

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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LEARNING**

**Farewell** - Our school community came together this morning to say goodbye to Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Spencer. We are very grateful to them for everything they have contributed to our school. Although it is sad to say goodbye, we are glad that they are going on to new challenges in other CAST schools. We wish them every happiness and success.

**Lent** - It was wonderful to welcome so many of you to our Stations of the Cross service this afternoon. Thank you to Mrs Hardwick for her hard work in preparing for the service and for ensuring that we concluded our school Lenten preparations in a prayerful way. There is information in this newsletter related to parish services for Holy Week and Easter. We hope that many of our children and families will be able to take part in these.

**Easter** – The children have a special afternoon of celebration to look forward to when we return from the Easter break. We will celebrate Easter on our first day back after the holiday with a programme of activities in the afternoon. We will continue our celebrations in our Easter Mass on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 2:15**, which you are welcome to attend.

**SATs** – Our Year 6 children are busy with their final preparations for SATs. Thank you to those parents who attended the parent information session led by Mrs Watters this week. If you were not able to attend this meeting please contact Mrs Watters or me directly to ensure you have all the information you require. Thank you for your supporting your children to attend the booster classes on offer.

**Parking** – Please help us to keep your children safe by parking away from the school for all drop offs and pick ups. This also applies to parents dropping their children off for breakfast club. It is vital that our children are safe on their journeys to and from school.

**Attendance** – As you will have seen through our efforts to improve attendance and punctuality, we are determined to ensure that all children are at school as much as they can so that no learning is lost. Whilst we await an appeals process as regards to fining parents who take their children out of school in term time, we still want to make it clear that all efforts must be made to ensure attendance is critical. This includes when parents choose to take family holidays.

**Behaviour** - We are reviewing our school behaviour policy. I am very keen to hear your views with regard to this. The current behaviour policy is available on our school website. Please take the time to read it and contact me with your ideas and opinions. It is important that all members of our school community have the opportunity to contribute to this review so everyone is being consulted as part of this process. Please let me know your views by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. If you require a paper copy please contact the school office.

**Parent forum** – I am keen to set up a parent forum to involve you all more fully in your children's education. This would entail a half termly meeting at school to discuss a range of topics. Please contact me if you would like to be involved.

**And finally...** may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term. We are very fortunate to have such supportive parents and we value your involvement in school life. We hope that your Easter holiday is filled with sunshine and that you enjoy the time with your children. We all wish you a very happy Easter!

Mrs Potterton

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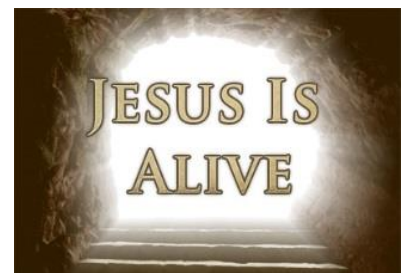
Parents and parishioners are invited to join us for liturgy, 9am, Monday mornings.

*The theme for our prayer  
and worship after the  
Easter break is:*

**JESUS IS ALIVE!**

*We await the gifts of a  
new term and gather as  
an Easter community,  
sure of the hope of the  
resurrection. Fill our hearts  
with the joy of your new  
life so that through us  
others may come to know  
that you are alive in our  
lives.*

*Amen.*



### Easter Mass Times

#### The Cathedral

Holy Thursday 7.00pm  
Good Friday Stations 11.00am  
The Passion 3.00pm  
Holy Saturday 8.00pm (Vigil)  
Easter Sunday  
8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm

Mass times at Christ the King & St. Joseph's parish will be normal times on Easter Sunday



We would like to say a fond farewell to Katie-May Griffiths (Y4 teacher) & Lynda Spencer (school office) who are leaving us and moving to pastures new



### Childcare Vouchers

We are now registered with Edenred (ref.P21102440), Fideliti (ref.HOL357C), and Allsave/Sodexo/p&mm (ref.872743).



Thank you to our lovely caretaker 'Bob' for fitting the scooter rack outside of school reception. Please can you make sure that your child's scooter or bike is named and if you could use a lock for extra security as the school will not accept any liability regarding any loss or damage.

### ON TIME HEROES



Being at school on time is crucial for learning. Well done To FS, who are our On Time Heroes again this week!



A Big Thank-You to **Booker's Wholesale shop** who kindly donated 3 large boxes of Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg draw.



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

#### **School reopens Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

19<sup>th</sup> April – School Photos  
20<sup>th</sup> April - Parents Holy Communion session  
21<sup>st</sup> April – Easter whole school mass  
26<sup>th</sup> April – Y5 Ski & snowboarding tuition  
28<sup>th</sup> April – PTFA Quiz Night  
29<sup>th</sup> April – Sacrament of First Reconciliation (3:00 Cathedral)  
7<sup>th</sup> May – Sacrament of First Holy Communion (10:00 Cathedral)  
15<sup>th</sup> May – FS Horse Riding experience  
19<sup>th</sup> May – Y5 & Y6 Bellboating regatta  
22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 Residential

### OTHER AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

Alfie for getting his red belt in mixed Martial Arts  
Lily A & Erika for obtaining their Musical Theatre certificates  
Tilly C, Sienna, Niamh, Elijah, Alice & Elliott for getting their Gymnastics Level 8 Awards  
Natalia, Martyna, Thato, Stanley, Archie, Niah, Cory W, Joshua, Jessica & Sam M for participating in the Marjons 'Change for Life' Festival

Thank you to you all for sharing with us and also the kindness and generosity you have given to others



The winners were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> St Julie's  
2<sup>nd</sup> St Andrew's  
3<sup>rd</sup> St Theresa's  
4<sup>th</sup> St Jude's

### WONDERS OF THE WEEK

Issac (Y6), Heba (Y5), Michal (Y4), Nell (Y3), Marcus (Oak), Annouska (Maple), Kiana (Holly), Iris & Elsie (FS)



### Top Table Awards

We are so proud of the winners of our Top Table awards this week:

Stewart & David (FS), Ashley J (Maple), Sienna (Holly), Yashvee (Oak), Amelia C (Y3) Ibrahim (Y4), Zuzanna (Y5) & Michal (Y6)

*for showing exemplary behaviour during meal times this week.*

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### EASTER CELEBRATION LUNCH

#### CHANGE OF MENU

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

**RED** – Roast turkey, roast potatoes and vegetables

**GREEN** – Vegetable pie, roast potatoes and vegetables

**BLUE** – Jacket Potato with various fillings



**Premier Sports** – spaces still available:

Tuesday - Fencing/archery for ages 7-11.

Tuesday – Tri- Golf for ages 4-7.

**Plymouth Argyle** – spaces still available:

Monday Years 1-6 Tag Rugby

Tuesday Years FS,1 & 2 - Football

Thursday Years 3-6 – Football

Those successful in securing a place in Film Club & the Martial Arts Club will be notified after Easter half term.



Starts Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April and runs every Thursday until 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017. From 3:30-4:30pm. Please remember to return your consent form and payment to the office as soon as possible.

#### Unwanted Wallpaper

We would be very grateful for any donations of old wallpaper rolls for the children to use for drawing at lunchtime.

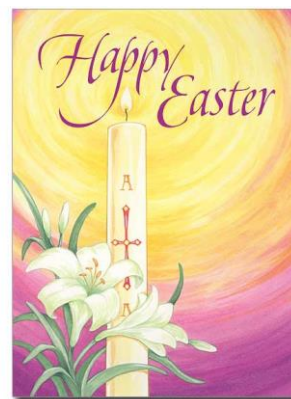


#### PTFA Easter Egg Draw

The raffle has been drawn & Easter Egg prizes were sent home with the children yesterday



Thank you for all your support as always and have a wonderful Easter break.



Mrs Potterton and Mr Cotter