



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Can you believe that we have got through another January? The children have been busy in their learning and I have been particularly impressed with some writing I have seen this week.

In terms of learning outside the classroom, our Foundation Stage class visited the library – and continued with finding out even more about pirates. A team of eight Year 6 pupils took part in a rowing event at Plymstock School – and they did very well. It certainly asked a lot of them in terms of stamina. Special congratulations to Sophie and Ethan who were second in the individual event. We do not know the results of the overall team yet.

I have been impressed with the number of After School Clubs children are taking part in. Premier Sports are providing opportunities in multi-activities, gymnastics, multi-sports and fitness to music. Plymouth Argyle are offering football and tag rugby. Spanish Amigos are giving Spanish lessons and South Coast Martial Arts are providing martial arts. Mrs Palarm is taking a school Choir after school and Mrs McCalley and Mrs Cotter are giving their time for Year 6 boosters. We also appreciate the work of our own After School Club - now known as the Chipmunks.

Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 are brushing their teeth daily in school at the moment. That means that 135 pupils are involved in this and I am pleased to hear reports from some parents who tell us that their children are asking to clean their teeth more at home. This really shows the impact of this initiative – so thank you for reinforcing this healthy life skill.

Next week we have Fizz Pop Science assemblies, Prime VR workshops and then the school discos! Too much excitement for one week!

Have a lovely weekend – and may the best 6 Nations Rugby teams come out on top!

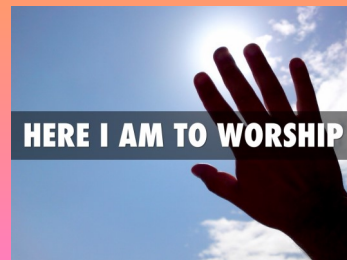
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Liturgy in School

Parents and parishioners are invited to join us for liturgy, 9am, Monday mornings.

The theme for our prayer and worship next week is:

Compassion



Dear Jesus, you were very brave and always spoke the truth. Help me to be truthful too, even if it makes me unpopular. Amen.



**THE DISCO IS NEXT FRIDAY!!!
DISCO TICKETS ON SALE
£2.00 PER TICKET**

HELPERS STILL NEEDED

Please contact Justine on hc.ptfa@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out.

HOUSE POINTS

1ST—St Teresa

2ND - St Julie

3RD — St Judes

4TH — St Andrew



HAPPY ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are delighted to share with you some beautiful new arrivals born to two of our Staff Members: -



Congratulations to Mrs Duthie and her family on the birth of her gorgeous baby Theo. Born 22.12.18, weighing in at 9lb 10oz.

Congratulations to Miss Heaton and her family on the birth of her gorgeous babies Charlie and Raffie, identical twins born 25.01.19, weighing in at 5lb 7oz's.



Precious times ahead.

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 a **casual position** to help cover lunchtimes from 11.50 to 1.20pm Monday to Friday **as and when required**.

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



We are supporting Safer Internet Day

5 Feb 2019

www.saferinternetday.org.uk

#SaferInternetDay2019

Healthy Snacks Reminder



Don't forget that only healthy snacks are allowed at break times—either fruit or salad vegetables.

Your support with this is much appreciated.



Enhanced Transition Consultation

Tuesday 5 February 2019, 10-11am or 1.30-2.30pm
Plymouth Guildhall, Guildhall Square, Plymouth PL1 2BJ

Plymouth Parent Carer Voice and Plymouth City Council are looking to speak with parent/carers of children and young people with Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) who either last year or this year will be going through a transition stage.

Examples of Transition stages are: nursery to foundation, primary school to secondary and secondary to college.

This is a free session and parent and carers views and thoughts are being sought on the current process and planned changes.

For more information, please contact Claire Paddon
 at: hello@plymouthpcv.co.uk

Please book through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ppcv-enhanced-transition-consultation-tickets-55377596883>



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

Friday 08/02/19
School Disco

Friday 15/02/19
Non-Pupil Day

Monday 16/02/19 to Friday 24/02/19
Half Term

Thursday 07/03/19
World Book Day

Tuesday 19/03/19
Tempest
—Class Photographs

Monday 08/04/19 to Friday 19/04/19
Easter Holiday

Friday 19/04/19
Good Friday

Monday 22/04/19
Easter Monday

Tuesday 23/04/19
Summer Term starts

Monday 27/05/19 to Friday 31/05/19
Half Term

Monday 03/06/19 to Friday 07/06/19
Year 6 Residential

Friday 19/07/19
Last day of term

Monday 22/07/19 Tuesday 23/07/19
Non-Pupil Days





Invitation to Youth Mass.

All are welcome to our youth celebration mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Efford on Saturday 9th February at 5pm). It will be a youth orientated mass with which children can fully engage and take an active role if they so wish. It will be followed by a party with Face painting and other activities for the children. Any questions please contact Damien on 07800-920636 or on Damien@plymouthcathsoc.org.uk

Day	Activity	Ages	Cost
Monday 18 th	Reptile Zoo	All Ages	£6.00
Tuesday 19 th	Star Wars Jedi Training (inc. Nerf Wars)	All Ages	£7.00
Wednesday 20 th	Archery	All Ages	£6.00
Thursday 21 st	Wild Cooking	All Ages	£6.00
	Shelter Building & Mountain Medicine	All Ages	Free
Friday 22 nd	Olympic Celebration Day	All Ages	Free

High 5 Holiday Camps are running from Widey Court Primary School every day this February Half Term.

They are offering children the most action packed, fun and inspiring programme possible to keep them fit, healthy and away from screens. They do this by filling their days with an exciting array of multi-sports and outdoor, adventurous activities... plus amazingly interactive themed arts and crafts. Highlights this February include: Wild Cooking, Shelter Building & Mountain Medicine, a visit from the Reptile Zoo, Star Wars Jedi Training Day (inc. Nerf Wars) and an Olympic themed Celebration to end the week in style.

Ages 5 to 15 years welcome, booking can be made online via the website: www.high5sportscamps.co.uk. Follow the fun on facebook and for any enquiries the office number is: 01752 215734 and email: info@high5sportscamps.co.uk



Once again we have an **extremely full** Lost Property Box. If you are missing an item of uniform, please remember to check the Lost Property Box in the school office. Any items left after in the box after the following date will be donated to a local clothing charity or re-sold at the Summer Fayre:

Check the box by: Thursday 14th February

Thank you for your support as always.
Have a wonderful weekend.
Mr Cotter and all of the staff at Holy Cross School



And last but not least, DON'T FORGET THAT TUESDAY IS CATERed's
'Taste of Asia' day.....

