



HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

18TH OCTOBER 2019 — NO.6



Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents,

I can see that we have reached the end of a very busy term - the children and the staff have worked so hard and now deserve a week's break! I hope you make the most of it with your children.



A highlight of the week has been our **Plastic Free Day**. Thank you to those who were able to visit the hall at the end of the school day. There was some quality work on display and the children are very passionate about looking after our world. I am sure you are all

being reminded to make a contribution to shopping responsibly and become more educated on this global issue. Thank you to those staff who helped make this a special day.



Some of our classes visited Plymouth Argyle this week as part of their 'Plymouth' project. I have been informed that they were a credit to the school.

All CAST schools are about to begin a **Relationships Education** programme called 'Life to the Full.' Before we begin teaching the programme, we would like to offer parents the opportunity to see it. We will run a parent session on Tuesday 29th October - the children's first day back - at 2.00 p.m. in the hall. You are very welcome.

School starts again on the Tuesday because **Monday 28th October is a Non-Pupil Day**. The staff will be on a training day off-site.

Have a lovely week.

Mr Cotter
Headteacher



REMINDER: After the Half Term Break, we will be wearing our Winter School Uniform (please see the back cover of your child's Homework Diary for more information).

31 = The number of lost jumpers and cardigans in the Lost Property Box (as at 18/10/19)

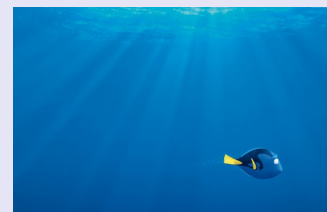
6 = The number of lost jumpers and cardigans in the Lost Property Box on the same date that had a child's name written inside

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:

Keep on Going



Help me, Jesus, to remember that you are always with me, even if sometimes it seems as though you are not listening. Amen.



We are extremely thrilled to announce that Becky from Kidslingo won at the #whatson4kidsawards 2019 this week. She is officially the 'Most Loved Activity Leader in the South West, West of England and Wales' and we are lucky enough to have her here at Holy Cross teaching our pupils Spanish! Becky won this fantastic achievement out of over 80,000 nominations. We would love to thank Becky for being part of our learning journey here at Holy Cross and wish her a big **"Congratulations"** on her success. For more information on her win go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/993279787374411/posts/2536196373082737?sfns=mo>

Spanish Lessons with Becky will be continuing after the half term holiday however, due to timetable clashes, we are having to move her class to a lunchtime slot. Classes will take place in the school library and will run on : -

Fridays between 12.30 to 1pm.

For more information please visit the kidslingo website at www.kidslingo.co.uk or see the After School Club list .



Last Thursday, pupils who had accrued a level number of points with the Children's University were invited to Plymouth University to take part in a Graduation Ceremony.

"Congratulations" go to each of:

**Isabelle
Ryan
Ruben
Nell
Ashley
Charlie
Hollie
Tilly**



If you would like more information about joining the Children's University and wish to take part, please see Mrs Confue who will be happy to set up your child's Passport.

Rachel can be contacted on Rachel@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk

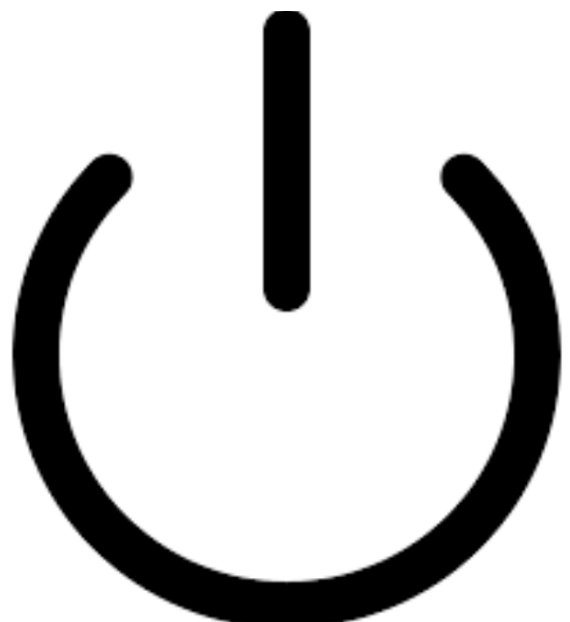
Oracy—food for thought.....

Much research has been undertaken that shows that children's language is much poorer than in the past. It has been suggested that technology is playing a part in this. Some schools have reported parents not interacting with their children after school, so children give up sharing their excitement or ideas.

Researchers have dubbed "technoference" as the interruption of everyday interactions; face to face conversations or at meal or play times between parents and their children - whether this be digital or mobile devices.

With our children picking up mobile devices at an increasingly younger age, it is really important that we set good habits within the home, early on. Children take their cues from us for everything else, so it is only natural that they should do the same with device use.

Switch of your devices for a while this half term and see what communication flows between your family.





This week, we are celebrating each and every pupil as a Star of the Week for all the hard work, effort and thoughtfulness that they put into their work for our 'Plastic Free Day'.

Thank you everyone, you are inspiring.



**Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME**

EACH WEEK, WE RECOGNISE AND REWARD THOSE WITH THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE FOR ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY. THIS WEEK WE SAY WELL DONE TO:

Julia Donaldson (FS)
Eric Carle (Y1/2)
Roger Hargreaves (Y2)

**Our on time Heroes
Well Done!**

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



Monday 28/10/19
Non-pupil day

Tuesday 29/10/19
Parent Talk about 'Life to the Full' in Hall @ 2pm

Thursday 07/11/19
Whole School Remembrance Mass

Tuesday 12/11/19
Tempest Photography (Individuals & siblings)

Friday 15/11/19
School Discos

Thursday 21/11/19
Whole School Mass

Thursday 05/12/19
Whole School Mass

Tuesday 10/12/19 & Wednesday 11/12/19
Foundation Stage Nativity @ 1.45pm

Tuesday 17/12/19 & Wednesday 18/12/19
Christmas Production @ 6.30pm

Friday 20/12/19
Last day of term

Monday 06/01/20
Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 07/01/20
Back to School

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

BOOKING NOW OPEN:

- Plymouth Argyle
- Premier Sports
- South Coast Martial Arts
- KidsLingo



Our next Disco is booked for Friday 15th November. Tickets will be on sale in the school office from Tuesday 29th October (cost £2.00).

Would you like to help out at the disco?

If you are able to help out please put your name down on the list in the office or, alternatively let Justine know. All volunteers need to have a DBS check so if you are new to volunteering at the school, please see Mrs Leach who will be able to help you.

We will also soon be looking for volunteers to help us sell cakes, refreshments and raffle tickets at the Christmas productions next term.

Do you own a business or work for any company that could provide a raffle prize for our Christmas raffle?just let Justine know on hc.ptfa@gmail.com

Don't forget to see our Facebook page Friends of Holy Cross Plymouth.

ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINE

31st October

If you are having difficulty with the application process, please contact Rachel Confue or call into the school office.

HOUSE POINTS

1ST— St Jude
2ND— St Julie
3RD— St Teresa
4TH— St Andrew

ARGYLE TRUST COMMUNITY

SHORT BREAKS

Football and activities for children with autism or ADHD aged 7-14 years old.

Every school half term and summer
Monday and Tuesday
10am - 1pm
£5 per session

Home Park, Plymouth, PL2 3DQ
www.bookwhen.com/shortbreaks
01752 300 700

in partnership with

PLYMOUTH

NO.	VENUE	DATE	COST	ONLINE COST	THEME
P01	Home Park, Plymouth Argyle FC	21 & 22 October	£30	£26	Two Day Roadshow
P02	Manard Sports and Community Hub	23 October	£12	£10	PL Stars Day
P03	Wentbury Primary	23 October	£12	£10	Gymnastics Day
P04	Wentbury Primary	24 October	£12	£10	Soccer Roadshow
P05	Plympton Academy	24 October	£18	£13	Match Day Special
P06	Ivybridge Community College	25 October	£18	£13	Freaky Friday
P07	Manard Sports and Community Hub	25 October	£18	£13	Freaky Friday



Emotional Health and Wellbeing Drop In

For children aged 5 to 18 and their families

If you're worried about something that's happening in your life, need some space to talk or want some advice on how you're feeling, drop in and have a chat to a trained professional.

You can come on your own or with someone else; you will always be made to feel welcome.

When? Friday 25th October 2019

1030-1230

Where? Tavy Lodge Scout Hut...

Tavy Place, PL4 7DJ

www.livewellsouthwest.co.uk

Livewell Southwest

@livewellsww



Supporting people to be Safe, Well and at Home

12 medals to collect!
Every participant on every course will walk away with a medal.

Collect 12 - receive Argyle Community Trust prize
Medal collection to show progress of course and collect all 12 medals to receive prize.

October Holidays 2019
Book our courses online
www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk

SOCCER ROADSHOW
Our Soccer Roadshow is an age and football specific with the focus on fun, enjoyment and development. Sessions are outdoors, involving competition and skill-based games.

WATER GOLF SPECIAL
Water Golf is a fun and competitive game played with a golf club and a water-filled container. It's a great way to improve your golf skills and have fun.

STUNTERS & COLLECTIBLES
Stunters & Collectibles is a fun and competitive game played with a collection of small objects. It's a great way to improve your dexterity and have fun.

GYMNASIUMS DAY
Gymnastics Day is a fun and competitive game played with a collection of small objects. It's a great way to improve your dexterity and have fun.

WHEELIE CHAIRS
Wheelie Chairs is a fun and competitive game played with a collection of small objects. It's a great way to improve your dexterity and have fun.

DEVELOPMENTAL SOCCER ROADSHOW
Our Developmental Soccer Roadshow is an age and football specific with the focus on fun, enjoyment and development. Sessions are outdoors, involving competition and skill-based games.

LEARN, PLAY, SUCCEED.



Thank you all for your support, as always.

See you after Half Term.

Mr Cotter and staff

FREE

Wednesday 23rd October 2019

11.30 am - 1.00 pm @ Plymouth Christian Centre

Parents must supervise their children at all times



Every Thursday in term time.

6.30-8pm
for school years 3-6

At Plymouth Methodist Central Hall
(by Drake Circus Hall)

ARROWS KIDS CLUB

More info from www.plymouthcentralhall.co.uk or Tel 01752 660997

Fun
Will
Be's stored
Tuckshop
CRAFTS
XBOX 360
GAMES

KIDS CLUB

aged 4-7 YEARS OLD (FOUNDATION TO YEAR 2)

WHEN?
5.15PM-6.30PM every Thursday

WHERE?
PLYMOUTH METHODIST CENTRAL HALL opposite Marks and Spencer, Drake Circus

mini ARROWS

Interested? find out more: WWW.PLYMOUTHCENTRALHALL.CO.UK or phone: 660997

Activities: BIBLE STORIES, CRAFTS, GAMES, FUN, TUCK SHOP