer and I have included just a few little examples on the sheet. I would be delighted to hear your thoughts.

Thank you to those who sent their commiserations on the rugby result last weekend! England totally deserved the win and I will be supporting them tomorrow in their clash with South Africa.

Have a lovely week.  
Mr Cotter

### 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:

**Everyone can change**



**Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me even though I do bad things. Help me to put right anything I do wrong. Amen.**



### **SCHOOL OFFICE DOOR**

#### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

In compliance with safety regulations, the door to the school office is run on a sensor system. This sensor enables the door to open slowly so as to avoid injury to anyone behind it.

It is very important that this door is not pulled open as this results in the sensor arm breaking and an engineer having to be called.

To gain entry to the office, please press the silver button next to the door (you will need to step back slightly from the door as it will not open if the sensor is blocked).

Thank you for your understanding.

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

*Dates for  
your  
diary.....*

**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**

**Tuesday 10/12/19 & Wednesday 11/12/19**

**Foundation Stage Nativity @ 1.45pm**

**Tuesday 17/12/19 & Wednesday 18/12/19**

**Christmas Production @ 6.30pm**

**Friday 20/12/19**

**Last day of term**

**Monday 06/01/20**

**Non-Pupil Day**

**Tuesday 07/01/20**

**Back to School**





**15 TH NOVEMBER**

**KS1 4:30-5:30**

**KS2 5:45-7:00**

# **SCHOOL DISCO**

**£2:00  
PER CHILD**

BRING A LITTLE EXTRA MONEY  
FOR TUCK SHOP AND GLITTER  
TATTOOS  
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE  
OFFICE

If you have a DBS and would like to help contact the office  
or Justine's email [hc.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:hc.ptfa@gmail.com) *Pic College*

**WE NEED YOU!**

Helpers still needed for the School Disco.  
Please contact the School Office if you are  
able to help



Simon James (Y1):	<b>Katie</b>
Eric Carle (Y1/2):	<b>George</b>
Roger Hargreaves (Y2):	<b>Daniel</b>
Roald Dahl (Y3):	<b>Lily</b>
David Walliams (Y3/4):	<b>Alex</b>
Michael Morpurgo (Y4):	<b>Gregory</b>
Emma Carroll (Y5):	<b>Sasha</b>
Anthony Horowitz (Y5):	<b>Shalintha</b>
J K Rowling (Y6):	<b>Saud</b>



Each week we recognise and reward those with the highest percentage for attendance and punctuality.

This week we say well done and congratulations to:

**Roger Hargreaves**



**St Andrew—4247**

**St Jude—3475**

**St Julie—3348**

**St Teresa—3323**

Trutex  
Pop up School  
Uniform Shop  
Tuesday 5th  
November @ 3.15pm  
(middle playground)



## HELP US SUPPORT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Every day some of our Year 5 pupils will be visiting each classroom selling poppies and other related goods for this year's Poppy Appeal. If you wish to purchase a poppy or any of the above (there are suggested donations on the box for each item ranging from 50p to £2.00), please send your child in with the correct money for the donation Poppy Appeal Tin.



## Plymouth Sugar Zappers

is a local charity providing support and information for the 200 children with diabetes and their carers in the Plymouth area. Sugar Zappers are one of the lucky 94 groups in Plymouth in the running to win a share of the £15,000 prize fund donated by Devon & Cornwall Police.

Sugar Zappers need our help to collect as many voting tokens as we can! Tokens are published in the Herald every day until Saturday 7th December 2019.

So if you buy the Evening Herald and would like to help us collect tokens, please send them in to the school office.

Thank you in advance!

Thank you all for  
your support, as  
always.

Have a lovely  
weekend.  
Mr Cotter and staff

IT'S **PAYBACK TIME!**

**VOTE FOR US**  
to win a share of  
**£15,000!!!**

Tokens in the Herald daily until  
7th December 2019

**THE Herald** Devon & Cornwall Police