



# HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

21ST JUNE 2019 — NO.31



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

As I write this, the children (and parents) will be enjoying our Sports day. The weather certainly has come right for this special whole school event.

Most of the children have been doing NTS tests this week, as we were selected as a school to carry out national trials. Next week there will be further tests - our PIRA (Reading) and PUMA (Maths) tests that all CAST schools have done termly. These will help confirm the teachers' judgements on how your child has achieved this year.

Our Year 6 writing was moderated externally by the Local Authority on Monday and yesterday our end of Key Stage 1 assessments had the same scrutiny. It is good practice that 25% of Plymouth schools are moderated each year. I am delighted to note that the process not only agreed with our judgements, they also could see the rigorous approaches taken by the teachers to provide very strong evidence.

I would like to congratulate two of our pupils for recent achievements outside of school. Olivia (Year 3) is currently appearing at the Theatre Royal in **Les Misérables**. She is playing the part of the young Cosette. Last Friday Benjamin visited Windsor castle as a finalist for BBC's 500 Words competition. Whilst he was not the ultimate winner, he had a wonderful day.



Our Year 3 and 4 pupils visited the National Marine Aquarium this week as part of their topic work. They enjoyed all the learning that such an amazing place offers. We are lucky to be able to have such a resource in Plymouth.

It was great to see one of our governors, Father Jacek in school on Wednesday, being quizzed with 'I wonder...' questions by our Foundation Stage children. Some questions included:

How does God talk to us?

Is Jesus in his own heart?

Why did Jesus die at Easter?

How can you get people to trust that God made us?

'National Clean Air Day' was celebrated yesterday and we helped promote the importance of some key messages. There is an excellent film online if you would like to see it,...

<https://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/news/plymouth-news/plymouth-pupils-bikes-clean-air-3001533>

Twenty six of our pupils are making their First Holy Communion in the Cathedral at 1.00 p.m. on Sunday. Mrs Kirk has prepared them so well and we know it will be a very special day for them and their families.

The big event next week is our Summer Fair. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help. We appreciate all contributions as in the end the money raised is used to support the children. I was really moved last week when a parent asked if he could make a contribution to school funds to support other children on school trips in the future.

Have a lovely weekend.

## 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:**



### JESUS FEEDS EVERYONE

**Thank you Jesus for caring about us all. Please help me to follow your example and do something to help people who are hungry. Amen.**

## 'HOLY CROSS PTFA DISCO'



### FRIDAY 12th July

**KS1: 4.30PM – 5.30PM**

**KS2: 5.45PM—7.00PM**

**£2.00—Tickets will go on sale, Friday 28th June from the school office**



## CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?

Summer Fair (28th June)  
School Discos (12th July)

If you would like to help please  
contact Justine on [hc.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:hc.ptfa@gmail.com)

You will need to have an up to date  
DBS Certificate to help at the disco.

Please see the school office

We the PTFA are very much looking forward to our Summer Fair. Weather permitting, we will be using the top playground, the back playground (at the rear of the school) and also the school hall. In the hall we are having a slime workshop by Discovery Bugs and will be selling burgers & hotdogs, toys/books; pre-loved uniform and filled toy sweet pots. In the top playground you will find cakes and refreshments alongside the candy floss stall and also the tombola. In the back playground enterprising Year 6 students will be selling goods on their stalls and will also be hosting games for all to join in.

Anyone wishing to use the lift to any of the above areas on the afternoon of the fair, please alert the staff or a PTFA member.

**Thank you so much for all of the donations so far received.**

Please could we have any remaining donations for the Summer Fair in by Friday morning, including any 'Pots to fill'.

We would also be truly delighted if you could help out by doing some home baking or even purchase cakes and buns for us to sell (*remember that if you have any containers or shopping bags that need to be returned to you, please ensure that you clearly label them for returning the following week*).



We hope you can stay and support the school by coming along to our Summer Fair.

The PTFA.



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## **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING CHEESE WHEELS !!!!**



As you know we are all out on Friday 21st June for our annual Sports Day, and so by popular demand Karen our wonderful Kitchen Manager has agreed to change the menu for Monday 24th June as follows: -

Southern Style Chicken (R)  
Cheese Wheels (G)  
with

Homemade seasoned potato wedges and seasonal vegetables  
Hurrah!

Please remember that your  
ParentPay Account  
**MUST NOT** go into debit.

Please ensure that you  
always have sufficient  
monies within your account  
at all times.

We are continually having to  
chase debtors which is both  
costly and time consuming.



**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:

**Simon James (Y1)  
& Eric Carle (Y1/2)**

**Our on time Heroes**



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

**Friday 28/06/19**  
**Summer Fair**

**w/c 01/07/19**  
**Bikeability  
Foundation and Y6**

**Friday 12/07/19**  
**End of Year Discos**

**Tuesday 16/07/19 &  
Wednesday  
17/07/19**  
**Year 6 Leavers'  
Production**

**Thursday 18/07/19**  
**@ 1.30pm**  
**Year 6 Leavers'  
Mass**

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

**Monday 02/09/19**  
**Non-pupil day**

**Tuesday 03/09/19**  
**New Term starts**

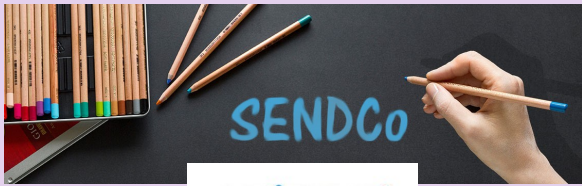
**w/c 21/09/19**  
**Half Term**





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**Come along and discover  
inclusive sport in Plymouth!**

Join us for a **free** activity day on the  
**30th June 2019 from 11:00 am**  
at the Manadon Sports Centre

There will be lots of activities to take part in on the day & you can also  
enjoy watching the Special Olympics' Regional Football Competition

**Special Olympics** Plymouth and District  **Rotary**   
Supported by the Rotary Clubs of Plymouth

**FOREST SCHOOL  
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**  
@ MAYFLOWER COMMUNITY ACADEMY  
HAM WOODS

Friday 14th June - KS2  
Monday 17th June - Foundation and KS1 Running time 16:00-18:00  
Friday 21st June - KS2 £8 per child  
Friday 5th July - Foundation and KS1 Spaces are limited. Booking essential  
Wednesday 10th July - KS2 TO BOOK CONTACT HEATHER  
Thursday 11th July - Foundation and KS1 flintandsteel@forestschool  
Wednesday 17th July - KS2 @gmail.com /  
07527617299  
Thursday 18th July - Foundation and KS1

**DUCHY COLLEGE  
OPEN DAY  
& SUMMER FOOD FESTIVAL**

**Sun 23 Jun 10am - 4pm**  
Stoke Climsland, Nr Callington, PL17 8PB

Archery  
Tractor & trailer rides  
Meet the animals  
Equine displays  
Food and drink exhibitors  
Digger driving challenge  
Rifle shooting range  
Children's creative zone  
Fun family dog show  
and lots more

**£5 per car**

[www.duchy.ac.uk](http://www.duchy.ac.uk)  


**Girls - Football Sessions**



**School Years 1, 2, 3 & 4**

**FREE TASTER SESSIONS**

When: Thursday Evenings 6:00pm  
Where: Central Park, Outside Life Centre on the grass  
Just turn up and play or contact us on the below options  
**Players of all abilities are welcome**

For further details Contact - Ian Nicholls 07880 346 380  
[www.plymouthphoenixgirlsfc.co.uk](http://www.plymouthphoenixgirlsfc.co.uk)

Plymouth Phoenix Girls FC - A girls only football club.



**Notre Dame Plymouth  
Year 5  
Open Afternoon**

Thursday 27th June

**Pre-Booking Essential**  
To reserve your ticket, please visit  
[ndonline.org](http://ndonline.org) or call **01752 775101**

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**PLYMOUTH  
VEGAN  
FESTIVAL**  
SATURDAY 6TH JULY  
2019  
PLYMOUTH GUILDHALL



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ROLL UP, ROLL UP FOR OUR  
**PLYMOUTH  
SUMMER  
CIRCUS**  
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SATURDAY 6TH JULY  
FROM 11AM | PIAZZA, CITY CENTRE

**Plymouth**  
Britain's Ocean City

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present  
**SPACE CHASE**  
Summer Reading Challenge 2019

**COMING SOON**

Sign up for the Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge from Saturday 13 July.

Thank you all for your  
support, as always.  
Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Cotter and staff