



# HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



19TH JULY 2019 — NO.35 CELEBRATION ISSUE!

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

What a week it has been! It has been full of emotion, both highs and lows.

Due to budget pressures as a school in a Multi-Academy Trust, we have had to make some very difficult staffing decisions. As a result of this, there are some staff that will be leaving us today. Two valued Teaching Assistants, Louise Baines and Kate Goddard will not be here in September and Elaine Glanfield will reduce to 4 days a week. Our Senior Administrator, Sharon Leach will also work a 4 day week. To those that are leaving, we are so thankful that all they have done for Holy Cross over many years and we wish them all the very best for the future. The children have farewelled them today.

Our congratulations to Year 6 for their amazing performances this week of 'Go for Gold!' It really showcased the breadth of their talent and it was so nice to see such a large group of parents, grandparents and friends come to see them perform. Well done too to Miss McCally and Mrs Stevenson who directed and produced this special production.

As always the leavers' Mass was emotional and it was so good to share the occasion with our parents, grandparents and friends. The buddles of Year 6 presented each leaver with their own candle so they take a bit of Holy Cross with them so that their light can continue to shine..



'Cakes with Cotter' provided the opportunity for two pupils from each class to be recognized for their behaviour over this term. Those chosen were:

Julia Donaldson - Diemantas and Roland Simon James - Yousif and Blake Eric Carle - Amelia and Gabriella Roger Hargreaves - Lily and Ruben Roald Dahl - Tomas and Annouska Dick King-Smith - Emily and Ali Michael Morpurgo - Alice and Filip Anthony Horowitz - Anastasia and Amelia Ross McKenzie - Emmanuel and Ariana



Our End of Year Awards Assembly shared the successes of many. Each class was asked to award a winner for Excellence, Progress and Effort. The winners were:

Class	Excellence	Progress	Effort
Julia Donaldson	Thomas	Phoebe & Julia	Carter & Tory
Simon James	Eddie	Anna	Harish
Eric Carle	Emilia	Alvin	Julia
Roger Hargreaves	Ruben	Lena	Melissa
Roald Dahl	Tomas	Stewart	Tiago
Dick King Smith	Holly	Yashvee	Alexander
Michael Morpurgo	Daragh	Adrian	Finlay
Anthony Horowitz	Adam	Fraser	Nina
Ross McKenzie			Olivia



Some additional cups have been donated to us this year so we have named them after our whole school promises - be proud, be resilient, be independent, be curious. We also named some after specific areas we want to promote. So the first winners of these cups were:

Curiosity Cup - IsaacIndependence Cup - AdamResilience Cup - HarlowPride Cup - AnnieCreativity Cup - RiannaMusic Cup - Ahmed and Olivia

Finally our Year 6 leave us ready for the next stage in their journey. They have all done so well and we are very proud of them. There have been special awards for certain areas, going back many years.

Spirit of Holy Cross - Caleb Ge Progress - George Ho

**George Widgery Service Award** - Martyna **Hopes and Dreams** - Sofia

Excellence - Lily
Alternative Endeavour - Sophie

May I wish you all a wonderful holiday. Enjoy the break with your children. To those families leaving us, thank you for all your support. I wish you all the very best - you should be proud of what your children are achieving.

For all those returning, school starts again on Tuesday 3rd September for the children.



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So for the final newsletter of the year, I just wanted to let you know how fantastic you have been in helping us raise money for various projects this year. At the school **discos** last week, we raised a total of **£473.85**.

From all of the fundraising that has happened throughout the year the PTFA have donated a total of £2,860.00 to school projects and much needed equipment e.g. play sheds, a blackout tent, the playground project and First Holy Communion Books to name but a few.

Don't forget, if anyone is interested in joining the PTFA next year do let me know.

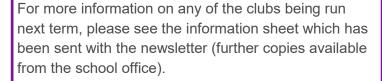
Thanks for all your support.

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## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Booking is now live for each of: -

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



\*Saturday 20th July

If you want to keep in touch over the summer holidays, don't forget to log into the 'Friends of Holy Cross School' Facebook page!



# 'Toasties' Breakfast Club and 'Chipmunks' After School Club



Need to get an early start in the morning?



Don't forget about our Breakfast Club which runs from 7.45am to 8.30am each school day—Booking not needed, just enter through the Church doors.

For those that use the Chipmunks After School Club, please remember to book your REGULAR sessions for the September term through the school office. No session requests will be carried over from this school year so you will need to re-book once you know what provision you require.

Don't need regular sessions? Not a problem, just pop in or call the office with your daily or weekly requirement. Spaces are limited so try to get any request in early to avoid disappointment.

Important: Always remember that you will be charged for a space that you have booked but have not used if you have not called the office before 12pm to cancel the space.

# **Balfour Beatty**

We were visited by Balfour Beatty on Wednesday when they visited every class to discuss not only the current roadworks near to the school at Charles Cross Roundabout but also to discuss civil engineering.

On Thursday morning, Morpurgo class also went in groups of 10 to visit the project and site office where they discussed job roles, machinery and the work being carried out.







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#### **Volunteers Wanted**

#### Do you remember:

- · Sleepless nights
- Tantrums Challenging behaviour
- Finding parenting a challenge

Then you could be a great volunteer!

All you need is parenting experience, listening skills, and the desire to support other parents who are going through a tough time

#### We need you

Volunteers receive free initial training and once matched to a family visit them once a week for a couple of hours

Meet new people, gain experience, build your CV Our next training course starts soon. Expenses are paid If you are interested contact - 01752 249740 or email homestart.shpt@gmail.com



## **Primary Jump Start Programme**

Family "Build-a-book" event







Toon Boom



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

> Monday <u>22/07/19</u> Non-pupil day

Monday 02/09/19 Non-pupil day

**Tuesday** 03/09/19 **New Term** starts

w/c 21/10/19 Half term

**Monday** 28/10/19 Non-pupil day

Tuesday 29/10/19 **Back to school** 

Friday 20/12/19 Last day of term

#### SUMMER HOLS = WHEELY WEDNESDAYS!

Find the SUSTRANS AND PLYMOTION TEAM at Victoria Park EVERY Wednesday of the summer holidays, from Wednesday 31st July -Wednesday 4th September 2019 and join us for FREE activities!



Biking and scooting fun activities aimed at 4 – 11 year olds, adult supervision required.

Different activities each Wednesday, including treasure trail, Learn 2 Ride, iScoot Bikes, Dr Bike and

Meet near The Park Pavilion

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Please remember that your ParentPay Account MUST NOT go into debit. You must 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.

Please clear all balances on your ParentPay Account as soon as possible.

Start the new school year afresh and in credit.



**FREE** 

Every Wednesday in August 11.30 am - 1.00 pm @ Plymouth Christian Centre







Thank you all for your support, as always. See you on Tuesday 3rd September.

> Have a wonderful Summer

Mr Cotter and staff

### 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:

Listen



Dear Jesus, help me to listen to you. Help me to open my heart so that I can hear you. Amen.