

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of Term 1 and it's been a busy one as always! There is much to celebrate in terms of the progress and achievements of all the children and the ongoing guidance and support they receive from the teaching team. Everyone has worked very hard and deserves a good rest over half term.

We ended the term with our CAST Celebration of our 10th Anniversary. The children engaged well in all the activities planned for them and reflected on the values, behaviours and beliefs that link us as part of the Plymouth CAST community. Thank you for all the cake donations also - fundraising is an important way of showing how we care for others and how serve our community. The Catholic Children's Society are extremely grateful for your help.

Finally a reminder that the clocks go back on Saturday night. Have a wonderful half term and stay safe now that the days are shortening and we're all out and about in the darker evenings.

Mrs Gill

Our Catholic Life

In the Gospel we hear about how Jesus helped a blind man called Bartimaeus to see again. Sometimes we see things that are not fair or right, but it can be a lot harder to see how to change these things. Sometimes we know what we have seen isn't fair or right, but we don't know what to do about it. It can be easier to pretend that we haven't seen the problem than to work out what to do to try to make it better. We can all play a part in trying to build a fairer world. We can try not to waste food or water and call on others to do the same. We can care for our planet and the people around us.

Christ Jesus, help us to see what we can do to make a change, so that our world may be a fairer place for all.

Amen.

Dates for your Diary

Please find a link to the diary dates for the year



[Holy Cross Dates 2024-25...](#)

Please note the following dates

Tuesday 5th November- Children return to school

Tuesday 5th November- School Photo day- individual photos and in school sibling group photos

Wednesday 13th November and Thursday 14th November- Parents Evenings

Friday 29th November- Winter Fair from 2.15pm

Afterschool Club

If you have previously requested a regular session on ASC and was not given a space, please get in touch if you still require a space as we have spaces available.

Please contact the office on admin@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk to book a place.

At the after-school club there are a wide range of activities that include computing, reading, craft activities, drawing, painting and outdoor play.

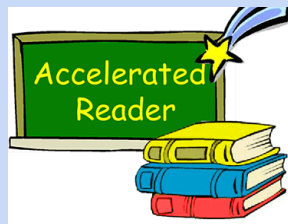
A snack is included in the cost of the after-school club.

KS2 Reading this week

CC Class - 47, 301
DWV Class - 232, 843
EMC Class - 380, 822
LS Class - 100, 164
MB Class - 174, 545
RD Class - 65, 559



Well done to EMC and DWV 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: Mikhael
AA: Charis
SJ: Hamritha
JK: Hugo
RD: Delina
DW: Angel-Mae
CC: Joseph
MB: Faith
EC: Mercy
LS: Tharun & Ismail



Good Disciple Award

This week we have all been trying to show Preferential option for the poor, caring about others

JD: Jenessa
AA: Georgia
SJ: Neso
JK: Lena
RD: Jefrin
DW: Elijah
CC: Fiyin
MB: Eva
EC: Julia
LS: Dylan



Wonderful Writers

CC: Ryan

JD: Mikhael

AA: Rai

JK: Blossom

MB: Alex

LS: Ismail

SJ: Rainey

RD: Sonia

EC: Meleia

Dojo Points

Top Dojo Points this week go to...

JD: Wiktoria
AA: Ire
SJ: Raffie
JK: Bahar
RD: Sonia
DW: Alisha
CC: Blake
MB: Joy
EC: Meleia
LS: Tharun

The children were enjoying their celebrations so much that we have re-scheduled hot chocolate for the 5th November - a treat to look forward to as we return to school after half term.

Whole School DOJO Points

2290

St Jude

2215

St Teresa

2370

St Julie

2425

St Andrew

Attendance

Whole School Attendance this week is
95%

**Well done everyone! Let's get this back
to 96% and higher!**

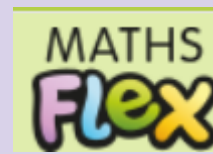
ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Please remember to...

Call the school to report your child's absence before 9.00am on the day of the absence and each subsequent day of absence). Absences due to illness which have not been reported to the school by the parent on the first day of absence may not be authorised.

Submit a request for a planned absence as soon as it is anticipated and, where possible, at least two weeks before the absence, and in accordance with any leave of absence request form, accessible via the school office or on the school website [Holy Cross Catholic Primary School - Virtual Office](#). The headteacher may require evidence to support any request for leave of absence.



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

Year 5- Adam, Dawson, Afnaan, Cerys, Eli, Miki, Sameerah

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

Year 3-Lia, Matthew, Nikola, Madhav, Logan, Sophia, Alex, Evan, Gabi



Theodora, Hanna- DW Class

Dante-CC Class

Methuja, Catherine, Fola- RD Class

Ire, Esther, Theo- AA Class

Neso, Charlie, Raffle, Miheli, - SJ Class

Savanagh, Kian, Adya, Mikhael- JD Class



Well done to these children for learning their times tables and increasing their speed

Ollie, Evelyn and Jaden- DWV Class
Gabi and Delina- RD Class



The results of our times table challenge are as follows

1st- David Walliams
2nd- Malorie Blackman
3rd- Emma Carroll
Most correct answers
1st place- Minaal
2nd place- Milkyas
3rd place- Matti



BONFIRE NIGHT

FIZZ, BANG, WHIZZ!

TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2024










Hotdogs with seasoned wedges,
Warming chilli and rice,
Jacket potatoes with bonfire beans and cheese,
Toffee apple cake and custard

WEEK 1

WINTER WARMER HOT PANINI OR PASTA

Choose from Ham & Tomato or
Cheese & Tomato, served with tortilla chips
and vegetables. Or a Homemade tomato
sauce with pasta.

W/C - MONDAY: 4TH NOV, 25TH NOV, 16TH DEC, 13TH JAN, 3RD FEB, 3RD MAR, 24TH MAR

MEAT FREE MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H, W, V Margherita pizza with potato wedges Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (So), (Mi), m/c (E)	CHOICE 2 - H, W Chicken curry with rice Allergens: (Su)	 All day breakfast - choose from meat or climate friendly option	CHOICE 1 - H Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, gravy and roast potatoes Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)	CHOICE 1 - H Homemade breaded haddock fillet served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)
 CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE Katerveg meatballs served with homemade tomato sauce & pasta Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (So)	 CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Chickpea & sweetcorn burger served in a bun with potato wedges Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (So)	Meat Option Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi) Climate Friendly Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)	CHOICE 2 - H, V Golden pastry topped vegetable pie, gravy & roast potato Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Ce)	CHOICE 2 - H, V Tangy cheese, quinoa & vegetable muffin served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW				
 DESSERT - V, VE Fruit Salad	DESSERT - H, W, V Butternut and date cake Allergens: (Wh), (E)	 DESSERT - H, V, VE Cornish fairing biscuits and fruit slices Allergens: (Glu), (Mi), (E)	 DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit platter or Yoghurt Allergens: (Su), (Mi)	 DESSERT - H, W, V, VE Fruity cornflake tart with custard Allergens: (Wh), (Bar)

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD BAR / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT

Fresh fruit, local WESTCOUNTRY yoghurt and West Country milk available daily. Fresh drinking water is available throughout the lunch time period.
All meals served with seasonal vegetables. Chicken alternatives to beef and pork upon request. One meat free day.

H = HOME-MADE IN THE KITCHEN, W = WHOLE WHEAT INGREDIENTS, VE = VEGAN DSH, V = VEGETARIAN

Allergen Key: Gluten (Glu), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Oats (O), Rye (R), Soya (So), Sulphites (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (Mi), Nuts (N), Eggs (E), Crustaceans (C), Celery (Ce), Fish (F), Lupin (L), m/c May Contain

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Tilda










WEEK 2

WINTER WARMER HOT PANINI OR PASTA

Choose from Ham & Tomato or
Cheese & Tomato, served with tortilla chips
and vegetables. Or a Homemade tomato
sauce with pasta.

W/C - MONDAY: 11TH NOV, 2ND DEC, 30TH DEC, 20TH JAN, 17TH FEB, 10TH MAR, 31ST MAR


MONDAY	MEAT FREE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H, W Baked bean and sausage pasta bake Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)	 CHOICE 1 - H, V, VE Katerveg mince chilli and rice Allergens: (So)	CHOICE 1 - H Chicken chow mein Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Se), (So)	CHOICE 1 - H Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, gravy and roast potatoes Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)	CHOICE 1 Fish fingers served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (F)
 CHOICE 2 - V, VE Quorn dippers with seasoned potato wedges Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)	CHOICE 2 - H, V Tasty cheese wheels with herby diced potato Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Mu)	 CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Vegetable sausage, mash and gravy Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Ce)	 CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Roast Quorn fillet, gravy and roast potatoes Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Bar)	CHOICE 2 - H, W, V Homemade cheese and tomato quiche served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW				
 DESSERT - V, VE Fruit Salad	 DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruity flapjack Allergens: (Glu), (O) m/c (Wh), (Bar)	DESSERT - H, W, V Westcountry root cake Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E) m/c (Mi), (Bar)	 DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit Platter Allergens: (Glu), (O), M/c: (Wh), (Bar)	DESSERT - H, V Zesty cake with custard Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Su), (Mi), m/c (Bar)

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and vegetables. Or a Homemade tomato
sauce with pasta.

W/C - MONDAY: 18TH NOV, 9TH DEC, 6TH JAN, 27TH JAN, 24TH FEB 17TH MAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	MEAT FREE WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H, W Beef cobbler served with mash and gravy Allergens: (Glu)(Wh) m/c (Mi)(Bar)	CHOICE 1 - H Chicken paella	 CHOICE 1 - H, V, VE Tasty Katerveg bolognaise with garlic bread & pasta Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (So) m/c (Se)	CHOICE 1 - H Roast gammon loin, Yorkshire Pudding, gravy & roast potatoes Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E)	CHOICE 1 - H Homemade fish cakes served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (F), (E)
CHOICE 2 - H, V Crispy samosa with rice Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E)	 CHOICE 2 - V, VE Quorn nuggets with diced potato Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)	CHOICE 1 - H, V Creamy macaroni cheese with garlic bread Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Mu) m/c (Se)	 CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Golden crisp topped shepherds pie, gravy & roast potatoes Allergens: m/c (Glu), (Wh), (Bar)	 CHOICE 2 - V, VE Quorn fingers served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW				
 DESSERT - V VE Fruit salad	DESSERT - H, V Orange honey cake Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)	 DESSERT - H, V, VE Custard biscuits with fruit slices Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)	 DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit Platter Allergens: (So)	 DESSERT - H, W, V, VE Chocolate cake with chocolate sauce Allergens: (Glu)(Wh)(E)(Mi) m/c (Bar)

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