



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic week, full of wow moments. I had the pleasure of watching 7 performances and each one of them was an absolute joy and honour! By Thursday evening I thought I might burst with pride! Not only was the acting, the singing and the dancing absolutely amazing, but the resilience and perseverance demonstrated by every single child on the stage, was a credit to themselves, their teachers and you, their parents. It was just so heart-warming to witness the pure joy and happiness on every face as they showed their mums and dads and their teachers what they were capable of and the singing... I would challenge any school to do better than the angelic voices of Holy Cross!

Despite the busyness of the week with the dress rehearsals, performances and all the other preparations that were needed, we also managed to fit in lots of quality learning. So many children brought me their work to show me how hard they were working right across the curriculum. Flipping back to the first page of their books just shows how much progress they have made this term and always brings a wonderful smile, full of pride to their faces! I need Father Christmas to bring me more stickers as I am now running seriously low!

We ended the week with our traditional Christmas Jumper Day - the children looked very bright and Christmassy and it was a lovely finish to a great week. Mrs Chick is very busy counting the money you have generously donated not just to Save the Children, but also to St Luke's Hospice, our Christmas Charity nominated by the school parliament, and also to the Dog Meat Trade Dachshund RESCUE & Support Group, through your support for the raffle organised by our Agents of Change in Emma Carroll Class. I am constantly bombarded by requests from the children, wanting to reach out and support their wider community through their creative and inspired fundraising efforts. The pandemic and all the restrictions COVID has led to, have sadly impeded our capacity to reach out but the children have risen to the challenge and will not be stopped by a mere virus! We also shared the Nativity story with Bethany Christian Care Home and made cards for patients of Mount Gould Hospital (see below). Hats off to them all!

Mrs F Gill
Headteacher



13th December
EYFS Vision Screening

14th December
End of Term Mass

15th December
Christmas Dinner

16th December
KS1 Buckfast Trip
Christmas Stories with Austin
in EYFS

17th December
Christmas Holidays start

4th January 2022
BACK TO SCHOOL

6th January
Spring Term Mass



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Our Catholic Life

In the Gospel this week the people ask John the Baptist how they can live as God wants. John gives them some very practical advice. They must share, be fair, never bully anyone and be happy with what they have. Some people coming for baptism have begun to hope that John might be the Messiah they were waiting for, but John puts them right. The coming saviour is so powerful that he will baptise with the Holy Spirit.

Next week we will light the third Advent Candle on our wreath. The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.



Let us Pray

Dear Jesus, help me to get ready to welcome you at Christmas by living as you ask. Help me to share and never to take more than I need. Help me to be thankful for everything I have.
Amen

SYNOD 2021-2023

Thank you to those of you who managed to join us on Monday morning for our special Act of Worship. This is the link to the 'Listening Record' I mentioned. We would love to gather your views to share with Bishop Mark.

<https://forms.gle/brCkPFCJzLdf3sbE8>

Thank you for your support as always,



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Wonders of the Week

Here are this week's winners of the Wonder of the Week award.



Julia Donaldson: Gabi B - for trying really hard in all aspects of her learning.

Allan Ahlberg: Sajid- for an amazing week in all aspects of learning and classroom life.

Simon James: Oliver - For an amazing week with his learning but also showing great perseverance during our play. Well done!

Judith Kerr: Aston- For his fantastic performance in our play and always doing his very best in class. We're so proud of you!

David Walliams: Daniel for stepping up to introduce our play at the very last minute and having a really mature attitude this week.

Cressida Cowell: Reece: For impressing everyone with his brilliant speaking and singing in our Christmas play!

Roald Dahl:

Louis Sachar: Marcus - Wow, wow and wow again! Marcus is really starting to apply himself - fantastic.

Emma Carroll: Ashley - for wowing us with his performance in the Y5/6 Nativity.

Malorie Blackman: Alexander M- for having a really good week and singing beautifully in the school play. Well done!

Y5/6: Everyone - The Y5/6 staff want to give **every child in Y5/6** a wow for making us so proud with such a fantastic Nativity performance. Well done everyone.

Gospel Values Awards: This week we have all been trying to show **peace**.

Julia Donaldson: Rachel - for always being so calm and peaceful during carpet time and when choosing her learning

Allan Ahlberg: Aria- for trying really hard to be peaceful and calm in class this week! Well done!

Simon James: Victoria - For always carrying a peaceful and calm nature, whether this be with her friends on the playground or in the class with her learning.

Judith Kerr: Quinton- For always being a peaceful, calming influence in our class.

David Walliams: Eddie - for being peaceful in his learning and in his friendships.

Cressida Cowell: Faith- For being a peaceful presence since joining our class and for always having a smile on her face!

Roald Dahl: Hashviithaa for her peaceful presence in class.

Louis Sachar: Stewart - He is a great role model, he inspires and has others' interests always at heart.

Emma Carroll: Boo for showing a peaceful nature in class this week. Well done Boo.

Malorie Blackman: Lily-Rose for being a peaceful presence in the class and helping others to achieve the same thing.



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Top Table Awards



Julia Donaldson: Elin for always following instructions and for listening to the adults.

Allan Ahlberg: Poppy for sitting nicely with her friends and looking after them.

Simon James: Amelia for being super polite!

Judith Kerr: Lullah for being brave when she fell over.

David Walliams: Gabriela for always being polite and helpful.

Cressida Cowell: Savio for always being so polite to everyone.

Roald Dahl: Julia for her beautiful manners.

Louis Sachar: Tiago for always offering to help!

Emma Carroll: Atene for her happy, smiling manner and beautiful manners.

Malorie Blackman: Alexander B for following instructions and for always being polite.



Raffle in aid of Dog Meat Trade Dachshund RESCUE & Support Group

Entries: 300

Money Raised: £84.80

Thanks to Charlie, Esme and Tillie for organising the raffle and providing such a range of wonderful prizes.



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Prizes:

Fidgets - Sarah EMC, Miss McCalley, Joshua L, Lizzie SJ, Julian, Maya SJ, Talia EMC, Rosaline RD, Florence JK, Lizzie SJ

Fidget Bundle - Ben JD

Books - Theresia MB, Lena MB(2), Daria DW, Nikola - JD, Garima, Yosab CC

Book set + Cake - Piran AA, Yosab CC

Big Book - Piran AA, Lena MB, Pranusha

Cakes - Daria DW, Ishan, Maria Julia JK, Poppy AA, Ava AA

Mystery Box + 3 Cakes - Bella AA

Well done to all the lucky winners!

Global Warriors

The school has very kindly been given an 'An Ocean Adventure' book for each child in KS2 by the Blue Marine Foundation. The Global Warriors were given their books early to read and make the activities. They then had to explain to the class what the book was about and the importance of looking after the ocean. They have made a short video explaining to the rest of the school and parents about the book which has been shared in school and uploaded on the whole school dojo. Each child should come home with a book today.



Thank you so much to those who have supported our Christmas card appeal. If you have not yet donated and would like to please use the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/holycrossglobalwarriorschristmascardappeal>



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Lights, Camel, Action

Year 3 and 4, we are so proud of you. What a performance!





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EYFS - The Nativity





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KS1 - I'm gonna shine

Well done to all of the children in KS1. They all did a wonderful job of singing and acting out the play.



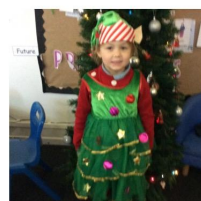


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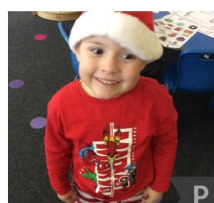
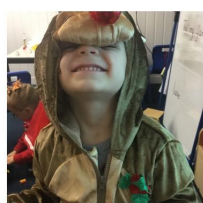
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Christmas Jumper Day EYFS



EYFS CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



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Rocksteady Musical Extravaganza

Well done to our Rocksteady musicians who wowed their mums and dads today in a fabulous end of term concert. All the classes joined via Zoom so we could all share in their

fantastic music-making talents! Thanks to Emma, our wonderful RockSteady teacher for all her hard work this term.



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Intergenerational Project

10 children from lower key stage 2 presented the story of the nativity to our friends at Bethany Christian Care Home. At the end, the children enjoyed hearing the residents' compliments and wished them all a very Merry Christmas!



Mount Gould Hospital



Well done to our year 3 and 4 children who worked their socks off this week to produce a massive 120 Christmas cards for the patients at Mount Gould Hospital.



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

Please let us know as soon as possible when you have had a positive PCR or LFT result within your household. Numbers continue to rise in Plymouth and we are well above the national figure.

COVID19 Information

Unfortunately, we still have high numbers of cases in the South West and as a result, schools have been directed to re-introduce certain measures.

We will continue to promote hand washing/hand sanitising, respiratory hygiene, ventilation and touchpoint cleaning.

We will try our best to balance the need for ventilation with the need for a comfortable working temperature but please ensure your child wears an extra layer under their school shirt just in case.

Staff will once again wear face coverings in communal areas and we ask that parents also wear a face covering if coming onto the school site. This will help to mitigate the risks at pick up time which can be very busy in the playgrounds.

We are pausing whole school assemblies for the moment but can continue to hold gatherings for smaller groups eg EYFS, Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6.

We have reviewed our lunchtime provision to minimise mixing between these larger groups.

Staff will continue to do twice weekly LFTs.

Advice on symptoms:

If unwell stay at home and book a PCR. If negative, individuals should still wait until 24 hours post fever to go back into a setting. Colds and other non-Covid symptoms are circulating but in the first instance cardinal symptoms should be treated as possible COVID and trigger isolation and testing.

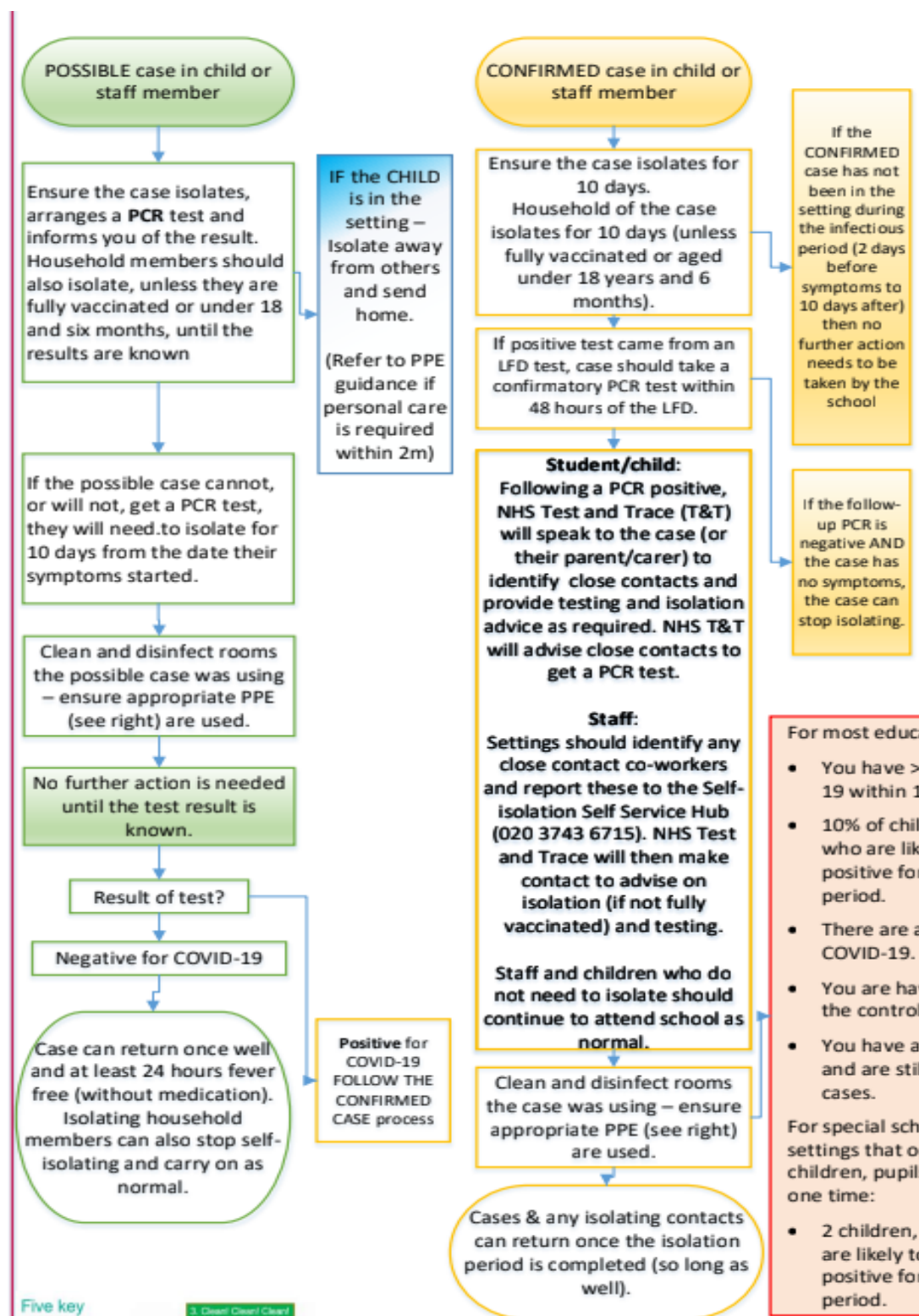
Household siblings of confirmed cases are advised to take daily LFD while awaiting their PCR test results and to continue to attend school (at discretion of parent for primary age children) and recommend daily LFD testing for all close contacts identified by NHS Test and Trace whilst individuals await their PCR results.

See flowchart for further explanation.



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Breakfast Club/After School Club

30 places available at Breakfast and After School Club.

Please ring or email the office at holy.cross.rc.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk to book places **one week in advance**.



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 at the main red doors to the church.

Have a lovely weekend!



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