



Message from the Headteacher

It was so great to see almost all of you at **Parents' Evenings** this week. Thank you for coming and sharing this partnership in learning with us. I hope that you also had the chance to see the work the children have been doing and witnessing yourself the progress this shows.

You will have received a letter from Raymond Friel, the CEO of CAST this week, informing you that the Mary of the Cross Federation will now discontinue as we look to develop a cluster model across the Catholic schools in Plymouth. One of the immediate practicalities will be for Holy Cross now to form its own single governing board. This will probably mean finding four more governors so we look forward to that challenge. Please feel free to contact me if you would, or you know of someone, who would be interested in knowing more. I feel the timing is right to run the two schools separately again although I very much enjoyed my eight years as Executive Head of both schools. I wish Mark Dyson all the very best as the new Headteacher of The Cathedral School and know there are still great opportunities to work closely together.

Pupils in KS2 have been working in teams to create a presentation on 'The true meaning of Easter.' I have been enjoying watching these today and I am so impressed with the overall standard. For any child to stand and talk to a whole class takes courage! I was also delighted with the ideas, creativity and skill. Some winning teams will represent the school next week at Notre Dame, competing against the other Catholic schools. Good luck to all of our teams competing.

Thank you for your kind donations to CAFOD as part of our 'Give it up' day today. This really does help the children to appreciate what Lent is all about as well as our responsibility to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Have a lovely weekend.

Paul Cotter



Today we gave up our morning snack and instead donated money to CAFOD's 'Give it up challenge'.

Once again you have shown how kind and generous you are as together you have raised a whopping

£415.76

Thank You!

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:

Grow Well



Loving Jesus, than you for loving me so much. Please help me to bring good fruit into the world this week as I try to keep my Lenten promises. Amen.

YEAR 1 INVITATION



**YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING
INFORMATION EVENING
TUESDAY 2ND APRIL @ 3.30
SIMON JAMES CLASSROOM**

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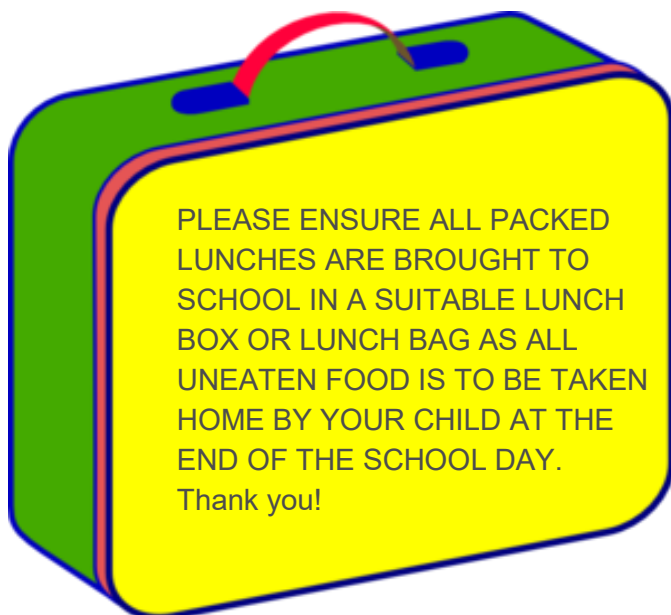
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Stop losing school uniform!

Without the need for either ironing or sewing (always a bonus!), for £6.80 you can get 30 labels to ensure all your school uniform is clearly labelled.

For more information go to their website or call 01270 668076. You can also have a look at the noticeboard in the top playground to see what the labels look like.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING COLLECTION AFTER CLUBS

Please be aware that as of **Monday 18th March**, After School Clubs will be exiting the building using the following doors: -

- All Premier Sports clubs (Gymnastics, Multi Sports and Fun Fitness) and Spanish Amigos: Please collect your child from the **red door** at the top of the first playground.
- Martial Arts, Football and Tag Rugby, Fizzpop Science, and Choir: Please collect your child from the **white door** near the Noticeboard in the top playground.



Please remember that your ParentPay Account **MUST NOT** go into debit. Please ensure that you always have sufficient monies within your account at all times. We are continually having to chase debtors which is both costly and time consuming.

HOUSE POINTS

1ST— St Andrew

2ND— St Teresa

3RD— St Julie

4TH— St Jude

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World Autism Awareness Week 1st to 7th April 2019

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**AUTISM AND DISABILITY FRIENDLY INCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 8-13 YEARS
DEVONPORT PARK ACTIVITY CENTRE**

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**Email: rtaylor@routeways.org.uk
Tel: 01752 856719**

ROUTEWAYS-SHORT BREAKS
For young people 8 - 18 years
with a SEND diagnosis

Full details, and booking at www.bookwhen.com/shortbreaks

Easter Short Breaks
10 am - 4 pm
£10 per young person

 Visit to the Donkey Sanctuary Monday 8th April	 Gorge Walking Tuesday 9th April
 Rock Climbing Tuesday 16th April	 Pirates v Unicorns Thursday 18th April

Registered Office Routeways Centre Limited, Devonport Park Activity Centre, Fore Street Plymouth, PL1 4BU
Charity Registration Number 1080543, Company Registration Number 3420867 www.routeways.org.uk

Autism Friendly Games Night

**Second Friday of every month
4pm - 7pm**

**Ages 10 - 18
£5.00 per young person**

Snacks and drinks provided!

Bring your favourite board games!

Pre-book: www.bookwhen.com/routeways



Plymouth Parent Carer Voice events

- 29th April- Developing your Behaviour Tool Box
- 8th May- Parent Carer SEND conference
- 4th June - Sleep with Cerebra- for Primary age children

For attendance to any of these events follow the link below and book yourself a place!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ppcv-accessing-public-services-with-cerebra-tickets-56410915567>

Children's Minds-Families Matter

**Saturday 13th April .
2-4 pm
Devonport Park Activity Centre,
Fore Street
Plymouth PL1 4BU**

Eating for Mental Health

Free activity, support & participation group for families supporting young people with mental and emotional health issues

Hosted by Routeways & Plymouth Parent Carer Voice

**Ruth Houghton CAMHS Community team,
James Cook Child Development Centre**

**Questions?
Web: www.routeways.org.uk
Contact Rose Taylor at Routeways 01752 856719
Email: rtaylor@routeways.org.uk**

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FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you have a child attending a school or 6th form and you receive certain benefits, you may be entitled to claim free school meals. Plymouth City Council is able to check your eligibility online, therefore minimising the need to provide proof of your entitlement.

It is of great benefit for your child's school if you are entitled to free school meals as they receive extra school funding for all children who qualify. Please contact your child's school for details of their Pupil Premium Policy. Plymouth City Council have a 5 day turn around for all free school meals applications, and will advise your child's school of the date the free school meals start.

For more information please go to <https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schoolseducationchildcareskillsandemployability/freeschoolmeals>



Here is a list of some important dates confirmed for this year. All information is available on our website calendar.

Monday 02/04/19

Year 1 Phonics Screening Information Meeting

Monday 08/04/19 to

Friday 19/04/19

Easter Holiday

Friday 19/04/19

Good Friday

Monday 22/04/19

Easter Monday

Tuesday 23/04/19

Summer Term starts & Whole School Mass @ 9am

Friday 03/05/19

Year 6 Residential Meeting

Monday 27/05/19 to

Friday 31/05/19

Half Term

Monday 03/06/19 to Friday

07/06/19

Year 6 Residential

Friday 28/06/19

Summer Fair

Wednesday 17/07/19 &

Thursday 18/07/19

Year 6 Leavers' Production

Friday 19/07/19

Last day of term

100% ON TIME **100% ON TIME** **100% ON TIME** **100% ON TIME**

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

THIS WEEK WE SAY WELL DONE TO: -

Simon James (Y1)
Roger Hargreaves (Y2)
King-Smith (Y3/4)
Ross McKenzie (Y6)

Well done everyone!!



Quote of the week:

“What we fear of doing most is usually what we most need to do”