



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Our Catholic Life

Our theme next week is **Faith Grows**

Jesus tells a story about a man who plants a vineyard and then goes abroad, leaving workers in charge. The owner of the vineyard sends his servants to collect the harvest. The workers beat up the servants and send them away with nothing. The same thing happens to the next group of servants. Finally, the farmer decides to send his son, thinking that the workers will respect him. But the workers beat up and kill the son. *This of course is a parable told by Jesus to explain how he, the Son of God, came among his own people but was not recognised for who he really was; was turned away and finally put to death on a cross.*



Let us Pray

Dear Jesus, help me to grow wonderful fruit for you. Help me to welcome you by listening to your words and loving other people. **Amen**



Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe it is already October but the rain and wind has arrived and the temperatures have definitely dropped! Please can you make sure your child has a jumper in school and that they bring a coat (with a hood) every day. We try to get the children outside as much as possible and we are also ensuring the building is well ventilated as part of our risk assessment.

Can I also remind you about the importance of labelling everything – we don't have a communal lost property box as this could lead to transference of the virus so staff have been asked to remind children to gather their belongings before leaving the playground. Hopefully, if their name is clearly marked on their jumper/coat, they will be easily and quickly re-united!

It would be very helpful also if you could remind your children about the need to keep their distance and to avoid touching games when playing. It is really tricky for them as they are used to playing clapping games, chasing games etc and so they need regular reminders to give each other space. Perhaps you could help your child to invent new games which don't require touching?

The children have all settled beautifully to their learning and their engagement and enthusiasm is fantastic. Next week, I am meeting with teachers to look at the progress the children are making so that we ensure the provision is meeting the needs of every child. The dedication and commitment the staff here at Holy Cross show for your children is exemplary and I am very proud to be leading such a fantastic team.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support during these difficult times.

Stay safe,

Mrs F Gill (Headteacher)



Friday 23/10/20

Last day of term

26/10/20—30/10/20

Half Term

Tuesday 3/11/20

Term recommences
Apologies for the error.
The 2nd is a staff INSET day.

Friday 18/12/20

Last day of term

Monday 4/1/21

Non-pupil day

Tuesday 5/1/21

Spring term begins

Friday 12/02/21

Last day of term

15/02/21—19/02/21

Half Term

Monday 22/02/21

Non-pupil day

Tuesday 23/02/21

Term recommences

02/04/21—18/04/21

Easter Holidays



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This week we had our first Celebration Assembly of the year. The children were able to join in from their classroom bubbles while Philip Pullman Class helped me in the hall.

Here is our first Roll of Honour – winners of the **Wonder of the Week** award.

Julia Donaldson: Ruby for her wonderful attitude to school life, her enthusiasm for learning and her willingness to have a go. Oscar E for his fantastic attitude to learning and for being such a fantastic role model for his class

Allan Ahlberg: Annika for great resilience when writing and challenging herself to improve.

Roger Hargreaves: Maria-Julia for her fantastic attitude to learning.

Eric Carle: Alex for his excellent behaviour and always trying his very best.

Michael Morpurgo: Sarah for her fantastic attitude to learning and always attempting new learning with a smile.

Quentin Blake: Ania for her amazing writing and her overall fantastic attitude to learning.

Roald Dahl: Grace for always being focused and ready to learn.

Philip Pullman: Alex B for being attentive and diligent and making a fantastic start in Year 6.

J K Rowling: Aiden for his hard work, perseverance and resilient attitude.

Emma Carroll: Finlay for putting so much effort into his learning and for praising other children for their efforts too.

Gospel Values Awards

Julia Donaldson: Leena for always showing kindness to her friends.

Allan Ahlberg: Abby for showing kindness to others.

Roger Hargreaves: Marina for her kindness to others ALWAYS!

Eric Carle: Thomas for showing compassion, always looking out for others and being a fantastic friend.

Michael Morpurgo: Vinnie for showing courage.

Quentin Blake: Darcey for showing courage.

Roald Dahl: Nikola for showing forgiveness.

Philip Pullman: Garima for showing kindness.

J K Rowling: William for showing kindness

Emma Carroll: Emily W for showing compassion and caring for those around her.



Our Assembly this week, inspired by the Gospel, led us to reflect on how people are sometimes rejected and turned away because they are different. We thought about people who are vulnerable and have no homes. The children were full of ideas for how we, as a caring, inclusive community, could reach out and help these people. CAFOD Fast Day is on Friday 9th October.

Breakfast Club/After School Club

Please remember to book your place for Breakfast Club/After School Club via holy.cross.rc.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk one week in advance. At the moment both Breakfast Club and After School Club are full until the end of this half term. We will let you know when we open bookings for after half term.

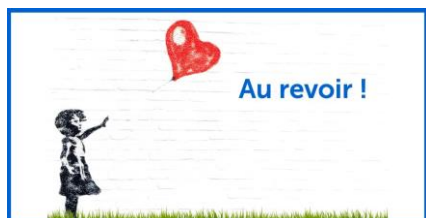


Please ensure that your **child arrives at Breakfast Club by 8am** to be admitted. The staff stop serving breakfast at this time to allow them to clear up and get the children to their class bubbles before the other children arrive. Thank you for your help with this.



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Time to say Goodbye

Sadly it is time to say goodbye and a fond farewell to **Mrs Rosevear** who finished today as Admin Assistant at Holy Cross. We wish her the very best of luck on this next step of her journey and we say a great big THANK YOU for everything she has done for the children, families and staff of Holy Cross whilst working here in the school office. The office is a very busy place and Angela's calm and approachable manner was always very much appreciated. On Monday, we will welcome **Kate Donohoe** who will take on this role. We

wish her a warm welcome and hope she will be happy here with us.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal

On Friday 9th October we will be supporting CAFOD's Coronavirus appeal at Harvest. We will be holding a Brighten Up for CAFOD day where the children will be invited to come into school in bright colours for a small donation. The children will bring home a small envelope next week to collect any money that you wish to donate.



PLYMOUTH ARGYLE ROADSHOWS

We are delighted to announce our Argyle Community Trust October Roadshows for 2020. These will be running from Monday 26th October until Friday 30th October with something running within the Plymouth & South Hams Region every single day.

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 26th October

Manadon Sports and Community Hub – PL Primary Stars Day - £16 (48 spaces available) – 10am-3pm
Lipson Vale Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 9am-3pm

Tuesday 27th October

Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Strikers & Goalkeeper day - £16 (48 spaces available) – 10am-3pm
Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Girls Only Football Roadshow - £16 (16 spaces available) – 10am-3pm
Lipson Vale Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 9am-3pm
Newton Ferrers Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 9am-3pm

Wednesday 28th October

Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Football Roadshow - £16 (48 spaces available) – 10am-3pm
Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Football Roadshow - £8 (24 spaces available) – 10am-12pm
Newton Ferrers Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 9am-3pm
Wembury Primary School – Argyle Football Roadshow - £16 (16 spaces available) – 10am-3pm

Thursday 29th October

Newton Ferrers Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 9am-3pm



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Wembury Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 10am-3pm

Friday 30th October

PAFC, Home Park (Family Stand for registration)– Argyle Halloween Special - £18 (32 spaces available) – 10am-3pm

Plympton Academy – Argyle Halloween Special - £18 (32 spaces available) – 10am-3pm

Lipson Vale Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 9am-3pm

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

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

Have a lovely weekend! ☀️