



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, the children have been learning about money and gaining an understanding of how we save money for when we need it. I am sure they will be a great help with household budgeting from now on and have a greater understanding maybe of how sometimes we need to wait and save up for that special item!

Our Year 6 children had spectacular weather for being outside on bikes this week as they worked towards the Level 2 bikeability award. As well as developing their riding confidence, they were learning about being safe on the road which will stand them in good stead as they become more and more independent and begin to venture further from home.

Our Safer Journeys to School campaign is still underway but today is the last day of the two-week parking enforcement stage. You may have noticed the parking officers over the last fortnight - they have been issuing tickets but of course we don't know whether these were issued to parents of Holy Cross or to other members of the public. Our own Junior Road Safety Officers have conducted a simple survey across the school and found that (out of the children who answered) 140 children come to school in cars whilst 115 children now walk. Of course, this may be due to the lovely weather we are having, but I would like to think we are thinking about parking a little further away and walking and that the campaign has been successful. We now need to build on this and not slip back into past habits. We would like to get your feedback too and there are details of how to access a parent survey further on in the newsletter.

The feedback so far from the residents of White Friars Lane has sadly not been positive. Parents are continuing to park in residents' parking spaces, blocking driveways and preventing residents from accessing their own houses. Yesterday a lady returning from Derriford Hospital with her elderly mother was blocked and her mum had to walk the extra distance to the house. PLEASE do not use White Friars Lane to park - we still have a large number of parking permits available in the office which will give you 45 mins free parking on Hampton Street and Constantine Street. The 'Parking and Walking' map will also help you to find suitable parking in the area.

Thank you again for your support with the campaign to keep our children safe.

Mrs F Gill
Headteacher



Every Thursday 9am
Drop-in

20th June

Year 5 Day at Notre Dame
and St. Boniface

20th-23rd June

Y3 Bikeability
EYFS Balance-ability

22nd June

Sports Day

24th June

Mufti Day in support of the
Catholic Children's Society.
Please wear yellow, blue
and white.

EYFS/KS1 Disco
KS2 Disco

27th June-15th July
Year 4 Swimming

28th June
Art Gallery 2-3pm

4th-8th July
Year 6 Residential

11th and 12th July
Year 3/4 field trip to Dartmoor

19th July 10am
CAST Leavers' Mass for Y6
children

20th July 9.15- 11.30am
Year 6 Leavers' Mass at Holy
Cross followed by
refreshments



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Our Catholic Life

In the Gospel this week we hear that crowds of people have come to hear Jesus and ask for healing. Late in the afternoon the disciples advise Jesus to send the crowds away to find food, but Jesus wants the disciples to feed the people themselves. The disciples only have five loaves and two fish, but Jesus knows what to do. He asks the disciples to sit the crowds down in groups. Then Jesus takes the loaves and fish, says a blessing, breaks the food up and hands it to the disciples to share out. Everyone has enough to eat and there are twelve baskets of leftovers.

The pupil chaplains would like us to support the Catholic Children's Society on Friday 24th June, St. Aloysius Day. St. Aloysius is the patron saint of Christian youth and young students. He served the sick and those who were poorly. We invite the children to wear yellow, white and blue on Friday for a small donation to this worthwhile charity.

Dear Jesus,

*The apostles didn't think that there was enough food, but with your help, Jesus everyone was fed. We may be little but with your help I know I can do great things.
Amen*

Action: Ask at home if you can lead grace before meals this week.

Wonders of the Week

Here are this week's winners of the Wonder of the Week award.

Julia Donaldson: Rachel - for persevering and showing resilience to learn how to read and write a caption

Allan Ahlberg: Rory - for showing amazing enthusiasm and motivation towards learning about time in maths this week.

Simon James: Jnr - For showing independence and maturity by helping others this week, especially those who have really needed a friend.

Judith Kerr: Florence- For being a wonderful member of our class. We will miss you!

David Walliams: Year 4- for the effort you have shown to learn your times tables for your times tables check. You showed us resilience, determination and independence when learning your tables this year!

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Louis Sachar: Leo - What a week. So so impressed with his approach and the progress made in his writing - well done Leo

Emma Carroll: Joshua - Working really hard in our new unit of Maths.

Malorie Blackman: Izzy - For her lovely writing on the true story of 'Rock, Paper, Scissors'. Izzy has been working really hard on her writing and has done a wonderful job on this - well done.

Gospel Values Awards:

This week we have all been trying to show **Justice**

Julia Donaldson: Amayra - always knowing right from wrong and encouraging her peers to make the right choices too.

Allan Ahlberg: Charli - for always being fair and conscious of others' feelings and seeing the best in every situation.

Simon James: Lizzie - For always trying to make the right choices which provide the best outcomes for others. She wants everybody to have the same chance and is always trying to make things fair.

Judith Kerr: Loveday- For always making the right choice and encouraging others to do the same.

David Walliams: Daria - For always encouraging others to make the right choice.

Cressida Cowell: Savio- For reflecting on what makes a good choice and the consequences our choices can have.

Roald Dahl: Laith - For ensuring that everyone gets what they need and that play time games are fair.

Louis Sachar: Tiago - Simply a wonderful role model to his peers and younger children

Emma Carroll: Julia - Always making the right decisions in class, a perfect example of how to behave in Emma Carroll.

Malorie Blackman: Olivia and Evan - For being supportive friends, for standing up and looking out for others when they need it and for always wanting everyone to be treated fairly and with respect, and modelling this themselves.



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Top Table Awards



Julia Donaldson: Marley for his lovely manners in the hall at lunchtime.
Allan Ahlberg: Charli for listening and following instructions.
Simon James: Ollie for playing nicely.
Judith Kerr: Jefrin for always being polite.
David Walliams: Eddie for his exemplary behaviour.
Cressida Cowell: Rosie-May for her beautiful behaviour - a wonderful role model!
Roald Dahl: Millie for her beautiful manners.
Louis Sachar: Tomas and Holly for playing as a team.
Emma Carroll: Elsie for her exemplary behaviour at lunchtimes.
Malorie Blackman: Jacob for being an excellent role model for the younger children.



The following children have achieved the next level of Numbots, increasing their fluency of recall of number facts

Ralph Harman-Copper

In TTRockstars the accuracy of the recall of times tables facts is just as important as the speed of response.

A rock hero is able to answer questions in 1 second (60+ questions a minute) and a rock legend is able to answer questions in 2 seconds (30+ questions a minute). A rock star is able to answer a question in 3 seconds (20+ questions a minute). These children achieved the status this week

Joshua Laiju-Rock Legend



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In KS2 we use a programme called Accelerated Reader and when we have read a book we take a quiz to check our understanding. The following children have reached a new level.

Words read this week

| Class | Words Read |
|------------------|------------|
| Cressida Cowell | 64,835 |
| David Walliams | 28,942 |
| Roald Dahl | 260,225 |
| Emma Carroll | 477,287 |
| Louis Sachar | 248,865 |
| Malorie Blackman | 394,369 |

Year 6 Events

22nd June: Sports Day (see Sports Day section in newsletter)

4th-8th July: Year 6 Residential. Deadline for all consent forms, medical and dietary information and full payment : **10th June 2022**

18th and 19th July: Performance - There will be an afternoon show at 2pm and an evening show at 6.30pm on both days. Each child will have two tickets for each show. These will be available at a later date.

19th July: Plymouth CAST Leavers' Mass at Cathedral (10am). This is a diocesan event for schools only - at present there is no plan for parents to attend as there will be children from all six primaries.

20th July: Holy Cross Leavers' Mass at 9.15am followed by refreshments. Each child will have two tickets.

We hope you will be able to join us for some of the events and hopefully, sharing this information with you now, at the start of term, gives you plenty of notice to make arrangements to do so.



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Holy Cross Sports Day

Date: 22/06/2022

Venue: Tothill Fields (Enclosed), Lanhydrock Road

I'm extremely happy to announce the details of our first sports day in 3 years! There will be activities taking place in school and at the venue:

KS 2: Children will register as normal and then walk to the venue under adult supervision. You are more than welcome to walk with us from school to Tothill Fields. We will leave once the children have been registered as close to 0900 as possible.

KS1 & EYFS: Children will register as normal and then undertake a number of activities within school in the morning. After their lunch they will walk to the venue under adult supervision. Again, you are more than welcome to walk with us from school to Tothill Fields. We will be leaving at 1130am

Lunches: Children in EYFS & KS1 will have lunches as normal. However, it will be at a slightly earlier time - 1100am. Please provide further snacks for the afternoon - let's keep those energy levels up.

KS2 - those who are entitled to Free School meals will receive a packed lunch. They will be offered a variety of sandwich fillings: Ham-Red; Cheese-Green; Egg-Yellow; Blue- Tuna.

Supporters: An area has been provided for parents to come along, support and cheer the children in their endeavours. It is important for the smooth running of the event, that parents/guardians remain in the allocated area at all times.

Presentation of the House cup is due to take place at 2:15pm

As a school, we will depart the venue no later than 2:30pm. Once we have returned and registered, the children can be collected as normal - from school.



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TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE ON PARENT PAY



Well done to Maisy in Year 3. Last weekend, she celebrated her graduation from the Children's university which is a huge achievement. Well done Maisy we are all very proud of you!



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Our Plymouth



At the start of July (weather dependent, hopefully Sunday 3rd July) a Plymouth-based art organisation called 'Low Profile' are recreating a kind of flash mob on the Hoe recreating an old photograph from 40 years ago, where lots of people stand spelling out the word 'People'.

They are hoping that people who volunteer their time - PTA members, mothers and fathers who look after friend's children, anyone who gives their time helping for free, will get involved. They want to recognise these legends and bring them all together to create a photograph that celebrates this.

They are still in the 'sign up' phase of the campaign and would love to see some of the families from Holy Cross represented.

Here is the link to know more / to sign up:

<https://ourplymouth.co.uk/people/>



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YOU CAN HELP...

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)
St Boniface House, Ashburton, TQ13 7JL
For further details please contact Vicki Dunstone:
Email ccs@prcdtr.org.uk
☎ 01364 645420



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Breakfast Club/After School Club

Please ring or email the office at holy.cross.rc.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk to book places one week in advance. We cannot take bookings on the day.

We will no longer be taking bookings for Breakfast Club/After School Club if payments are outstanding. If you are a regular and payments are outstanding, your session will be cancelled so please check your Parent Pay account.

I apologise for the inconvenience this may cause and for the flurry of email reminders but the school is owed a significant amount of money. DFE money cannot be used to subsidise Breakfast/After School Club and the school cannot cover these costs within its budget.

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 at the main red doors to the church.

Have a lovely weekend.