

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We started the week with a visit from our School Improvement officer. She spent the day with us and as usual, really enjoyed her day. She was impressed by how hard our children were working (and the staff too!) and how beautifully they articulated their thoughts and shared their learning with her. Our children, always, make us so proud!

Next week we will be busy preparing for our Winter Wonderland Fayre and the children are already in full swing producing their Christmas themed delights for their class stalls. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Mrs Gill

Our Catholic Life

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. Jesus' kingdom isn't on earth. We can't see it. Jesus doesn't wear a crown or have lots of riches. He doesn't live in a palace with lots of servants. Jesus was born in a stable and mostly lived a normal life in a carpenter's family. We cannot see his kingdom and he doesn't behave like a normal king. And yet, Jesus is a very special king, because he is the Son of God. Jesus shows us that you do not have to be rich or powerful to be important. He shows us that what is more important is how you treat others. What we do and say is much more important than whether we are rich or poor, or where we come from.

Christ our King, help us to be like you, to listen to your truth and to see that all people are important, no matter who they are or where they come from.

Amen

Dates for your Diary

Please find a link to the diary dates for the year.

[Term dates 2024-2025](#)



PARKING PERMITS are now available to collect from the school office.

Please remember **not** to park in White Friar's Lane.

25th Nov: Play Leader Training (Y5)

28th Nov: Whole School Obstacle Challenge

29th Nov: Winter Wonderland fayre 2.15pm start

Watch out for **CHRISTMAS DATES** coming soon!

GIFT Team Update

Last week a group of children from the GIFT Team visited Bethany Care home to lead a special devotions service with the residents. They included an opportunity for each of the residents to decorate a pebble on the theme of hope to link with the Old Testament Scripture of 'Noah's Ark'. The residents were keen to put these outside in their garden so that everyone who visited could admire them. The GIFT team has been invited back in December for an intergenerational nativity.



Reading this week in EYFS and KS1

Our reading stars in RWM this week are

Red- Charis
Purple- Joanna
Orange- Miheli
Yellow- Georgia
Grey- Raffle
Spelling Group- Teni



KS2 Reading this week

CC Class - 56,269 words
DVV Class - 122,906 words
EMC Class - 227,292 words
LS Class - 189,069 words
MB Class - 148,238 words
RD Class - 52,962 words

Well done to Emma Carroll Class with the most words read this week



Wonders of the Week

These children have all been READY to learn and willing to take on new challenges and persevere with their learning. Well done to all these children.

JD: Stevin
AA: Ellie
SJ: Afsa
JK: Nessie
RD: Rudairo
DW: Raeden
CC: Christian
MB: Jnr
EC: Adam
LS: Charli



Good Disciple Award

This week we have all been trying to show a sense of **Family and Community**

JD: Aleeza
AA: Daso
SJ: Arlo
JK: Joanna
RD: Rudairo
DW: Poppy
CC: Ben
MB: Lizzie
EC: Methuli
LS: Rory



Wonderful Writers

MB: Jnr:

CC: Teddy

JD: Naba

AA: Theo

JK: Matilda

DW: Elijah

LS: Cerys

SJ: Neso

RD: Freddie

EC: All the children worked
incredibly hard this week.

Dojo Points

Top Dojo Points this week go to...

JD: Mikhael
AA: Rahel
SJ: Mary
JK: Nessie
RD: Ishan
DW: Bartosz
CC: Joseph
MB: Daisy
EC: Adam
LS: Eli



Whole School DOJO Points

2465

St Jude

2325

St Teresa

2525

St Julie

2940

St Andrew

Attendance

Whole School Attendance this week is
96.1%

Well done everyone!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

8 days or more
absence per year
97% or above
**VERY GOOD
THIS IS YOUR
TARGET**

Between
7 and 19 days
absence per year
90% - 96%
**BELOW
EXPECTATIONS**

More
than 19 days
absence per year
Under 90%
**POOR
ATTENDANCE**

National Average: 94.1%

Plymouth Average: 94.5%

Holy Cross is currently ranked 15th out of
69 schools in Plymouth.



Year 6-Tory, Eva, Savio, Melody, Roland, Joy,
Ismail, Katie, Harry, Methuli, Daria, Grace,
Dylan and Luna

Year 5- Adam, Dawson, Sameerah, Diya,
Miki, Eli and Cerys

Year 4-Finch, Kesiena, Poppy, Piran, Johan,
lanis, Loveday and Sonia

Year 3-Madhav, Nathan, Marcel, Theodora,
Bartosz, Alex, Evan, Logan and Gabi

Children in Need

Thank you for your donations for
Children in Need last week. The school
was a wonderful selection of colours
with spots and stripes too. We raised a
total of £157 for this important cause.



Aksa- EC Class

Piran, Marcel, Angel-Mae, Raeden and

Adriel- DVV Class

Nico, Delina- RD Class

Michelle- JK Class

Elena, Rahel- AA Class

Zain- SJ Class

Aleeza-JD Class

After School Club

Our after-school club runs from 3.15pm-6pm every day and includes a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, computing, outdoor play, puzzles and construction toys. If you would like to book a place please contact the school office on admin@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk



Rudolph Run

Thank You to Sarah Wallis from St. Luke's hospice who came into school to speak about the work of St. Luke's hospice and answer the children's questions. She told them about a fundraiser that we will be taking part in on 12th December to coincide with Christmas Jumper Day. We will be taking part in a special Rudolph Run around Beaumont Park and the children will have antlers to decorate to wear on the day. The children will be coming home with a sponsorship form and an activity sheet to raise money for this worthwhile local charity.



Christmas Fair

We are looking forward to our Winter Wonderland Fair on Friday 29th November from 2.15pm. Each class has been busy making products to sell and are hoping to make a profit which they can choose how to use. Any parents who are available to help on the day with the class stalls or the PTFA stalls would be most welcome. Please contact your child's class teacher to help with the class stall or the PTFA on ptfa@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk

Parents are able to collect their child at 2.15pm to take them to the fair. Any children not collected at 2.15pm will stay with their class teacher until 3.15pm. We will not be able to release children between the 2.15pm pick-up and the end of the school day.



Have a lovely weekend!