



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We had a wonderful start to our Mission Week today. It was so lovely to see the children dressed up and so excited. They really enjoyed the indoor picnic so we didn't let the dreadful weather get us down!

It was impressive too how so many children could talk about the person they had chosen to represent and how they could articulate how their lives were or still are dedicated to spreading the Word of God.

There are many, many photos on Class Dojo capturing the pure joy of the day so do make sure you have a look.

Next week there are many more activities planned to enable the children and staff to reflect on our mission, our 'WHY' – there is more detail about these further on in the newsletter. I would just like to draw your attention to two special events which will allow you to join in too and contribute to our mission week. Holy Cross is a very special community and next week is about celebrating that with all members of our Holy Cross family so please join us.

Monday 24th May: School Chaplaincy, GIFT team will be leading us all in a wonderful Act of Worship dedicated to Our Lady at **9.30am**. This will of course be via Zoom as we are as yet still unable to gather as a whole school.

Please join us via the link [here](#):

The GIFT team have also planned a wonderfully imaginative way of including each and every member of our community in our newly created prayer space. They would like everyone to decorate a pebble – please read on and find out more about this.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe,

Mrs F Gill
Headteacher



Summer term 1

Monday 19th April – Friday 28th May

Mission Week

Friday 21st May – 28th May

Week beg 24th May

Bikeability and Balance-Ability

Pentecost Sunday

(The Church's birthday)

Sunday 23rd May

Half term

Saturday 29th May - Sunday 6th June

NSPCC Childhood Day

11th June

Clean Air Day

21st June

First Holy Communion

Sunday 27th June 2021

Summer Term 2

Monday 7th June – INSET day

Tuesday 8th June – Thursday

22nd July

Y6 Residential

28th-30th June

To be confirmed

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



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Our Catholic Life – Holy Spirit

Although he has to physically leave his friends, Jesus promises to send them the Holy Spirit. The disciples have not really been able to understand everything Jesus has said and done, but the Holy Spirit will help them to gradually make sense of it all. The Holy Spirit will be Jesus' witness and reveal the fullness of God's amazing message of love for us all. Then it will be Jesus' friends' job to share that message with the rest of the world – and the Holy Spirit will help and guide us all the way.



Let us Pray

Thank you, Jesus, for sending your Holy Spirit to help us.
Amen

Wonders of the Week

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



Julia Donaldson: Finch for working incredibly hard at home retelling the new story map and with great expression.

Allan Ahlberg: Kielan for amazing independent writing this week.

Roger Hargreaves: Louis for always being respectful and for coming in ready to learn.

Eric Carle: Miki for amazing independent writing and applying his phonics knowledge during English sessions.

Michael Morpurgo: Sunni for having such great ideas and really listening to advice on how to express them in her writing.

Quentin Blake: Darcey for walking into school with a big smile on her face and being passionate about her new interest- Rocks!

Roald Dahl: Caylum for settling into Roald Dahl class so well.

Philip Pullman: Adam for showing resilience in his learning this week - taking the time to review and edit.



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Emma Carroll: Rianna for her great improvement in class discussions, offering thoughtful answers but also showing courage by having a go.

J K Rowling: Joel for his wonderful work attitude this week and for being adaptable to change in the classroom.



Gospel Values Awards: This week we have all been trying to show **Courage**.

Julia Donaldson: Harry who showed great courage by standing up in front of the class and retelling his story.

Allan Ahlberg: Phoebe for showing courage and trying new things.

Roger Hargreaves: Thomas for persevering with his writing and overcoming challenges.

Eric Carle: Jnr for trying so hard even when things are difficult. We're so proud of you!

Michael Morpurgo: Julia for having courage in Mathematics to try even when she finds it difficult. It is really paying off. Well done Julia.

Quentin Blake: Oliwia for having the courage to read so beautifully in our class liturgy.

Roald Dahl: Aya for persevering and having the courage to now walk into school on her own.

Philip Pullman: Issiah for showing courage to have a go when the learning in mathematics has been particularly challenging at times.

Emma Carroll: Ava for being courageous when taking on some tricky Maths problem solving. She wasn't scared of the challenge and by being brave, she has shown what a great mathematician she can be!

JK Rowling: Preston for being courageous in his learning conversations and in his attitude to his work.




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CONGRATULATIONS to Thomas is Roger Hargreaves Class who completed the Plymouth Schools' Half Marathon Last Sunday. Well done Thomas. We are all very proud of you and your amazing achievement.




Thomas' School Half Marathon Challenge- The Final 1.1

Saving the best for last with a sub 10min mile over a windy Tamar Bridge!



Distance: 1.09 mi Avg Pace: 9:36 /mi




Well done! You have run a total of 12 miles now. 1 more week to go to complete the challenge...

Week	Date	Signature (Parent/Teacher)
Week 13	21/05/21	[Signature]

Congratulations!

You have worked really hard to get this far and have now completed the



PIC-COLLAGE

MISSION WEEK

Mission Week got off to a wonderful start today and will last until the end of this term next Friday. This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church. Our Pentecost Party thanks to our wonderful kitchen staff was a huge success and the children really enjoyed it. CaterEd provided individual picnic boxes and a beautiful cake with lots of cupcakes, to mark the occasion. We are very grateful to them.





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We had some very creative and well-thought out costumes

To honour those people in the Bible, in history and currently, who by their daily words and actions, spread the word of God.

The teachers have all shared some photos on their Class Dojo pages for you to admire.



Next week the children will be spending time exploring and unpicking our mission statement.

Each class has created a prayer space for the other classes to visit, focusing on an aspect of our mission. Keep an eye on Class Dojo for pictures of these wonderfully reflective activities next week.

On Monday, instead of our weekly Act of Worship which focuses on the Gospel Value of the week, our GIFT team will be leading the whole school in an Act of Worship dedicated to Mary, our Mother. Monday 24th May is the feast of Our Lady, Mother of the Church. Schools and Youth Associations throughout the Diocese of Plymouth will take part in an event which Our Lady's Shrine in Walsingham is co-hosting with Carfin Lourdes Grotto in Scotland: **The Rosary day 24 May 2021.**

This has a two fold aim:

- That the Rosary be prayed in our Schools that day
- That we encourage the faithful to mightily intercede for all young people everywhere, all their intentions and for the Mission of our Catholic Schools.

The GIFT team would like to invite you to join us via Zoom for this special Act of Worship at 9.30am on Monday 24th May. The link has also been posted on the school Dojo page.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74408019316?pwd=U2xhZzdUK0dNdGtZbTZjcHYrcEdnNZz09>

We would also like to invite the children to bring flowers into school on Monday so that we can create a beautiful Altar for Mary.



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Special Message from our GIFT team:

At Holy Cross the pupil chaplains are a group of children who make sure that we share and care for God's creation. We are also known as the GIFT Team as we are growing in faith together and helping to guide this in school.

We are asking all the members of staff, parents, children, governors and visitors to paint a pebble representing how special you all are. You are unique in every way and a very special part of God's Creation.

We are doing this because we have been working on a prayer garden and we would like your pebble to be in the garden. The particular reason for this is that you are a part of God's world and a very special part of the community and family of Holy Cross.

We can't wait to see your pebbles,

Pupil Chaplaincy/GIFT Team





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Bikeability

Next week the children in Foundation Stage, Year 3 and Year 6 will have their bikeability and balance-ability sessions.

Children should wear **PE kit** on those days. Please make sure you have completed the online consent forms

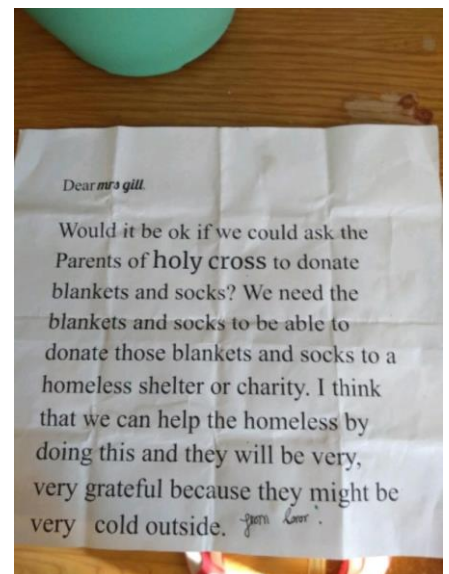
Year 3: <https://forms.gle/bUEPxbhY8AMCYAMTA>

Year 6: <https://forms.gle/TTATpmersWoWoGD28>

Balance- ability for Foundation Stage: <https://forms.gle/VBVD6hXCu8AQRwe76>

Roald Dahl – HELP THE HOMELESS

This week I received a letter from Conor in Roald Dahl Class. He has inspired his class to 'live our mission' by reaching out to help those less fortunate. A key aspect of our mission is to reach out and in the words of the Pope's letter, Laudato Si, to hear the 'cry of the earth and the cry of the poor'. Conor has heard 'the cry of the poor', reflected on his own blessings and has found a way to help. His class discussed his idea and have asked that I share this with you today.



Please support this very worthwhile cause.



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Swimming Trials



Plymouth Leander is currently recruiting young swimmers to join their junior swim programme. They are one of Britain's leading competitive swimming clubs in the country with an impressive track record at all levels of competition from junior meets through to the Olympics. Their aim is to inspire and motivate all swimmers to be the very best they can be, to fulfil their potential and follow their dreams.

Plymouth ARGYLE WHITSUN HALF-TERM ROADSHOWS

Argyle's Community Trust Whitsun Roadshows for 2021 will be running from Monday 31st May (Bank Holiday) until Friday 4th June with different topics of Roadshows running at a variety of venues.

These will be running different to future years due to limitations and restrictions within the numbers that can attend to ensure all children who attend are safe and these are offered in line with the FAs and the Governments Covid 19 guidelines. These will be offered on a first come first serve basis, please find the attached schedule for these:

Monday 31st May (Bank Holiday)

Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Football Roadshow - £18 (50 spaces Available) – 9:30pm -3:30pm

Tuesday 1st June

Lipson Vale Primary – Multi-Sports Day - £18 (25 Spaces Available) – 9:30am-3:30pm

Tuesday 1st June

Newton Ferrers Primary – Football Roadshow - £18 (25 Spaces Available) – 9:30am-3:30pm



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Tuesday 1st June

Plympton Academy – Football Roadshow - £18 (25 spaces available) – 9:30am-3:30am

Wednesday 2nd June

Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Multi-Sports - £18 (40 spaces available) – 9:30am-3:30am

Wednesday 2nd June

Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Mini Pilgrims - £6.50 (16 spaces available) – 10am-12pm

Wednesday 2nd June

Newton Ferrers Primary – Multi-Sports Day - £18 (26 spaces available) – 9:30am-3:30am

Wednesday 2nd June

Wembury Primary – Soccer Roadshow - £18 (26 spaces available) – 9:30am-3:30am

Thursday 3rd June

Lipson Vale Primary – Multi-Sports Day - £18 (25 spaces available) – 9:30am-3:30am

Thursday 3rd June

Wembury Primary – Multi-Sports Day - £18 (26 spaces available) – 9:30am-3:30am

Friday 4th June

Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Football Roadshow - £18 (30 spaces available) – 9:30am-3:30am

Friday 4th June

Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Girls Only Football Roadshow - £18 (25 spaces available) – 9:30am-3:30am

All **roadshows** can be booked on the below link and once the spaces have gone they will not be able to accept any more bookings so please book in advance to avoid disappointment.

<https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/soccer-roadshows/in-plymouth/>



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PREMIER EDUCATIONS HALF TERM CAMPS

Half Term Holiday Camps

Please see the attached flier from Premier Sports regarding half term Holiday camps. They will be based in Plymouth Prep and Boringdon Primary.

In addition. You will get 10% off if you use the code below

TEAGUE10

Activities to smile about!

Whitsun half-term: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June, 2021



Multi-activity Holiday Camps for your children!

Our Holiday Camps have been making kids happy for over 20 years, and this Whitsun half-term should be no different. Our super-fun sessions are jam-packed with safe activities for every child to enjoy.

To book now, visit
premier-education.com/holiday-camps
Follow our socials @PremEducationUK

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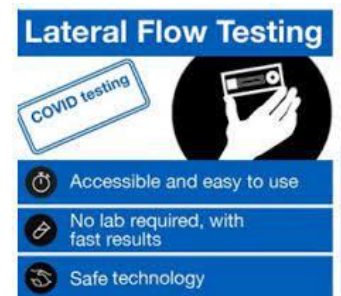
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COVID19 Important Testing Reminder

As Lateral Flow Testing continues in schools and homes, could we remind you to report any positive results to covid@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk or to **ring the school office immediately**, with self-isolation taking place until a confirmatory PCR test result is received. Whilst awaiting the result, we would have to send home the affected bubble(s) and report to Plymouth City Council as well as Plymouth CAST.

If the PCR comes back negative, we can then invite the bubble(s) back to school.



Any positive PCR tests should also be shared with us along with the date of the positive test.

Please remember that if an individual (child or adult) has any of the COVID19 symptoms a PCR test should be booked straight away. Use this link to book: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. You should not take a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test if you are symptomatic even if LFD testing is part of your routine. **LFD tests are for people who are asymptomatic** – i.e. not showing any symptoms. If you are not sure whether you have one or more of the symptoms then book a PCR test.

Please note that this applies to anyone in your household as well.

For further information on testing go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

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, we will call you immediately. 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.



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. We cannot take bookings on the day.

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!