



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Another busy final week of the term has passed – I think we are all ready for a two week break!

Last week four teams from Key Stage 2 represented Holy Cross at the inaugural Catenians Plymouth Catholic Primary Schools Easter Presentation Competition at Notre Dame. They had to speak for up to five minutes on 'Sharing the Easter Message.' I am delighted to inform you that our two Year 3/4 teams gained first and second and we also won the Year 5/6 category. All the children received certificates and the winners and runners up were also given book tokens. The school will be presented with the winning trophies at a later date.



Congratulations to all the children – we were very proud of them!

Our Lenten reflection proved a real success as it was so good to see the children walking around with their parents/grandparents thinking about the activities and how they relate to specific gospel values. Thank you to all those who organised it.

'Cakes with Cotter' today recognised those pupils who have done very well over the term. They also received a badge for their jumper. Congratulations to:

Julia Donaldson – Carter, Joy, Jedidiah
Simon James – Yousif, Harish, Eddie
Eric Carle – Emilia, Nefeli, Sam
Roger Hargreaves – Esme, Mason
Roald Dahl – Annie B, Tiago
Dick King-Smith – Julian, Faustas
Michael Morpurgo – Daria, Adrian
Antony Horowitz – Jada, Adam
Ross McKenzie – Caleb, Sophie I, Martyna

Please give some consideration as to whether you would like to be a school Governor. We would like to hold elections for a Parent Governor early next term. This is an important role and there is no stipulation on having to be a Catholic, unlike any Foundation Governor appointment. Please feel free to email me, pcotter@maryofthecross.co.uk if you are interested. We are looking to appoint at least four Governors as soon as possible.

On our first day back, Tuesday 23rd April, we will celebrate Easter with a whole school Mass. You are all very welcome to join us from 9.00 – 10.00am. Our Year 5/6 entries at the Catenians Project will lead the homily of the Mass.

I also wanted parents to be able to have the opportunity to see some of the other Catenian Project performances and am proposing from 2.00pm on Wednesday 24th April in the school hall. You will be notified of confirmation as to who will be showing their presentation the day before.

Have a lovely Easter break with your child and, when it comes, Happy Easter! School starts again on Tuesday 23rd April.

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:

"Forgive Each Other"



Dear Jesus, please help me to be kind and loving when I feel like blaming other people for the things they have done wrong. Amen.



**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:

**Roger Hargreaves (Y2)
& Ross McKenzie (Y6)**

Our on time Heroes

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Building on our past work with Co-op Funeralcare in Exeter Street, every pupil at Holy Cross made a daffodil for a competition for Mother's Day. The daffodils are being used to brighten up the windows of the funeral-care building, a place that can seem such a dark space for people to visit. The three winners Jakub, Nell and Elmira were awarded flowers for them to take home to their mums.

Well done everyone on such beautiful creations.



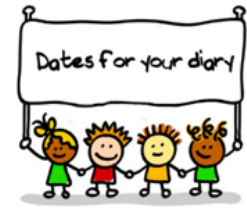
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We have a new arrival in school!! As part of Elmer's Big Parade this summer in Plymouth we have been chosen as one of 26 schools to design our very own Elmer sculpture to include in the parade . We have asked every child to design their own Elmer today . All children have been given an Elmer outline which they need to draw their ideas on. They can be as original as they like! They need to include ideas which remind them of our school or local area.
Children must not include commercial logos or characters in their design.
Please return all designs by next Wednesday . All of the children's ideas will be incorporated into one final design which will be painted onto our Elmer sculpture , which will then be put at Mt. Edgcumbe over the summer . Get designing!! 🎨🖍️👍

Thank you! We would like to thank the Holy Cross PTFA for helping make this project possible by paying half towards the cost of the Elmer.



Please remember your PTFA if you are having a Spring Clean over the Easter break. If you have any good quality unwanted clothes, toys, books or games, the PTFA would love to have them for onward sale at the Summer Fair.



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

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**

Friday 03/05/19

Year 6 Residential Meeting

Monday 06/05/19

**Bank Holiday Monday—
School Closed**

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 12th July

End of Year Discos

Wednesday 17/07/19 &

Thursday 18/07/19

**Year 6 Leavers'
Production**

Friday 19/07/19

Last day of term

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SCHOOL GOVERNORS WANTED!

As a result of the federation with Cathedral School ending, Holy Cross needs more Governors!
We are looking for people with a variety of different skills,
you do not need primary education experience.



We need both a Parent Governor (who does not have to be Catholic)
and Foundation Governors (who do have to be Catholic).



The commitment is six meetings a year, one in each half term,
plus an occasional visit to the school arranged at a time to suit you.

If you are interested, or would like more information please speak to Mr Cotter,
or email lmartin@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk

*Please help us to shape the future of our school,
and make a valuable contribution to our children's
education and opportunities.*

HOUSE POINTS

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

*You
are
invited*

We would love for you to
join us for our Easter
Mass on Tuesday 23rd
April at 9am.

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Easter Egg Hunt

6th-22nd April 2019

Time: 10am to 4pm

Address: Plympton, Plymouth, PL7 1UH

Venue: Saltram

Venture along the Easter trail and enjoy a chocolate treat at the end.



Fun for Kids at Dogs Trust!

'Doggy Tales' @ Plymouth Central Library
For children aged 4+

Come and join us for some 'Doggy Tales' and activities with Stacey Prosser, Dogs Trust Education & Community Officer.

Thursday 18th April - 3pm

Other activities will include:

- A mini Be Dog Smart workshop – where we learn all about how to keep safe with dogs.
- The opportunity to enter our FREE Easter competition – prizes include Dogs Trust t-shirts!

See you there!

Booking is essential
To book your child(ren) a place, please contact Central Library on (01752) 305901 or Stacey on 07436162109 or Stacey.prosser@dogstrust.org.uk

Thank you.

DogsTrust

Free Activities In Plymouth

Astor Park & Central Park

All equipment is provided, so grab your mates and just show up.
Aimed at young people 8 to 25*

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Easter Panto — Plymouth Pavilions
Monday 6th May

Astor Park, Cattedown, PL4 0AY

Activity	Date	Time
Bubble Football	Tuesday 23 April	4.00 – 5.00pm
Archery	Tuesday 30 April	4.00 – 5.00pm
Graffiti Art	Tuesday 7 May	4.00 – 5.00pm
Football	Tuesday 14 May	4.00 – 5.00pm
Dodgeball	Tuesday 21 May	4.00 – 5.00pm
Field Games	Tuesday 28 May	4.00 – 5.00pm
Mad Science	Tuesday 4 June	4.00 – 5.00pm
Cycling	Tuesday 11 June	4.00 – 5.00pm
Cycling	Tuesday 18 June	4.00 – 5.00pm
Mad Science	Tuesday 25 June	4.00 – 5.00pm
Field Games	Tuesday 2 July	4.00 – 5.00pm
Dodgeball	Tuesday 9 July	4.00 – 5.00pm
Football	Tuesday 16 July	4.00 – 5.00pm
Graffiti Art	Tuesday 23 July	4.00 – 5.00pm
Start of Summer Holidays — Time Change		
Archery	Tuesday 30 July	11.00am – 12.00pm
Bubble Football Celebration Event with food	Tuesday 13 August	12.00 – 2.00pm

Central Park, PL2 3DG

Activity	Date	Time
Bubble Football	Tuesday 23 April	5.30 – 6.30pm
Archery	Tuesday 30 April	5.30 – 6.30pm
Graffiti Art	Tuesday 7 May	5.30 – 6.30pm
Football	Tuesday 14 May	5.30 – 6.30pm
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Foot Golf	Tuesday 2 July	5.30 – 6.30pm
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Archery	Tuesday 30 July	12.30 – 1.30pm
Bubble Football Celebration Event with food	Thursday 29 August	12.00 – 2.00pm

Fancy getting outdoors this holiday? Why not visit the South Devon AONB website which lists lots of wonderful things to do to help you get back to nature. Just go to www.southdevonaonb.org.uk/explore/ events for lots of fun things to do.

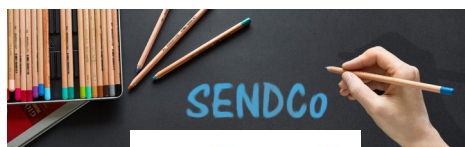


For more information please contact
Plymouth City Council's Sports Development Unit
on sportsdev@plymouth.gov.uk



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Autism Plymouth Parent Support Group

Autism Plymouth Parent Support Group is a small, free, friendly place to meet for parents/carers of anyone with an Autism Spectrum Condition, monthly on a Wednesday from 7 – 9pm at Pomphlett Methodist Hall, Pomphlett Road (near the Plymouth Morrisons).

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday April 24th from 7pm. Come and join us for a cuppa and share your ups and downs with people who understand and can sometimes suggest ways to make life easier.

We also have a closed Facebook page to join – Autism Plymouth Parent Support Group
email: Plymouthparentsupport@nas.org.uk

FREE HELPLINE:

The National Autism Society's helpline for people with autism and their families - 0808 800 4104 or visit their website - www.autism.org.uk Please note: we are unable to offer any therapeutic provision, counselling or crisis intervention, nor are we able to help people requiring support workers.



ROUTEWAYS-SHORT BREAKS

For young people 8 – 18 years with a SEND diagnosis

Full details, and booking at www.bookwhen.com/shortbreaks

Easter Short Breaks

10 am - 4 pm

£10 per young person



Visit to the Donkey Sanctuary
Monday 8th April



Gorge Walking
Tuesday 9th April

Rock Climbing
Tuesday 16th April



Pirates v Unicorns
Thursday 18th April



Registered Office Routeways Centre Limited, Devonport Park Activity Centre, Fore Street Plymouth, PL1 4BU
Charity Registration Number 1080543. Company Registration Number 3420867 www.routeways.org.uk

Head Space

Peer 2 Peer Mental Health Support

Here for you when things get tough

A safe, calm place where you can find support

Peer supporters on hand with mental health lived experience

Week commencing 8th April 2019 our new opening hours will be at the following venues:

OPEN: WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY 10am - 10pm

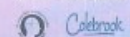
Wednesday: The Blues Centre, Rudge Way, Plymouth, PL2 2PS

Thursday & Friday: Four Greens, Wellbeing Hub, Whitehall Green, Plymouth, PL5 4DD

Saturday & Sunday: The Jan Cutting Centre, Scott Business Park, Beacon Park Road, Plymouth, PL2 2PQ

No need for an appointment. Just come by or give us a call
07890257614 - open to all
headspace@colabrooks.org

Find us on
@YourHeadSpace



Children's Minds-Families Matter

Saturday 13th April - 2-4 pm
Devonport Park Activity Centre - Fore Street Plymouth PL1 4BU

Eating for Mental Health
Free activity, support & participation group for families supporting young people with mental and emotional health issues

Hosted by Routeways & Plymouth Parent Carer Voice
Ruth Houghton CAMHS Community team.
James Cook Child Development Centre

Questions? Visit www.routeways.org.uk
Contact Rose Taylor at rosetaylor@routeways.org.uk 01752 856710

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ARGYLE TRUST COMMUNITY

SHORT BREAKS

Football and activities for children with autism or ADHD aged 7-14 years old.

Every school half term and summer
Monday and Tuesday
10am - 1pm
£5 per session

Home Park, Plymouth, PL2 3QQ
www.bookwhen.com/shortbreaks
01752 300 700

Argyle Easter Road shows

Follow the link to book Football Activities throughout the Easter holidays:

<https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/online/easter-roadshows/>

Plymouth Parent Carer Voice events

29th April - Developing your Behaviour Tool Box

8th May - Parent Carer SEND conference

4th 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>