



# HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

We welcome some new pupils to our school: Chengxi in Year 4; Lixian in Year 3; Farhan in Year 1 & Afnaan and Alia in Foundation Stage. Welcome to Holy Cross.

Last week was another busy one as Year 6, Year 3 and our Foundation Stage enjoyed bikeability sessions. For Year 6 this included going out onto the open road and becoming familiar with riding safely in this environment. This is an important skill and hopefully will equip them with the knowledge and confidence to see this as an excellent mode of transport in the future.

The school continued its rowing programme last week by taking part in a competition at Plymstock. We were placed 4th out of 14 teams, so well done to all. A group of Key Stage 1 pupils also took part in an inter-school Multi-Skill event at Notre Dame (see the next page for pictures). Year 5 ventured to the Plymouth Guildhall on Friday for Medi-Fest in which the children had the opportunity to take part in various interactive stands and activities including nursing, pharmacy, opticians, healthy food, dental and sports & science.



We had a visit last week from Kevin Butlin, CAST's new Director of Education and he was very impressed with what he saw as he walked around the school and into lessons. Once again the ability of the children to talk about their learning is of a high quality as all staff promote this.

We have now received our RE Inspection Report and it was a joy to read. The children once again really impressed the Inspector and could share so beautifully what they see as important to them.

This week is National Storytelling Week. Please enjoy making the most of a wonderful excuse to share Stories with your children! On Tuesday we have Able Writers out on a workshop at another school and some grandparents of Julia Donaldson class pupils are joining us for afternoon tea!

Mr Cotter, Headteacher

## Liturgy in School

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

The theme for our prayer and worship next week is:

## Jesus is the light



Dear Jesus, Simeon and Anna knew you would do great things when you grew up. Help me to follow you well so that I grow up to be wise and kind and do great things too. Amen.

# SAVE THE DATE

## COMING SOON

## PARENTS EVENING

## 4TH & 5TH MARCH

## Key Stage 2—Indoor Rowing Competition, Plymstock School

GET  
EXCITED  
IT'S  
COMPETITION  
TIME

"On Tuesday, me and a group of children from years 5 & 6 went to Plymstock School to compete and participate in the indoor rowing championship 2020. Everyone did a breathtaking 2 minute individual row and our team came 4th in the relay which made us feel ecstatic!  
It was a great afternoon" By Gerran - Year 5



## Key Stage 1—Multi Skills Competition



"Yesterday, we went to a Multisports event at Notre Dame School. We played lots of games such as dribbling a football, keeping a balloon in the air, basketball, jumping and throwing. We got lots of stickers for being well behaved, showing respect and team work. We won 3 events and are very proud of ourselves. Mrs King, Miss Heaton and Mrs Coyte are proud of us too! We loved it and want to go again soon!"

By Sonny, Millie, Sadie, Sunni, Blake and Aya



## Change of Menu for W/C 3rd February



This week we have been invited to trial 'week 2' of the new Summer Menu for CATERed.

All pupils will be asked by their class teacher to choose from the menu below instead of the current Winter Menu. If you choose your meals at home with your child, please remember to choose from the menu below.

CATERed					
Trial Menu					
CATERed Summer Menu 2020 - Week 2	Monday American Day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday Great British Day
Option 1	Southern style crispy chicken strips with seasoned wedges	Homemade meatballs served in tomato sauce with pasta	All day breakfast	Roast beef served with Yorkshire puddings and roast potatoes	Fish fingers served with chips or pasta
Option 2	Mac n Cheese served with garlic bread	Vegetable and quorn fajitas	All day veggie breakfast	Creamy mushroom and Quorn pieces served in a Yorkshire pudding	Homemade veggie sausage roll served with chips or pasta
Vegetables	Diced carrots and peas	Sweetcorn and green beans	Mushrooms and tomatoes	Cabbage and carrots rounds	Peas and baked beans
Pudding	Ice Cream	Fruit Platter	Grated cheese & homemade oaty biscuits	Fruit & yoghurt	Victoria sponge



Be In SCHOOL  
Be On TIME

EACH WEEK, WE RECOGNISE AND REWARD THOSE WITH THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE FOR ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY.

LAST WEEK THE AWARD WENT TO: -

**Eric Carle Class (Y1/2)**

&

**Roger Hargreaves Class (Y2)**

**Well done on your excellent punctuality**

**Remember school opens at 8.30am**





Devonport  
High School  
For Boys

## Do you know a boy in Year 4 or 5? Should he be thinking about going to DHSB?

Devonport High School for Boys is a happy and vibrant grammar school with places for boys aged 11-18 from all parts of Plymouth. The school's vision is that 'Everyone Succeeds' and our pupils get great exam results. They also enjoy lots of amazing extra-curricular activities.

Would you like to know more?

Come along to our relaxed information sessions to:

- Find out more about DHSB
- Understand the admissions process and the 11+
- Ask questions
- Meet like-minded families

### Parent and Carer Drop-in

Devonport Library Wednesday 15th January 10.30-11.30am

Central Library Wednesday 22nd January 10.30-11.30am

The Beacon Hub Wednesday 29th January 10.30-11.30am

### Bring your child

Devonport Library Thursday 23rd January 4-5pm

Central Library Thursday 30th January 4-5pm

The Beacon Hub Thursday 6th February 4-5pm

You can book a tour of the school at any time by calling  
01752 208787

DHSB Open Evening: Thursday 9th July 2020

DHSB Open Morning: Monday 13th July 2020

[www.dhsb.org](http://www.dhsb.org)



Half Term Activity @ Central Library

Caring for Insects and Bees Workshop

Wednesday 19th February 2020

2pm—3.30pm    £free



Children's Beaded Jewellery Workshop

Royal William Yard

Tuesday 18th February 2020

12pm—2pm

£10.00 per person (booking essential)

For more information go to eventbrite and look  
for Shh by Sadie.

## Please read important message regarding Head Lice:

We have recently had several cases of head lice within the school. Please can we ask the following: -

1. Please check your child's hair for eggs (also called nits).
2. If you suspect your child has head lice, please visit your local pharmacist who can identify and diagnose if this is the case and who will then be able to recommend appropriate treatment.
3. Tell us if your child has been diagnosed with head lice.
4. Remember not to send your child to school until he or she has been treated and all the nits have been removed.



Spot Brunel Family Trail

@ Bridging the Tamar Visitor Centre

15th—23rd February 2020

10am—4pm

Can you find Brunel in and around the centre this half term? Try to find his hiding places as well as discovering a few facts about the man who designed the bridge.

[www.bridgingthetamar.org.uk](http://www.bridgingthetamar.org.uk)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Here is a list of some important dates confirmed for this year.

All information is available on our website calendar.

**W/C 17/02/20**

**Half Term**

**Monday 24/02/20**

**Non-pupil day**

**Tuesday 25/02/20**

**Term Begins**

**Wednesday 26/02/20**

**Ash Wednesday  
Whole School Mass**

**Friday 13/03/20**

**School Discos**

**Thursday 26/03/20**

**Whole School Mass**

**Friday 27/03/20**

**Last day of term**

**Tuesday 14/04/20**

**Summer Term  
commences**

**Friday 8/05/20**

**Early May Bank  
Holiday for VE Day**

**Friday 22/05/20**

**Non-pupil day**

**23/05/20 to 31/05/20**

**Half Term**

**Monday 01/06/20**

**Non-pupil day**

**Tuesday 02/06/20**

**Term Begins**

**Tuesday 21/07/20**

**Last day of term**

## Reminders for this week .....

- National Storytelling Week
- Change of Menu - Trial Week
- Tuesday**
- Able Writers Day (Years 3 & 4)

## Coming soon.....

**Safer Internet Day**  
11th February

**World Book Day**  
5th March

**British Science Week**  
6th to 15th March

Thank you all for your support, as always.  
Mr Cotter, Miss Buscombe and all the staff at Holy Cross.