



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all for your help and support with drop offs and pick-ups. Your support with this is very much appreciated and we recognise how times may not always fit in with work schedules and other commitments.

I was thinking only today, how different it will look when all the children arrive and leave at the same time. As I joined Holy Cross during the pandemic, I have not yet experienced a 'normal' start/end to the school day! Neither have I yet addressed the whole school in assembly – something I am really looking forward to and hopefully will not be too far off in the future.

In the meantime, we continue to make things as normal as possible for the children. One of my great passions is pupil voice; our school chaplaincy team met this week and are absolutely brimming with ideas for how they can contribute to our school; Miss Heaton and Miss Hannaford are organising an ECO group; our School Council are actively promoting pupil well-being and there are many more opportunities on the horizon, empowering our children to become **agents of change** and contribute to their own education. Watch this space!

One of the ideas put forward by our school chaplaincy team was to tidy up the parish garden. If there are any keen gardeners amongst you, we would be very grateful for your help. We are hoping to devote some time to this during the Easter holiday so if you have some time on your hands and you'd like to offer your services, please let us know and we can find a day that suits.

Finally, a thank you for sending your children to school today in their fabulous red outfits. Supporting Red Nose Day has always been important at Holy Cross and this year, despite the absence of the red noses themselves, was no different! Thank you for all your contributions.

Stay safe,

Mrs F Gill  
Headteacher



02/04/21—18/04/21  
*Easter Holidays*

*Last day of Easter Term is  
**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April***

**Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April is a Bank  
Holiday**

**Summer term 1**  
*Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 28<sup>th</sup>  
May*

**Bank Holiday**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> May*

**Half term**  
*Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>  
June*

**First Holy Communion**  
*Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021*

**Summer Term 2**  
*Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – INSET day  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday  
22<sup>nd</sup> July*

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ANY COVID RELATED COMMUNICATIONS (POSITIVE RESULTS OF TESTS): [covid@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:covid@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk)**



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### Our Catholic Life

#### Our theme next week is Grow in Love

Some people come and ask the disciples if they can see Jesus. In response to this request, Jesus makes an important speech. He knows he will soon have to die, but Jesus wants everyone to understand that this is the reason he is here. By dying, Jesus will bring life and hope into the world. Good will come out of his suffering. Jesus explains by talking about a seed.

**When a grain of wheat falls onto the ground it dies, but because one plant has died, lots of other wheat plants can grow.**

We might have to give up some things if we are going to follow Jesus' footsteps and put other people before ourselves, but if we do, we will enjoy the happiness that only Jesus brings.



#### Let us Pray

Dear Jesus, I want to believe in you. Help me to see clearly and to understand how much you love me.

Amen

### TENTEN

'Prayers for Home' ended on 8 March 2021. We are still providing [Assembly Videos for Home](#) and the [Sunday Liturgy for Families](#) on a temporary basis to the end of the Spring term. Please also view our video prayer, [Returning to Life in School](#).



Well done for remembering to wear red today. We had a very bright and colourful school.

We have set up a donations page on Parent Pay so that we don't need to handle cash.

**So far we have raised £172!**

The link is below!

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=1953>



### First Holy Communion

Our First Holy Communion children were officially enrolled on Wednesday 17th March. Deacon Albert and Tommy, a seminarian, led the service. The children responded well and were delighted to be awarded with their certificates.

**Our communicants are:**

Conor Paraskeva  
Rosaleen Smith  
Pison Temesgen  
Joel Jino  
Euri Baylon  
Ben Thomas  
Nikola Kunowska

Katie Potheary  
Stephen Jones  
Wiktor Sierka  
Rosie Trejnowska  
George Raphy  
Kacper Paletko  
Tristan Furby

Emilia Wong  
Johan Balthasar  
Jaisal Jino  
Ania Szpaczynska  
Ezekiel Manesh  
Joshua Gins



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### Wonders of the Week



Here are this week's winners of the Wonder of the Week award. **Mrs King** led our Celebration Act of worship today and the school reflected on what we know about **St Joseph**. This year has been nominated by Pope Francis **as the Year of St Joseph**.

**Julia Donaldson: Lullah** for showing great enthusiasm when learning our new text map.

**Allan Ahlberg: Dawson** for being a fantastic role model and consistently trying his best.

**Roger Hargreaves: Carter** for coming back to school with such enthusiasm and always being ready to learn!

**Eric Carle: Thomas** for consistently trying his best at everything he does. We are so proud of the progress you are making.

**Michael Morpurgo: Sadie** for growing in confidence in maths and always pushing herself to be better! Well done Sadie.

**Quentin Blake: Isabelle** for growing in confidence with her learning and now editing writing independently.

**Roald Dahl: Hashviithaa** for being more focussed in class and realising that the effort she puts into her learning does pay off - and for showing pride in the progress she has made.

**Philip Pullman: Daragh** for excellent application of algebra and setting a whole class maths challenge this week.

**Emma Carroll: Karolina** for her consistently excellent attitude towards all aspects of her learning, approaching tasks with an open-mind, great effort and showing care by ensuring her work is always well presented.

**J K Rowling: Mia** for her hard work, enthusiasm and constant wanting to do her very best. Well done Mia!

# WOW!



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### Gospel Values Awards



**Julia Donaldson: Piran for Courage** - for showing courage coming back to school and trying different activities.

**Allan Ahlberg: Phoebe-Rose for Courage** - for showing great courage to share her feelings.

**Roger Hargreaves: Oli for Kindness** - for playing so well with others: showing love and understanding.

**Eric Carle: Jnr for Kindness** - for being such a kind friend and helpful to Miss Heaton in class.

**Michael Morpurgo: Joshua for Kindness**- for showing such kindness towards his peers when he can see they are upset or unhappy. Well done Joshua.

**Quentin Blake: Esme for showing Courage** – for sticking to what she believes is right. You are a brilliant role model to your peers and a true leader.

**Roald Dahl: Blake for Courage** - for having the courage to talk about his weaknesses in his learning and asking what he can do to improve - he is taking more ownership of his own learning, well done!

**Philip Pullman: Jeroen for Integrity** - for showing integrity in the playground and displaying strong morals of kindness and selflessness this week.

**Emma Carroll: Emily J for Kindness** - for always using kind words, being supportive of her peers and demonstrating good manners to promote kindness in class and around school. It is so lovely to always be wished a lovely lunch each day!

**JK Rowling: Annie and Joseph** for working so well together as a pair and for showing such kindness to Miss Pumphrey who is a new teacher in our class on Wednesday and Friday.



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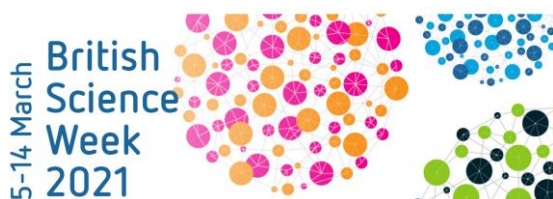
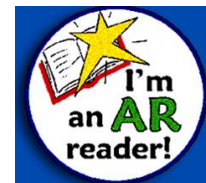


## MILLIONAIRE READERS

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our two new millionaire readers:

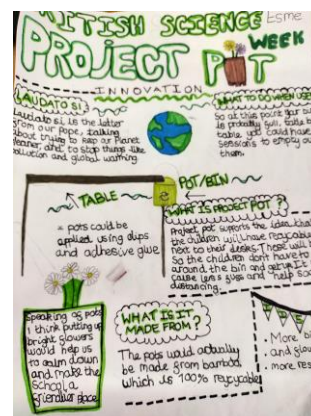
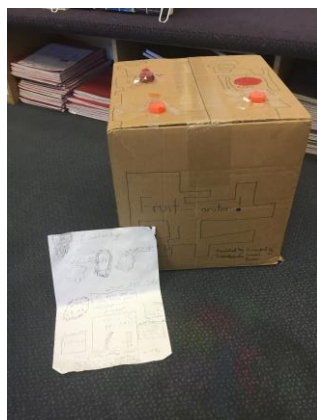
**Joel Jino** and **Esme Haine**.

We hope you inspire others to read, read, read ...so they can join you on our millionaire board.



We are delighted to announce the winners of our Innovation Competition.

Well done to everyone for all their wonderful designs, their creative thinking and their enthusiasm!



**KS1: Annika DeSousa (AA)**

**LKS2: Sam Baxter (MM)**

**UKS2: Esme Rosevear (EMC)**

In KS1 they were asked to create the perfect "Teacher Coat" for break time.

In KS2 they were asked to innovate something that would help make our school better whilst thinking about the message of *Laudato Si*.

Children across the school took part in class competitions to see who could also build the largest tower using various materials, as well as exploring famous innovators of the past and present.

In UKS2 this week, we had an egg-citing delivery when some live chicken eggs were delivered early in the week. Year 5/6 are not only learning how to care for and protect the eggs, but are observing them closely as they discover and learn more about life cycles. Hopefully, next week we should have some cracking news as they are due to hatch this Monday! We will keep you updated.

Next week, children across the school will be given the opportunity to nominate themselves to be part of the Global Warriors group at Holy Cross. Each class will make time for children to share their presentations and there will be a democratic vote. If children are motivated to make changes for the future then we need them! You might enjoy watching this short presentation with your child :)

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1hKqgFpIL9N6nsCtkbXpjHOr0tSISWg19fzqSp02gug4/edit?usp=sharing>





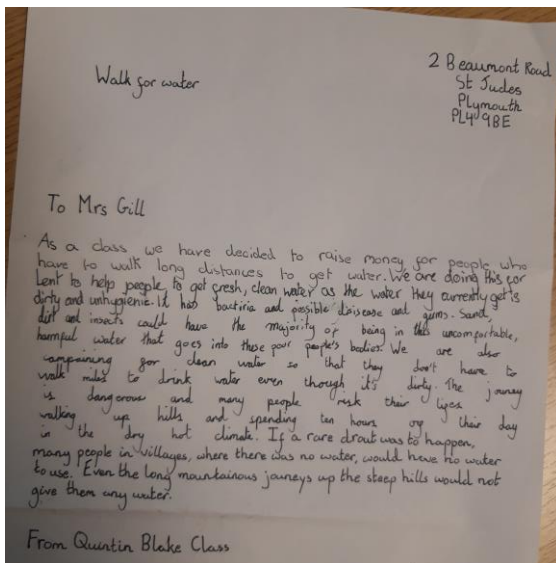
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### Walk for Water

Here at Holy Cross we want to give our children a voice – we want them to 'have their say' and get involved in their education in inspiring, life-changing ways; we want them to be 'agents of change'.



Today I was delighted to receive a letter from Quentin Blake Class telling me that they were doing just that – taking on a challenge to make a difference! We wish them the very best of luck with their challenge.

Please keep an eye out for information on how to support this worthy cause via a *Just Giving* page which will be shared on Class Dojo in a few days' time.

**Junior Bake Off** is looking for budding bakers aged between 9-15 with a connection to the Royal British Legion to take part in Series 7 of the show.

The Channel 4 programme celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

Junior Bake Off has become a huge success since it launched on Channel 4 and the warm hearted nature of the show has made it a favourite with families and amateur bakers.

Filming would take place from July 2021.

**Applications close on Sunday 28th March 2021.**

For more info or to apply online, please go to [www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)



### COVID-19 Reminders

Please visit our website [COVID Risk Assessment for Parents](#) to view a parent friendly version of the risk assessment which will explain what we are doing and why we are doing it that way.

#### Staggered Drop offs and Pick ups

Please note that no cars should drive down White Friars Lane and that we request parents/carers wear face coverings on the school site.



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### Communication

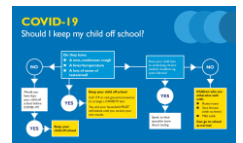
Thank you for returning your yellow data sheets so promptly. This has helped to ensure we have the correct contact details for you. If you haven't got around to returning it yet, please try to send it in next week. We appreciate your help with this.

### Symptomatic of COVID-19

**If your child presents with a new continuous cough, a fever or is experiencing any loss of or change in their taste/smell, please do not send them to school.**

If your child presents with any of these symptoms while at school, you should have your child tested and the whole household should self-isolate until you get the result.

Further action will depend on the result of the test.



### LFD Testing

The government is now offering this same opportunity to parents of any school age child. Please visit this website for further detail. [lateral-flow-testing-for-households](https://www.gov.uk/lateral-flow-testing-for-households)

If you have a positive LFT result, please inform the school at this email

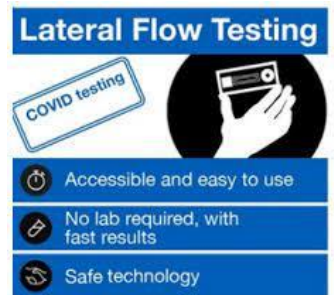
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You and your household will need to self-isolate so you should not send your child(ren) to school.

You should then book a PCR test.

If the PCR test is positive, you should continue to self-isolate as a household for 10 days.

If the result of the PCR test is negative, the children may return to school. Please email us to let us know the result of the PCR.



### Breakfast Club/After School Club

20 places available at Breakfast and After School Club.

**Please ring to book places one week in advance.** Staff will be allocated to particular bubbles for the week ahead so that we can follow the track and trace guidelines effectively.



If you are not in need of the place, please cancel ahead so we can offer the place to someone who needs it.

Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am and **children need to be in by 8am**. Arrivals after this time will not be admitted. After School Club finishes at **6pm**.

**Please ring 07398477727** when dropping off and picking up.

**Drop off and collection to Breakfast Club/After School Club is once again at the main red doors to the church.**

*Have a lovely weekend!* 