



HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

15TH NOVEMBER 2019 — NO.9



Message from the Headteacher

What another busy week it has been! We began the week with a remembrance liturgy and silence where the children were encouraged to reflect upon the sacrifices made by so many so that we live in peace. Children in all classes showed great respect and reverence during this time of reflection. On Thursday we will be celebrating the feast of Christ the King with a whole school Mass at 9am. You are always welcome to join us for our weekly Masses and the liturgy on a Monday morning.



This week has been Anti-Bullying Week and work in all classes has focused on ensuring that the children understand what bullying is and how we can be kind and show friendship to everyone. The children have enjoyed preparing their key stage assemblies to share their learning with you. Wearing odd socks today has prompted some great discussions about celebrating difference. We asked children to wear blue today as this is the colour of the National Anti-Bullying Alliance.



Visits and visitors enhance our curriculum provision and there have been some fantastic experiences across the school. As part of their WWII topic Upper Key Stage Two visited Plymouth University to investigate sources of evidence from WWII. They gained such a great insight into the local history of Plymouth and Rob Longworth was impressed with their knowledge of the topic. Michael Morpurgo Class were wonderful representatives of our school this week when they visited the University for an immersive theatre experience where they were asked to give their feedback and suggestions about



resources that will be used in 'The Box' when it opens next year.

Many classes have now begun our new relationships education programme this week. We are all working on Module One, Created and Loved by God. This unit explores the individual. It is rooted in the teaching that we are made in the image and likeness of God, it helps children to develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships. Parents are able to access further information on the programme via a parent portal <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/> with the user name holy-cross-pl4 and the password cross-4. If you have any questions about the programme or would like to know any more, please don't hesitate to contact me.

We are holding our Foundation/Key Stage One and Key Stage Two discos today. Thank you to our hardworking PTFA who work so hard in fundraising for our school. We would welcome any ideas for fundraising, raffle prizes or parents who could give a small amount of time to support the PTFA.

Next week is National Road Safety week where we will be using the opportunity to raise children's awareness of keeping safe on and around the roads. We will be holding a 'Be Safe Be Seen Day' on Wednesday 20th November. Please encourage the children in your class to come to school dressed in bright, reflective clothes to raise awareness of being on the roads during the shortest day of the year and throughout the winter.

Have a lovely weekend.
Miss Buscombe
Deputy Head Teacher



Year 4 were lucky enough to experience an **Immersive Theatre Experience**

this week at Plymouth University. Morpurgo Class previewed a film made up of archived footage of Plymouth that dated between 1930 to modern times. The children watched the film twice before working in groups to provide feedback to the production team and director.



ROAD SAFETY WEEK

“Be Safe Be Seen Day”

Wednesday 20th November

To raise awareness of being seen out on the roads during the shortest day of the year, and throughout Winter, we would love all pupils to come to school dressed in bright reflective clothes on Wednesday 20th

November. On that day each class will have a short workshop with Claire Harris from Sustrans.

HCPT WESTCOUNTRY INVITES YOU TO
JOIN THEM FOR AN

ADVENT CELEBRATION

with Bishop Mark O'Toole
Blessed Sacrament Church, Exeter.



Sunday 1st December.

2.30 - 3.30pm Advent activities for children

3.45 - 4.15pm Tea & cake

4.30 - 5.15pm Advent service

**Blessed Sacrament Church & Richard Reynolds Centre.
Fore Street, Heavitree, Exeter, EX1 2QJ.**



Further information contact: Richard King westcountry@hcpt.org.uk



Mufti Day

Friday 29th November 2019

Donations for the Christmas Raffle welcomed
(please pass into the School Office)

Helpers for the Christmas Productions still needed.
Let Mrs Leach in the office know if you would like to
help out and require a DBS Certificate.



St Jude's Church Pre-School

Fully funded 30 hours spaces for eligible 3 and 4 year olds.

We work closely with local childminders to support wrap around care to allow working families to benefit from a high quality Pre-School based Early Years Education Experience

To find out more about our Pre-School, as well as about funded places, please contact us to arrange to look around.

Telephone: (01752) 222092 Email: pre-school@judes.org.uk

You may also like to visit our Facebook page or website for more information and to read some parent reviews.

www.facebook.com/stjudeschurchpreschool



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Girls Football Sessions



School Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

FREE TASTER SESSIONS

When: Thursday Evenings 6:00pm

Where: Brickfields, Madden Rd, Plymouth, PL1 4NE

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

Plymouth Phoenix Girls FC — A girls only football club.



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PHOTOGRAPHY

PLEASE CAN YOU RETURN
ALL PHOTO ORDERS TO THE
SCHOOL OFFICE BY NO
LATER THAN NEXT
FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER.

Star of the Week

Simon James (Y1): —
Eric Carle (Y1/2): —
Roger Hargreaves (Y2): —
Roald Dahl (Y3): —
David Walliams (Y3/4): —
Michael Morpurgo (Y4): —
Emma Carroll (Y5): —
Anthony Horowitz (Y5): —
J K Rowling (Y6): —



Each week we recognise and reward those with the highest percentage for attendance and punctuality.

This week we say well done and congratulations to:

Eric Carle Class
Yr 1/2

**HOUSE
POINTS**

St Andrew—3515

St Jude—3140

St Julie—3122

St Teresa—2560

Thank you all for
your support, as
always.

Have a lovely
weekend.
Mr Cotter and staff

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



Tuesday 19/11/19

Year 1 to visit Christ the King

Wednesday 20/11/19

Be Bright Be Seen Day

Thursday 21/11/19

Year 2 to visit Christ the King

Thursday 21/11/19

Whole School Mass

Thursday 28/11/19

Eric Carle Class Mass

Friday 29/11/19

Mufti Day— Raffle Gifts

Thursday 05/12/19

Whole School Mass

Thursday 12/12/19

**Simon James
Class Mass**

Tuesday 10/12/19 &

Wednesday 11/12/19

**Foundation Stage
Nativity @ 1.45pm**

Tuesday 17/12/19

& Wednesday 18/12/19

**Christmas
Production @ 6.30pm**

Thursday 19/12/19

Whole School Mass

Friday 20/12/19

Last day of term

Monday 06/01/20

Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 07/01/20

Back to School

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:

Trust God



Jesus, help us to put our faith and trust in you at all times. May we not be afraid but instead believe that you will always keep us safe. Amen.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK: -

- Road Safety Week
- Tuesday—Year 1 to visit Church of Christ the King
- Wednesday—Be Bright be Seen Day
- Thursday—Year 2 to visit Church of Christ the King