



Message from the Headteacher

It has been another very busy week. It started with the wonderful Nativity performances from our youngest children who showed just what they are capable of! Congratulations to them and all the staff who worked so hard to share the Christmas message with you.



Two classes – Eric Carle and Roger Hargreaves – visited Buckfast Abbey this week. Not only did they enjoy the experience, but they also wrote some excellent reports about their day.

The school choir has been making headlines this week with their performance in the Mall – Radio Plymouth shared the experience on their social media platforms. However, I was even more delighted with their performance at The William and Patricia Venton Centre (Plymouth Age UK). Not only did they sing beautifully but they also mixed with the older generation in a way that made our staff feel very proud. Thank you to Miss Palarm for her great work with the choir.

The school has been getting ready for their performances next week so if you have heard your child practising lines or singing our songs, thank you for all the encouragement.

We say farewell to Mrs Duthie today as she leaves to begin her maternity. I am sure you join with me in wishing her and her family all the very best. We look forward to welcoming her back in July.

TABLE TOP SALE

There will be a table top sale of cakes, Christmas table decorations and raffle prizes being held in the school hall before and after the 1.30pm Christmas performance on **Tuesday 11th December**. All proceeds from the sale will go towards the fare of a child who may have a disability or be disadvantaged going to Lourdes next Easter.



Liturgy in School

The theme for our prayer and worship next week is:

Preparing the Way



Dear Jesus, help me to get my heart ready to welcome you. Help me not only to be sorry for what I have done wrong, but to be brave enough to do what I know is right.
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 1.5 hours per week to work on a Monday or Tuesday (days can alternate). More hours will be available to cover staff absences on short notice.

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

Closing date 14th December 2018.



IMPORTANT NOTICE



Please can we make you aware of the following regarding the way we, the School, communicate with you, and the best way for you to communicate with us in return: -



If your child is unable to come to school because of illness, you **must** call the School Office on 225420

before 9am and notify us that your child will not be in school on that day. Please **DO NOT** contact your child's teacher via ClassDojo and notify them using that method of communication.

If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please do so at the **end** of the school day rather than in the mornings when teachers are busy in class preparing for the school day and engaging in early learning for those who come into school from 8.30am. Your child's teacher will be happy to speak to you at school pick up. If you wish to make an appointment to see your child's teacher, please contact the School Office.



Please remember to check your child's school bag **each day** to see if there are any letters or consent forms being sent home for you to see or sign and return. If you are continually being chased for information and/or being given repeat consent forms it may be that your child is not handing them into their class teacher and you may wish to hand the item in to the School Office direct.



ClassDojo is a communication app for the classroom. It connects teachers, parents, and students who use it to share photos, videos, and messages throughout the school day. We use ClassDojo here at Holy Cross to enable us to share what we do in the classroom with you, and to contact you with important messages about upcoming events and sometimes for requests to bring items into school to assist with topic learning i.e. cardboard boxes. ClassDojo is **NOT** to be used to notify your child's teacher if they are unwell, this needs to be communicated via the School Office. Communication should also only take place between the hours of 7am and 7pm as teachers are instructed not to communicate with you outside of this period unless in case of emergency.

Thank you for your understanding.



Thank you very much for helping with this year's Poppy Appeal.
Together you raised **£274.06.**
THANK YOU.



NEXT WEEK IS A
VERY BUSY WEEK!

DON'T FORGET:

SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS— TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY—THURSDAY

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY— THURSDAY



CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER @ 1.30PM

**TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER @ 6PM (SORRY
ALL TICKETS GONE FOR THIS
PERFORMANCE)**

**WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER @ 6PM—
FEW TICKETS REMAINING**

Please ensure you collect tickets for the production next week if you are planning on attending any of the performances. They are available from the office. Tickets must be shown upon arrival for health and safety reasons.

For the evening performances, children are to enter the school at 5.30 via the door they enter every morning. Adults, please exit the school playground and enter the school hall via the red church doors that are visible from Beaumont Road.

Where possible, could we ask that younger siblings attend the afternoon performance on the 11th December. If you are watching the evening performances, we ever so politely request that, if possible, you avoid bringing very young children as the children have worked extremely hard on the production and we want to try and ensure that they can all be heard (we are also expecting larger audiences for the evening performances). Thank you for your understanding with this.



We have had an amazing uptake with the raffle tickets that have recently been sent home, so much so that we have run out! If you have any tickets at home that you do not anticipate purchasing, please can you return them to the School Office so that they can be sold on.

Also, if you have bought tickets with the following numbers, please could you return them to the School Office (all will be explained then!) Thank you.

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Thank you to all of our wonderful helpers who provided refreshments at our foundation productions and thank you to those of you who have volunteered to help at the three forthcoming Christmas Productions where once again we shall be providing drinks, mince pies and cakes before and after each production. If you would like to bring in baked products for us to sell, please can you bring them in on Tuesday morning.

Once again, a huge thank you everyone!

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



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

**11th December
1.30pm & 6pm
Christmas
Production**

**12th December
@ 6pm
Christmas
Production**

**13th December
Christmas Dinner
&
Christmas
Jumper Day**

**14th December
@ 10am
Rock Steady
Music Club
Christmas
Concert**

**21st December
Last day of term**

**7th January
First day of new
term**