



## Message from the Headteacher

Another week has gone by and the children continue to remain focused on their learning. We have had pirates invading our Foundation classroom, Ready Steady Music workshops, Clubs continuing, ongoing First Holy Communion classes, our School Council representing the school in the Council Chambers as members of Plymouth Youth Council... and this has all continued in spite of staff absences through sickness and various training courses.

Our year 3 pupils have now finished their intensive swimming programme and ended with some lucky pupils being taught diving skills by Olympian Tonia Couch in the 'dry dive' area at Plymouth Life Centre.



This week some of the Senior Team have been talking to the children about their learning. Some of the answers we received are worth sharing:

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

A. I know I have done well because of my mistakes and I learn from these. I also know how I am doing from the Teacher who explains what I have done well. My written feedback lets me know what to do next to improve

All of our Topics link together (Reading, English and the artwork that was produced in English was linked to topic).

Q. What would you do if you were stuck?

A. First I try to work it out, then I ask someone around me and if I still can't I will ask an adult.

Q. What does feedback mean? (explained next steps)

A. So, like yesterday we done our English and we was writing our new story map The Strongest Man in the World in a new version and our teacher gave us a post-it note with something we need to improve.

Q. Are there any places in school you don't feel safe?

A. The library - the pirates are in there!

Next week, we will be carrying out drop in sessions to see what the children are doing.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mr Cotter  
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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**



**Help me, Jesus, to share the good news with everyone.  
Amen.**

## Meal Time Assistant Vacancy



Are you interested in working as part of a team to provide the appropriate level of pupil care and supervision over the dinner hour throughout the school? We currently have a vacancy for a **casual position** to help cover lunchtimes from 11.50 to 1.20pm Monday to Friday **as and when required**.

If you are interested, please contact the school office for an application form.



Important Notice

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### END OF DAY COLLECTIONS

If you are unable to collect your child from school and wish to grant permission for someone else to collect your child on your behalf i.e. another relative or parent within the school, **YOU MUST let the School Office know as soon as possible on the day of collection.** In line with our safeguarding procedures, we will not release any child to anyone other than a parent or guardian unless we have received notification that we may do so.

### SICKNESS AND ABSENCE

If your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please call the School Office **before 9am.** Please **DO NOT** communicate your child's absence from school through Class Dojo or via e-mail as the message may not be relayed to the office in time for morning registration.

Thank you for your understanding in these matters.

DISCO TICKETS ARE NOW ON  
SALE FROM THE SCHOOL  
OFFICE

**£2.00 PER TICKET**

### **HELPERS STILL NEEDED**

Please contact Justine on  
[hc.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:hc.ptfa@gmail.com) if you are interested  
in helping out.

**1st - St Andrew**

**HOUSE  
POINTS**

**2nd - St Judes**

**3rd—St Julie**

**4th—St Teresa**



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

**Friday 08/02/19**  
**School Disco**

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

**Monday 22/07/19**  
**Tuesday 23/07/19**  
**Non-Pupil Days**



**mum2mum market**

Nearly new sales where mums sell to mums.



Harewood House,  
Ridgeway,  
Plympton,  
Plymouth.  
PL7 2AS

This sale has sold out already...that means over 20 stalls packed with nearly new bargains for your bump, baby and children (0-6 yrs old).

With top brands in great condition, get all you need for your little ones. From nursery equipment, pushchairs, baby/children's clothes, toys, books (and everything in between)... all for a fraction of their high street prices, saving you a fortune!

**Saturday**

**26th January**

**10am-12pm**

£2 on the door (free for kids) and FREE entry after 11.30am. If you would like to bring a friend to help carry your bargains, then why not download a 2 for 1 voucher at <https://www.mum2mummarket.co.uk/2-for-1-voucher.html>

There will be coffee/tea and yummy cakes available for a pit stop and a chance to catch your breath and catch up with your friends. Free car park and regular bus services.

**SPORTS & ACTIVITY CAMPS**  
*because busy parents need busy kids!*

**PLYMOUTH**  
**FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2019**  
**18<sup>TH</sup> - 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY**

**NOW OPEN MON-FRI 8AM-6PM**

We offer your children the most action packed, fun and inspiring programmes possible to keep them fit, healthy and away from screens. We do this by providing them with exciting days of multi sports and outdoor, adventurous activities, plus amazing weekly themed arts and crafts during their school holidays.

Our staff are carefully chosen and hold either a sports coaching degree, a teaching degree or are a minimum Level 2 professional sports coach qualification. We believe this ensures our team have the right experience to act as positive role models, promoting purposeful and active, sport filled lives and creativity.

**Ofsted**

**Additional Activities Programme**

Day	Activity	Ages	Cost
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Reptile Zoo	All Ages	£6.00
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Star Wars Jedi Training (inc. Nerf Wars)	All Ages	£7.00
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Archery	All Ages	£6.00
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Wild Cooking	All Ages	£6.00
	Shelter Building & Mountain Medicine	All Ages	Free
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Olympic Celebration Day	All Ages	Free

**Weekly Themed Arts & Crafts; Ancient Greeks**  
**LIMITED PLACES ON SOME ACTIVITIES. PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.**

Camps held at: Widey Court Primary School,  
Widey Lane, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL6 5JS

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High 5 Holiday Camps are running from Widey Court Primary School every day this February Half Term.

They are offering children the most action packed, fun and inspiring programme possible to keep them fit, healthy and away from screens. They do this by filling their days with an exciting array of multi-sports and outdoor, adventurous activities... plus amazingly interactive themed arts and crafts. Highlights this February include: Wild Cooking, Shelter Building & Mountain Medicine, a visit from the Reptile Zoo, Star Wars Jedi Training Day (inc. Nerf Wars) and an Olympic themed Celebration to end the week in style.

Ages 5 to 15 years welcome, booking can be made online via the website: [www.high5sportscamps.co.uk](http://www.high5sportscamps.co.uk). Follow the fun on facebook and for any enquiries the office number is: 01752 215734 and email: [info@high5sportscamps.co.uk](mailto:info@high5sportscamps.co.uk)

**Thank you for your support as always.  
Have a wonderful weekend.**

**Mr Cotter and all of the staff at Holy Cross School**