



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Our Catholic Life

#### Our theme next week is **Join the Celebration**

Jesus told a story about a king who held a party for his son's wedding. The people who had been invited didn't turn up! The king sent a message to all of them to tell them about the great food and wine he had prepared and let them know what they were missing. When the guests still didn't come, the king sent his servants out to invite whoever they could find. The servants went to the crossroads and invited everyone, good and bad alike, and the wedding feast was soon full of guests. **God invites everyone to his feast, even some unexpected people.**



#### *Let us Pray*

Dear Jesus, thank you for inviting me to your party. Help me to be a good guest, always showing love to the people I meet. Amen



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for supporting CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) today. The 'Brighten up' fund raiser is an important aspect of our charitable work which sits firmly within our Catholic ethos and we are so grateful for your support. We were so lucky too with the weather – a lovely bright day to match our bright outfits!

This week, I met with all the teachers to discuss the learning of each child in their class and what they need to provide to help them to make progress. The children have settled well and are engaging enthusiastically with their learning. I have been very impressed with how hard they are all working – both the children and the staff! There is a lovely buzz in the school and the children are always so keen to show me their work.

It is usual at this time of year to offer parents and carers an opportunity to meet with their child's new teacher. Due to the current situation regarding COVID-19, these face to face meetings cannot happen but we feel it is important to keep the avenue of communication open. We are therefore offering you the opportunity to have a telephone meeting with the class teacher in the week beginning the 19th October. The appointments can be booked via Parent Pay and the booking page will go live on Monday 12th October. We are looking forward to re-connecting with you all and we do appreciate how difficult it has been this term due to the measures we have been required to put in place.

I have enjoyed meeting so many of our Key Stage 1 parents this last week as Miss Buscombe and I swapped gate duties.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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## Why Does Attendance Matter?

Despite the current challenges with regard to COVID-19 and the need for children/families to self-isolate in order to control the virus, we feel it is important to remind ourselves of the importance of good attendance at school.

Attending School on a regular basis is the key to your child doing well at school and will set them up with good routines for later life and the working world, as well as giving your child the opportunity to:

- Make lots of friends and feel included.
- Learn new things and develop many skills.
- Increase confidence and self-esteem.
- Improve social skills.
- Achieve potential and fulfil aspirations.

**100%** attendance = attending school every day.

**90%** attendance = attending 4½ days a week = 4 weeks missed per year.

**80%** attendance = attending 4 days a week = more than half a term missed per year or 2 full years missed over the course of their school career.

**70%** attendance = attending 3½ days each week = more than a quarter of the school year missed.

**An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school.**

This week attendance at Holy Cross has been really promising given the circumstances. Well done to everyone!

**PLEASE always ring the school number 01752 225420 to report an absence. Thank you**

Class	Attendance
JD	99%
AA	99%
EC	100%
RH	92%
RD	92%
QB	100%
MM	100%
EMC	98%
PP	94%
JKR	97%



This week Quentin Blake Class helped Miss Buscombe with our Celebration Assembly.

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

**Julia Donaldson:** Piran for working hard in all aspects of his learning and Victoria for working incredibly hard in all areas of her learning and for being such a lovely friend to others.

**Allan Ahlberg:** Grace for always trying her best and challenging herself to improve her work.

**Roger Hargreaves:** Seth for his excellent attitude towards his work.

**Eric Carle:** Daisy for her excellent attitude towards learning and always trying her best.

**Michael Morpurgo:** Dominik P for excellent mathematical thinking this week - he is always seeking to make links and connect his learning further.

**Quentin Blake:** Jacob for always having an amazing attitude in all learning and for being an excellent role model.

**Roald Dahl:** Seth for his excellent attitude towards his work.

**Philip Pullman:** Thomas for his readiness to learn and his ability to go beyond expectations

**J K Rowling:** Mia for her hard work and resilience, always give her best in every lesson

**Emma Carroll:** Esme for the enthusiasm and effort shown towards all of her learning.



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### Gospel Values Awards

**Julia Donaldson:** Treh for showing *Courage*: sharing her ideas with the whole class.

**Allan Ahlberg:** Katie for showing *Compassion*: caring about others in the class

**Roger Hargreaves:** Julia for showing *Courage*: sharing her work and ideas with others.

**Eric Carle:** Amen for showing *Compassion*: being an excellent friend and being extremely caring towards her peers when they are upset.

**Michael Morpurgo:** Sunni W for showing *Compassion*: always thinking about other people's feelings before her own.

**Quentin Blake:** Yosab for showing *Integrity*: asking Fr Jacek a wonderful question and responding to Fr Jacek's answer through his actions.

**Ronald Dahl:** Julia for *Courage*: sharing her work and ideas with others.

**Philip Pullman:** Talulla for showing *Kindness*: helping others in their learning this week

**J K Rowling:** Abigail for showing *Courage*: standing up at the front of class and performing - her beautiful singing and performing was a delight to hear and watch.

**Emma Carroll:** Faustas for showing *Kindness*: shown towards his peers this week.



### Children who display symptoms

If your child should display any one of the three key symptoms of COVID-19, we will contact you and request that you come and collect your child (and siblings) and have your child tested. We would ask that when you collect your child(ren), you come to the **back gate** (Friary Housing estate) and we will bring your child(ren) to you.

### 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](mailto:holy.cross.rc.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk) one week in advance.



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.



### PLYMOUTH ARGYLE ROADSHOWS

We are delighted to announce our Argyle Community Trust October Roadshows for 2020. These will be running from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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



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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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Newton Ferrers Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 9am-3pm  
Wembury Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 10am-3pm

### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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!*** 