



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy St George's Day!

St. George's story has become focused in the popular imagination on his dragon-slaying exploit and as such he is seen as the archetypal hero who defeats evil.



Defeating the dragon of COVID 19 has been our challenge and the greatest challenge of this generation. We are full of hope that Mr Johnson's road map will be successful but we must remain vigilant and follow the government guidelines.

It has been a lovely first week back and the children look very smart in their school uniforms – well done to you all!

There is still quite a lot of non-uniform sportswear coming in. Please could we ask that children wear school PE kit: plain white t-shirts or house colours with royal blue shorts and black plimsolls/trainers. School jumpers/cardigans should be worn over the t-shirts or a plain navy sweatshirt.



On Monday, I enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea with the children who were awarded Excellent Behaviour Awards at the end of last term. We all shared a variety of delicious cakes from the Friary Mill Bakery.

The children have accepted the very serious responsibility of being our behaviour role models and hopefully, they will soon be able to find skilled seamstresses/tailors to sew their new badges onto their school jumpers. Well done again to each one of them!

The week ended with two exhausting days of skipping – I was exhausted just watching them! The children did brilliantly and the staff had a workout too! **Well done to Mrs Heaton – top scorer!** There may be a few members of staff seeking a re-challenge!

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe,

Mrs F Gill  
Headteacher



**Summer term 1**  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April –  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

**Bank Holiday**  
3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Half term**  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May -  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June

**First Holy Communion**  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021

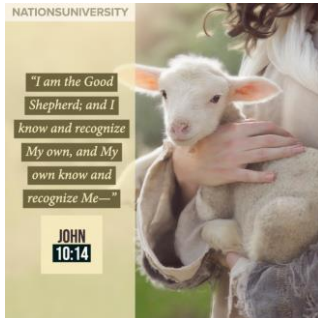
**Summer Term 2**  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June –  
INSET day  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June –  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ANY COVID RELATED COMMUNICATIONS  
(POSITIVE RESULTS OF TESTS): [covid@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:covid@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk)**



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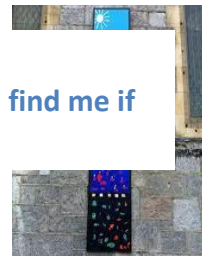
### ***Our Catholic Life – The Good Shepherd***

Jesus and the people listening to him know all about shepherds. They know the difference between a good shepherd and someone who is just doing the job for the money. Jesus is the good shepherd. He is the one who cares so much for his sheep that he is prepared to do anything to protect them. Jesus knows each one of his sheep and they know him. Jesus' sheep will listen out for his voice and follow where he leads. We are

#### ***Let us Pray***

Thank you Jesus for being my good shepherd I trust you and know you will find me if ever I lose my way. Thank you for looking after me. Amen

Jesus' sheep and he loves each of us so much he chose to die so that we could be safe with him for ever.



### ***Wonders of the Week***



**Julia Donaldson: Sione** for becoming more confident in lessons and trying new activities. Well done Sione!

**Allan Ahlberg: Haidar** for showing a fantastic attitude and great enthusiasm towards reading.

**Roger Hargreaves: Fahad** for working hard and making friends in his new class this week. Welcome Fahad, we are lucky to have you!

**Eric Carle: Bradley** for working hard both in school and at home to make progress in phonics! Well done!

**Michael Morpurgo: Dominic F** for working hard to participate and work independently in class. Your perseverance is paying off.

**Quentin Blake: Olivia** for having a brilliant attitude towards her learning and for working independently.

**Roald Dahl: Ezekiel** for having a great attitude to his learning and always striving to do his best.

**Philip Pullman: Tillie** for having a great attitude and always preserving with her learning.

**Emma Carroll: Jackson** for excellent work with angles. His participation in class discussions and his effort when working independently has been great.



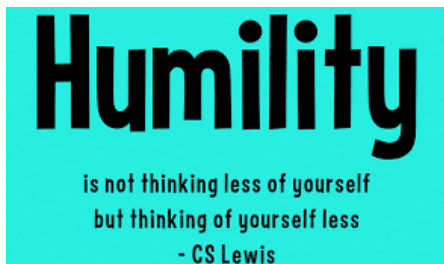
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**J K Rowling: Aiden** for showing peace in all of his actions and conversations with others, even when situations are tricky. And for his incredible angles work in maths.

**Gospel Values Awards:** This week we have all been trying to be **peacemakers**.



Next week we will be looking out for behaviour that shows

humility.



**Julia Donaldson: Mattiwo**s for always spreading peace during choosing time and looking after his friends.

**Allan Ahlberg: Dylan** for consistently demonstrating peace within friendships, during class and around school.

**Roger Hargreaves:** Gabriel for spreading peace during class time through his actions, focus and by being ready to learn.

**Eric Carle: Oliver** for supporting his friends during maths lessons and showing peace through his actions

**Michael Morpurgo:** Sadie for being an understanding and empathetic friend to others in the playground.

**Quentin Blake: Isabelle** for always striving to be a good role model and helping others to demonstrate such values.

**Roald Dahl: Rosaleen** for demonstrating peace in her friendships, how she moves around the school and in the classroom.

**Philip Pullman: Cien** for the courage to always try new things and bringing peace to our classroom.

**Emma Carroll: Alfie** for demonstrating peace by being a supportive friend and learning partner. showing integrity toward his learning and always being kind when learning and playing alongside others. A great role-model to others!

**JK Rowling: Annie** for being an understanding friend, for helping others resolve problems peacefully and being a wonderful role model.





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**Skip2BFit** visited Holy Cross this week and gave all classes the opportunity to take part in a skipping workshop.

Children spent 30 minutes as part of the introduction workshop to skipping.

The idea behind Skip2BFit is to encourage children to take responsibility to be the best they can be. The focus is on children constantly beating their Personal Best (PB) and continuing to make progress.

Skip2BFit skipping ropes count the skips the children do when they do the 2 minute Skip2BFit Challenge. All children will be given their own in-school skipping rope and will take part in daily skipping as our way to combine fitness and fun.

On a weekly basis children will be given the chance to beat their PB. The data will then be taken from the ropes and recorded on the class challenge charts.

Certificates will be awarded to children for the most skips in 2 minutes and for the most improved.

It was a great experience and a lot of fun (for the staff as well as the children!).

*Mr Shaw*





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### Learning in Allan Ahlberg

This week, Allan Ahlberg class worked in groups and used their senses to predict what the next English text would be about. The children took on different roles in their groups and collaborated fantastically. They were presented with a range of resources including pictures, photographs, sounds and a short video clip. Using the evidence, they were successful in working together to predict that the next text would be linked to dinosaurs and fossil hunting. They can't wait to find out more!



*Miss Warren*

### Parents' Evening

We will be arranging remote meetings between teachers and parents/carers during the week beginning the 3<sup>rd</sup> May. This will give you an opportunity to touch base with your child's teacher to discuss the progress your child is making and how you can support his/her learning at home. We will be using an online platform which will allow you to both book your appointment and have the video meeting. Details will be shared next week.

### Year 6 Residential

Letters have been emailed to the parents/carers of Year 6 pupils regarding the proposed 3 day/2 night residential trip from the 28<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> June. The children will spend three days at Dartmoor Activity Centre near Newton Abbott. The trip will only take place if the government's road plan to ease COVID restrictions, is successful.

### COVID-19 Reminders

Please visit our website COVID Risk Assessment for Parents to view a parent friendly version of the risk assessment which will explain what we are doing and why we are doing it that way.

### Staggered Drop offs and Pick ups

Please note that no cars should drive down White Friars Lane and that we request parents/carers wear face coverings on the school site.



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### Parking

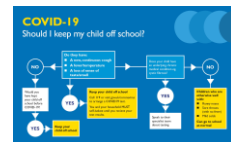
Please avoid parking in PRIVATE spaces. This week we received a call from a very distressed elderly lady on White Friars Lane about parents taking her parking space. She has sadly also been verbally abused. I am sure that you all agree that we don't want behaviour like this being associated with Holy Cross school. We have advised residents to record licence plates of cars parked illegally so that we can pass this information to the parking authorities.

### Symptomatic of COVID-19

If your child presents with a new continuous cough, a fever or is experiencing any loss of or change in their taste/smell, please do not send them to school.

If your child presents with any of these symptoms while at school, you should have your child tested and the whole household should self-isolate until you get the result.

Further action will depend on the result of the test.



### LFD Testing

The government is now offering this same opportunity to parents of any school age child. Please visit this website for further detail. [lateral-flow-testing-for-households](https://www.gov.uk/lateral-flow-testing-for-households)

If you have a positive LFT result, please inform the school at this email: [covid@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:covid@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk)

You and your household will need to self-isolate so you should not send your child(ren) to school.

You should then book a PCR test.

If the PCR test is positive, you should continue to self-isolate as a household for 10 days.

If the result of the PCR test is negative, the children may return to school. Please email us to let us know the result of the PCR.



### Breakfast Club/After School Club

**20 places available** at Breakfast and After School Club.

**Please ring to book places one week in advance.** Staff will be allocated to particular bubbles for the week ahead so that we can follow the track and trace guidelines effectively. We cannot take bookings on the day. Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am and **children need to be in by 8am.** Arrivals after this time will not be admitted.

After School Club finishes at **6pm.**

**Please ring 07398477727** when dropping off and picking up.

**Drop off and collection to Breakfast Club/After School Club is once again at the main red doors to the church.**

***Have a lovely weekend!***