



Message from the Headteacher

Another busy week has flown by as we continue to ensure the children are working to the best of their ability. I have enjoyed visiting every class to see what they are doing and talking to the children about their learning.

With Miss Heaton leaving us last week, we welcome Miss Goddard to Eric Carle class. We also are delighted to have Mrs Lintott join the teaching team to support leadership and management.



Julia Donaldson class enjoyed a trip to the theatre to see The Gingerbread Man on Monday. Well done to those who organised the excursion – it is not easy taking a class of four and five year olds anywhere! Thank you to those parents from the Foundation Stage class who also came into school to hear all about how we run our Read Write Inc Phonics programme. For those who missed this opportunity, this will be shared again at 5.30 next Thursday as we try to support our working parents.

Year 3 have completed a second week of swimming and the progress they are making as a result of this intense programme is very pleasing. It is such an important life skill for us living in the south west, surrounded by water.

Years 5 & 6 enjoyed Indoor Rowing on Monday as they got the chance to try to compete against themselves as well as in teams.



It was CENSUS day for schools yesterday so we have the opportunity to take stock of who we are as a school. For your information, there are currently 283 pupils in the school. Some amazing statistics – there are 30 languages spoken by our pupils with 39% of our children speaking another language other than English. We celebrate this diversity and the cultural mix that represents Holy Cross.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Cotter

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Liturgy in School

The theme for our prayer and worship next week is:

Kindness



Dear Jesus, we are thinking about Christian Unity this week. Please help Christians everywhere to be a sign of your love in the world. Help us to work together to make the world a better place. Amen.

Meal Time Assistant Vacancy



Are you interested in working as part of a team to provide the appropriate level of pupil care and supervision over the dinner hour throughout the school? We currently have a vacancy for a **casual position** to help cover lunchtimes from 11.50 to 1.20pm Monday to Friday **as and when required**.

If you are interested, please contact the school office for an application form.

**HOUSE
POINTS**

1st—St Teresa

2nd—St Julie

3rd—St Andrew

4th—St Jude



Help the wildlife in your world and get creative with 'The Box', Plymouth. Come along to an interactive workshop and make a bird house or mini-beast hotel for your garden or local park.

Saturday 19th January
13.00pm— 15.30pm

£4.50 per child (accompanying adults go free). Booking essential.



For more information and for booking call 01752 304774.



It's time for our first Disco of 2019! Tickets for the discos will be going on sale next Friday 25th January and will be available to purchase from the school office for £2.00 per ticket.



SCHOOL DISCO
£2:00
Friday 8th February
FD & KS1 4:30 - 5:30
KS2 5:45 - 7pm
Pocket money needed for glitter tattoos & tuck shop items
Tickets go on sale 25th January from the office
Entrance at red side door.

As always we wish to thank everyone how helps make these events go with a swing, however more helpers are still needed. As per our Safeguarding Policy, all volunteers within the school must have a DBS check carried out. If you wish to offer your help (and we so hope that you do), please e-mail Justine at hc.ptfa@gmail.com

Details of more upcoming events being run by your PTFA will follow shortly.



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

Friday 08/02/19
School Disco

Friday 15/02/19
Non-Pupil Day

Monday 16/02/19 to
Friday 24/02/19
Half Term

Thursday 07/03/19
World Book Day

Tuesday 19/03/19
Tempest
—Class Photographs

Monday 08/04/19 to
Friday 19/04/19
Easter Holiday

Friday 19/04/19
Good Friday

Monday 22/04/19
Easter Monday

Tuesday 23/04/19
Summer Term starts

Monday 27/05/19 to
Friday 31/05/19
Half Term

Monday 03/06/19 to
Friday 07/06/19
Year 6 Residential

Friday 19/07/19
Last day of term

Monday 22/07/19
Tuesday 23/07/19
Non-Pupil Days



EARLY YEARS SAFEGUARDING ALERT



IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

Recall

Next – Want That Trend Mummy and Me Deluxe Christmas Santa Zip Hoody

Next – Want That Trend Mummy and Me Deluxe Christmas Rudolph Zip Hoody

Next – Want That Trend Christmas Pudding Onesie

Next – Want That Trend Unicorn Onesies



Unfortunately, it has come to light that there is a potential problem with:

- The attachment of the pom poms on the body, which if detached could be a choking hazard.
- The length of the horns on the hood which could be an entrapment issue if caught.
- The length of the pudding leaves on the hood which could be an entrapment issue if caught.
- The length of the horn on the hood which could be an entrapment issue if caught.

As these items do not meet Next's strict, technical specifications, Next have taken the precaution of recalling them, and request that you return your hoody to them immediately for a full refund.

Please call 0333 777 8185 to arrange a collection, or return it to your local store (for a full refund), if this would suit you better. If you have given any of these items as a gift, please ask the recipient to contact Next.

They are very sorry for any disappointment and inconvenience caused, but hope you'll understand that customer safety is their highest priority.

Thank you for your support as always.

Have a wonderful weekend.

**Mr Cotter and all of the staff at Holy Cross
School**