



# HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

13TH DECEMBER 2019 — NO.13



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Christmas has certainly come to Holy Cross as Julia Donaldson class performed for the whole school as well as parents (twice) this week. The control they showed, as well as the skill, belied their age and really set the tone for what we celebrate at this time of year. Well done to all involved. Look out for their picture in Tuesday's Plymouth Herald—their 'Nativity Issue'.



A highlight of the week has been our Christmas meal for the elderly and community. Over thirty enjoyed a wonderful meal and were entertained by all the classes. After each year group had sung a song, the children then mixed with the visitors. I have had so many positive comments about the conduct of the children, especially the way they talked and listened to our guests.

We had our Full Governing Board meeting on Monday night. The board were impressed with the way we are working on the whole school priorities set and all the events that have supported the learning over the term. Deacon Richard, our CAST Link Director joined the school for the afternoon as well as attending our meeting and he expressed his delight in what he saw and heard.

The children have continued to enjoy specific learning with STEM workshops this week and Father Jacek led Simon James class in our weekly Mass.

Karen and her CaterEd team produced a Christmas meal yesterday for over 260 children, then the staff! That is such an achievement, especially as it was also absolutely delicious! Our congratulations to her, Cheryl, Sarah and Gosha. It was also great to see all the staff working together to make sure the children were able to be fed in the normal lunch period.

Our Rocksteady bands performed for their parents this morning. They really are improving! Thank you to the parents who came to the performance.

### Next week.....

We look forward to our whole school Christmas performances on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. We are aware that ticket restrictions are difficult but we have to be fair as well as follow fire safety regulations. We hope all families that want tickets will have gone to the office to get them by Monday so that on Tuesday morning we can see if there are more available for those who might like them. This will be on a first come first served basis. Please contact the office if you would like a ticket and haven't got yours yet.

Julia Donaldson class are visiting Pennywell Farm on Tuesday and on Thursday we have a whole school Mass at 9.00 a.m. You are very welcome to join us.

Our last day for the term is next Friday 20th December. The choir have been busy practising for the Carol Service in the Cathedral at 7.00 p.m. that evening.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Cotter





Our lovely  
Christmas Lunch  
with the  
community and  
the elderly

THANK YOU  
TO KAREN  
AND HER  
WHOLE  
TEAM FOR  
MAKING  
OUR YUMMY  
CHRISTMAS  
LUNCHES  
SO SPECIAL.







**STANBOROUGH CHORUS**

*Celebrate Christmas*

**CAROL SERVICE**  
**IN AID of the**  
**PRIMROSE FOUNDATION**

Friday, 20th December at 7.00 pm  
 The RC Cathedral of St. Mary  
 and St. Boniface, Plymouth PL1 5E

Conductor – Christopher Fletcher  
 With guests from  
 The Plymouth Philharmonic Choir  
 and the choirs of  
 Holy Cross Catholic Primary School  
 and The Cathedral School of St Mary

Soloist – Helen Haviland  
 Organ – Nick Danks

All proceeds to go to the  
 Primrose Foundation, your  
 local breast care charity.

For more information contact Madeleine Matthe  
 01752-975217 / madeleine@primrosefoundation  
 Stanborough Chorus Charity No: 3084314 Primrose Foundation Charity No: 1054277

THE primrose

### 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:

**Be Happy**

**Be happy in the moment, that's enough. Each moment is all we need, not more.**  
 Mother Teresa

Help me, Jesus, to make the world a better place, just like you did. Help me to share your message of love with everyone I meet. Amen.



A great BIG thank you from HCPT Group 45 for the money you raised for us


by bringing your £1 on Mufti Day last week. You raised **£250!**

Marvellous, thank you so much for supporting us.


Cath Fennell







# SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2021/2022



Take part in the consultation on school admission arrangements for 2021 entry.

**Consultation starts 9 December 2019 and ends 19 January 2020.**

Visit [www.plymouth.gov.uk/admissionconsultation](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/admissionconsultation) or contact us 01752 307470.

Email [schoolconsultations@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:schoolconsultations@plymouth.gov.uk)



Education, Participation and Skills, Plymouth City Council, Windsor House, Plymouth PL6 5UF

## Christmas break Holiday Camps!



**INCLUDES FUN FANCY DRESS!**

Go on a magical adventure this holiday with fun and exciting sessions for 5-12 year olds!

Our Holiday Camps are packed with our favourite indoor games and activities. Get out of the cold and on the move throughout the winter break with Premier Education Holiday Camps!

Book now at... [premier-education.com/holidaycamps](http://premier-education.com/holidaycamps)



### Our Holiday Camps near you...

PLYMOUTH	PLYMPTON
Plymouth Preparatory Primary School PL1 3JB	Boringdon Primary School PL1 4BJ
Multi-Activity Camp	Christmas Party!
Mon 16th Dec - Fri 20th Dec	Mon 23rd Dec
Christmas Party!	
Mon 23rd Dec	
Multi-Activity Camp	TOTNES
£25.00 Extended Day	Dartington Primary School TQ9 6JU
8:00am - 5:30pm	Christmas Party!
£23.00 Standard Day	Mon 23rd Dec
9:00am - 3:30pm	
£15 Christmas Party!	£10.00 Christmas Party!
9:00am - 4:00pm	9:00am - 4:00pm
Ages 6-12	Ages 5-12
*Splash Swimming Session in Plymouth College included!	

**15% OFF**

**Christmas party!**  
Includes fancy dress, Christmas disco and prizes to be won!

**About Premier Education:**  
We are the UK's #1 provider of sports and physical activities to primary schools in the UK. Come along to our popular Holiday Camps to find out why!

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### ATTENTION YEARS 5 & 6 ONLY: -

Ivybridge Community College are once again promoting their sporting opportunities for those who are currently in Years 5 and 6.

Rugby for Boys and Girls & Girls only Active session taking **place on a Monday**. Football will **take place on a Friday** both days will run from 4-5pm, with a charge for each half term of £25.00 which can be paid via Cash or Cheque made payable to Ivybridge Community College. They are continuing their programme in the new year and you can still turn up on the day and sign in with us. However if you would like to sign your child up for any of the sessions could you register your interest by **Friday 10th January 2020**. If you would like to sign up in advance please use the contact details below to register your interest.

They meet at the Community Sport entrance at the end of the main car park at the College, where you will be able to sign your child into the session.

If you would like any further details

please **email** ([ataylor@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk](mailto:ataylor@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk)) who will then provide you with a consent form and any additional information needed.





**Don't forget to buy your Christmas Raffle Tickets to be in with a chance to win some Fantastic Prizes!!**

Tickets will also be on sale at the School Productions next week 17th & 18th December, and are also available from the school office. £1.00 per ticket.

*For those that do not wish to buy any tickets this year, please remember to return your tickets to the office for onward sale.*



## Cakes wanted!

**Are you able to donate a cake for our Christmas Production Tea & Coffee stand?**

**Homemade or shop bought - all are welcome!**

**All proceeds from the sale of tea, coffee and cake will go towards funding projects run by your school PTFA.**



**The PTFA would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to help out at the Foundation Stage Nativity Play this week.  
THANK YOU EVERYONE  
(you know who you are!)**

**Don't forget to look at our Facebook page for more information on upcoming events and volunteer requests....**

**Friends of Holy Cross Plymouth**







**Christmas Price Cuts!**

**ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST**

**BOOK 5 COURSES IN PLYMOUTH FOR £40!**

For parties, please don't book more than 5 days in advance.

# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2019

Book our courses online  
[www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk](http://www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk)

NO.	VENUE	DATE	COST	ONLINE	THEME	Notes
P1	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	19 December 4.30pm-7pm	£25	£21	Christmas Cracker	Limited spaces available
P2	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	23 December	£12	£8	Festive Football	
P3	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	27 December	£12	£8	Festive Football	
P4	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	30 December	£12	£8	Festive Football	
P5	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	3 January	£12	£8	Back to School Special	
EC1	Lanivet Community Centre	23 December	£12	£8	Festive Football	
EC2	Lanivet Community Centre	27 December	£12	£8	Festive Football	
EC3	Lux Park Leisure Centre (Indoor)	3 January	£12	£8	Back to School Special	
ND1	Wadebridge Primary School	23 December	£12	£8	Festive Football	
ND2	Bude Town Football Club	30 December	£12	£8	Festive Football	
ND3	St Joseph's School, Launceston	3 January	£12	£8	Back to School Special	
ND4	St Teath FC	3 January	£12	£8	Back to School Special	
C1	Falmouth School	23 December	£12	£8	Festive Football	
C2	Helston Football Club	30 December	£12	£8	Back to School Special	
C3	Newquay Treviglas School	3 January	£12	£8	Back to School Special	
C4	Carn Brea Leisure Centre, Pool	3 January	£12	£8	Festive Football	
D1	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	19 December 4.30pm-7pm	£25	£21	Christmas Cracker	Limited spaces available
D2	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	3 January	£12	£8	Disability Soccer Roadshow	

**Prices from £8 - £25**  
**Registration opens at 9.40am**

All courses for boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 - 15 years  
Courses run from 10am to 3pm with exception of Christmas Cracker 4.30pm-7pm  
Additional activities are available

**LEARN. PLAY. SUCCEED.**

T 01752 562561 ext 4 [www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk](http://www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk)

# SUPER TRAMP

Support Sessions

## Support session

**Saturday**  
5pm - 6pm

For bouncers with additional needs, their siblings, other family members and carers or parents.

## SEND session

**Thursday**  
4pm - 5pm

For bouncers with additional needs, and their carers.

**What does each SEND and Support session include?:**

- The park will be closed to the general public
- Reduced numbers of bouncers
- A parent/carer goes free of charge with every participant
- The volume of the music is lowered and calming music is played
- The party rooms will be opened up to relax in before, during and after your session
- Complimentary squash for all participants

**How much are they?**  
Our SEND session & Support session are £8, this includes admission for 1 jumper and 1 accompanying adult/carer.  
Everyone will need to purchase a pair of our grip socks if you don't already own a pair. They're £2 a pair and are yours to keep.

**Clip 'n Climb Plymouth**

5 Nov at 17:46 •

Some children benefit more from a quieter, calmer environment

That's why we host Autism and SEN sessions here at our Centre, in an attempt to help those with specific needs get the most from their Clip 'n Climb experience.

The sessions are 10am-11am every Sunday, and cost just £8 pp. Ages 4+.

Book via <http://bit.ly/2OAWmKn> or call 01752 717567



# CHRISTMAS CRACKER

The course will give all young people who attend the opportunity to undertake a training session at Manadon with Plymouth Argyle FC first team squad in the evening. This will be followed by a meet and greet with the team where young people can collect autographs, photos and chat to the team. Pilgrim Pints and Father Christmas will also be in attendance and each person will receive a goody bag, a Christmas card and the chance to win lots of prizes.

# FESTIVE FOOTBALL

Join us for an action packed day of football activities, from shooting sessions to World Cup tournaments and each participant will receive a goody bag, which includes an Argyle medal.

# BACK TO SCHOOL

Our 'Back to School' courses are age and football specific with the emphasis on fun, enjoyment and development. Sessions include skills, technique, competitions and small sided games - just what's needed before they return to school after the festive period.

# PAN DISABILITY AGES 5 - 16

Football Activity day! A fun-filled day packed with football games in an inclusive and comfortable environment. The day is tailored for children with a physical impairment, learning disability or mental health condition.

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**COMING SOON.....**

**NEXT TERM'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS. LOOK OUT FOR OUR NEW CLUBS BASKETBALL AND SINGING!**



Thank you all for your support, as always.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Cotter, Miss Buscombe and all the staff at Holy Cross.

## **REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK: -**

**Tuesday—Foundation Stage to Pennywell Farm**

**Tuesday—School Christmas Production @ 2pm**

**Tuesday—School Christmas Production @ 6.30pm**

**Wednesday—School Christmas Production @ 6.30pm**

**Thursday—Whole School Mass—all invited**

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



**Tuesday 17/12/19**  
**FS visit Pennywell Farm**

**Tuesday 17/12/19**  
**Christmas Production @ 2.00pm & 6.30pm**

**Wednesday 18/12/19**  
**Christmas Production @ 6.30pm**

**Thursday 19/12/19**  
**Whole School Mass**

**Friday 20/12/19**  
**Last day of term**

**Monday 06/01/20**  
**Non-Pupil Day**

**Tuesday 07/01/20**  
**Back to School**

**W/C 27/01/20**  
**Bikeability for years FS, 3 & 6**

**W/C 03/02/20**  
**National Storytelling Week**

**W/C 17/02/20**  
**Half Term**

**Monday 24/02/20**  
**Non-pupil day**

**Tuesday 25/02/20**  
**Term Begins**