



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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Message from the Head of Learning

Following training from Well Connected, we have launched our tooth brushing club in Foundation and Key Stage 1. We are delighted to be playing our part in reducing children's chances of developing tooth decay.

With this in mind, we are aware that many children enjoy celebrating their birthday in school by bringing in sweets or cakes to share. Some parents have expressed concern over the regularity with which children come home with sweets or treats. Please could we ask you to support us as a healthy school by not sending these in. If you would still like to mark your child's birthday, perhaps you would like to buy a book for your child to donate to the class library. We will provide bookplates so that their day can be remembered by the whole school.



Julia Donaldson class performed their nativity beautifully this week. Everyone was impressed with their singing and acting - we are very proud of them. It was a wonderful event for our families to share in. Thank you to those of you who joined us; and to our loyal PTFA for organising festive refreshments. Well done to the Foundation team for leading the children in such a polished performance.

Well done to our Mary of the Cross Federation choir for their wonderful performance in Drake Circus mall yesterday. They sang beautifully at the Christmas shopping event. Thank you to Mrs Schroeder and Miss Palarm for preparing them.

KS1 achieved great success at the multi skills festival yesterday when they went to Notre Dame to take part in the Multi-Sports Festival. We managed to take 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Well done to all our children for taking part.



We are delighted to announce that we have raised £174.38 so far for the Catholic Children's Society appeal. Our support of this charity will continue over the Christmas period. The children have 'Coins for children' boxes to fill over the holiday. Please return by January 5th 2018.

We are looking forward to our Year 2 Bedtime stories event this evening. Mr Driscoll and his team have organised an exciting evening of Christmas stories, hot chocolate and cookies 5.00-6.30 tonight. Austen from Central library will be leading the storytelling. Do come along.

Next week

Christmas productions We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas performances next Tuesday 12th 1.30 and 6pm; and Wednesday 13th December 6pm. The children have worked very hard to

prepare for this special event in our school year. Please remember that tickets are required for the evening performances.

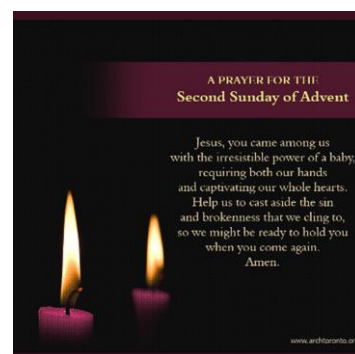
Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Potterton
Head of Learning

Liturgy in School

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

*The theme for our prayer
and worship this week is:*

Prepare a Way!



*Dear Jesus, I am always
making mistakes and
doing things I know I
shouldn't. I'm really
sorry. Please help me to
do what is right.*

Amen



Poppy Appeal



Thank you for everyone's support during this year's Poppy Appeal.

Together we raised **£412.37**.

Without your help the Royal British Legion would be unable to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work.

"Thankyou"

Safer Shopping this Christmas



Devon & Cornwall Police are reminding people to stay safe online this Christmas. If you are shopping online at this time of year, please be mindful of your safety.

- Check the webpage is secure – ensure the address starts with https://
- Phishing – Do not click on links or attachments that you do not recognise as you may inadvertently transfer a virus to your computer.

- Bank transfers – 65% of Action Fraud reports during the 2016 Christmas period were linked to online auction sites. Do not pay for goods or services by bank transfer unless you know and trust the person

Smartie Tubes



If anyone missed out on receiving a Smartie tube to fill with 20p pieces for H.C.P.T – Group 45 to send disabled and disadvantaged children to Lourdes, please contact either Mrs K Jarvis, Mrs Goddard, Mrs Coyte or Miss Fennell.

PTFA NEWS



A big **THANKYOU** to all of the PTFA team of volunteers who helped sell draw tickets and refreshments at the Foundation nativity performances. The PTFA team will again be selling refreshments and raffle tickets for the Christmas Raffle Draw

before each of next week's performances (donations of any cakes for either performance would be most welcome!). Don't forget, if you wish, you can sell draw tickets to anyone you know who may be interested, for example family members or close neighbours. If you do not require your ticket books please can they be returned to the school office so that we have the opportunity to sell them on. You can also request more ticket books by contacting the PTFA treasurer on Irene.hcptfa@gmail.com. We have some fantastic prizes to give away and the money we raise from the raffle will be going towards our playground project to improve our outdoor space.

Last but not least, Thursday 14th December is Christmas Jumper Day (to coincide with the School Christmas Lunch). Please remember to send your children into school on the day with £1.00 which will go towards your school PTFA.





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CELEBRATE.....

Wonders of the Week



As there is no Celebration Assembly this week, there are no Wonder of the Week awards. You are all Wonders this week for the hard work you have put into rehearsing for your Christmas performance.

Top Table



JD (F) – Conor
SJ(Y1) – Lily-Rose
EC (Y1/2) – Joseph
H (Y2)- Tiago
RD (Y3) - Alex
DKS (Y3) - Tallulah
MM (Y4) - Niamh
JKR (Y5) - Euan
RMK (Y6) – Lea



On Time Heroes

Being on time for school is crucial for learning.
Our 'On Time Heroes' this week are: -

Hergé Class (Y2)
&
J K Rowling (Y5)

Well done everyone
in both classes!

CLUBS & Activities

We are delighted to offer a range of clubs this term.
For more information on each club please see the Noticeboard in the top playground or pick up a leaflet from the school office.

Booking is now open for the clubs run by Plymouth Argyle.
Please follow the link
<https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/courses/holy-cross-school-club>

HOMEWORK CLUB

Please note that there will be no homework club this Friday 8th December. It will recommence as normal Friday 15th December.

Dates for your Diary



12th December
Christmas Production
1.30pm and 6pm

13th December
Christmas Production
6pm

14th December
Christmas Jumper Day

14th December
Christmas Dinner

20th December
Last day of term



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Important Information



HELP! We have a very full Lost Property Box containing lots of school uniform and even winter coats! If you are missing any items of clothing, please can you come into the School Office and check the box. Please remember that all uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name. **PLEASE NOTE:**

**Any items not
collected by the end
of term will be
donated to charity**

We also accept payment under the new Government Tax-Free Childcare Scheme. For more information go to <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs>.

If you have any questions regarding childcare vouchers please contact the school office.

ParentPay



DEBTORS! Please make our job in the office easier and keep your accounts in credit.

If you are having trouble paying, please contact the school office. Your co-operation would be very much appreciated.

Childcare Vouchers



We accept the following Childcare Vouchers:
Edenred ref - **P21102440**
Fideliti ref - **HOL357C**
Allsave/Sodexo/p&mm/
salary plus ref – **872743**

Thank you all for your support as always.

Mrs Potterton and Mr Cotter