



# HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

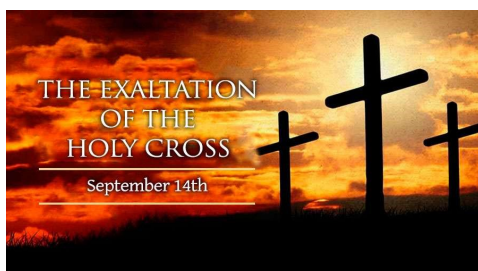
It was great to see many of you come along to the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings yesterday - thank you. It means that you have not only met your child's new class teacher, you have also heard first hand what lies ahead for the term. For the children, they can see you taking real interest in their learning, and that means a lot. You might have also got the message that we would like to encourage parents' help through the school day so please let us know if you can spare some time. Obviously there will need to be the usual safeguarding checks but we see this as the way forward.

I am pleased with how the children have settled quickly into their learning. Some classes have also been out and about - Roger Hargreaves are getting to know the local environment by visiting it! We look forward to seeing all our Foundation children in together next week.

Year 6 enjoyed their class Mass yesterday. Next week it is Emma Carroll class's turn so if you would like to join us, please come to the hall for 9.00 a.m. on Thursday.

The McMillan Coffee afternoon offered some lovely cakes with a drink - thank you so much to those who contributed and also those of you who came along. More cakes will be sold at the end of today so I will let you know how much we have raised for the McMillan charity.

It was great to see our Rock Steady musicians back again this morning. Emma tells me that there are still some spaces available - even for the before school group. Please get in touch with the office if you are interested.



Saturday is actually Holy Cross's Feast day - Exaltation of the Cross. We will say some special prayers on Monday to mark our special day.

Year 6's boat has been painted and is ready for its sailing adventure on Saturday! We wish the team all the very best!

Have a lovely weekend.

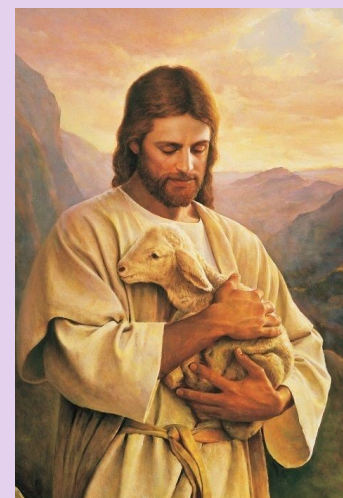
Mr Cotter  
Headteacher

## 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:**

**Love and Compassion**



**Thank you, Jesus, for caring so much about me. If I get lost you will never stop looking for me. Amen.**



You will now have been notified if your child is successful in securing a space in the Pot Luck Club which starts next Thursday. This club will run until half term. Do not despair if you were not successful this time as after the half term break there will be a new selection of pupils chosen from those who have submitted their forms.



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## Stars of the Week

JD (FS): \_\_\_\_\_

SJ (Y1): **Thomas**

EC (Y 1/2): **Anna**

RH (Y2): **Harish**

RD (Y3): **Ezekiel**

DW (Y3/4): **Abady**

MM (Y4): **Charlie**

AH (Y5): **Gerran &  
Alexander**

EMC (Y5): **Daria**

RM (Y6): **Vincent**



## 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:

**Eric Carle (Y1/2)  
Emma Carroll (Y5)  
Anthony Horowitz (Y5)**

**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.

**w/c 21/10/19**

**Half term**

**Monday 28/10/19**

**Non-pupil day**

**Tuesday 29/10/19**

**Back to school**

**Tuesday 12/11/19**

**Tempest Photography  
(Individuals & siblings)**

**Friday 15/11/19**

**School Discos**

**Friday 20/12/19**

**Last day of term**

**Monday 06/01/20**

**Non-Pupil Day**

**Tuesday 07/01/20**

**Back to School**

## DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH

Office of the Moderator of the Curia



### VACANCY

The Diocese of Plymouth is looking to appoint the following position.

#### Secondary School RE and Catholic Life Adviser

Location: St. Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL

Salary: £9,000 p.a. for 1 day per week or £18,000 p.a. for 2 days per week (£45,000 FTE) plus car allowance, mobile phone allowance and pension scheme (subject to eligibility)

Hours: 1 or 2 days per week

The role of the Secondary School RE and Catholic Life Adviser is to enable the Bishop's mission and ministry in secondary education. Every Catholic school is a place to encounter the living God who, in Jesus Christ, reveals his transforming love and truth. Our vision, then, is founded on the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teaching of the Catholic Church.

The Secondary School RE and Catholic Life Adviser is accountable to the Diocesan Schools Commissioner and ultimately the Episcopal Vicar for Schools, whose role in canon law is to ensure that the Bishop's vision for our secondary schools is visible in their Catholic identity, character and ethos. In every school we seek to lay the foundations for every child's spiritual development and to put Christ and his teachings at the centre of their education.

The Adviser will be responsible for supporting the development of Catholic secondary schools as providers of high quality educational, religious and spiritual standards by advising, visiting, communicating with school Head Teachers and contributing to improving standards of Religious Education within the Catholic family of secondary schools in the Diocese of Plymouth.

#### Do you have:

- Demonstrable knowledge of Catholic doctrine and teaching and their application to Catholic education and how they determine the identity, ethos and character of Catholic schools?
- Qualified teacher status with Secondary school experience in a leadership role such as head of Department?
- Degree level or equivalent in Religious Studies or Theology.

In addition, if you are conversant with CES guidance and have experience of dealing with and responding to Ofsted then we would very much like to hear from you.

A copy of the job description and person specification are obtainable from the Human Resources Department – email [recruitment@pccdr.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@pccdr.org.uk). Applications are by application form and covering letter and the last date for applications is Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019. Interviews will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019. The appointee to this post will be subject to an enhanced clearance through the Disclosure & Barring Service.

Registered Charity Number 213227

St Boniface House, Ashburton, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 7JL  
Tel: 01349 445360, Fax: 01349 445378  
email: [info@pccdr.org.uk](mailto:info@pccdr.org.uk), website: <http://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk>

Plymouth Diocese Trust (Registered Charity Number 213227)

## HOUSE POINTS

**1ST— St Judes**

**2ND— St Teresa**

**3RD— St Julie**

**4TH— St Andrew**



**CHECK YOUR DETAILS  
ARE UP TO DATE**

**KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR A DATA COLLECTION SHEET  
WHICH WILL BE COMING HOME SHORTLY WITH YOUR  
CHILD. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU CHECK ALL THE  
DETAILS WE HOLD FOR YOU ARE CORRECT AND UP  
TO DATE. PLEASE RETURN ALL FORMS TO THE  
SCHOOL OFFICE ONCE CHECKED.**





## SHORT BREAKS

In partnership with the Sports Development Unit

### FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

#### Plymouth Life Centre

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 1pm to 5pm



If you are the parent or carer of a disabled child aged 6 to 18 years, this free event will enable your whole family to enjoy a range of activities.

**Activities include**  
climbing,  
trampolining,  
dodgeball, archery,  
table tennis, soft  
play, arts & crafts  
board games,  
followed by an  
hour's swim.

To be eligible to access this event your child must live in Plymouth and have a diagnosis of a disability and attend a special school or support centre, although they may still be eligible if they attend a mainstream school and are supported by an EHC Plan.

Booking is essential please contact the  
Sports Development Unit on 01752 307008  
Email [nyrene.dudley@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:nyrene.dudley@plymouth.gov.uk)

## Time for You

Taster sessions on Monday's 30<sup>th</sup> September & 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019

8 weekly meetings from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 10am-12pm at Routeways

## Time for YOU

### Plymouth

A small supportive group for mums  
of children with additional needs



Use Creative tools + COACHING to:

Take time and space for YOU

Share how being a mum of a child with additional needs transforms us  
Re-fuel, play with words and images and say what needs to be said  
Listen to what YOU need and how this fits into your life



- A small, safe and supportive group for mothers
- Take time for you without your children
- We will use words, images & coaching tools
- No need to be 'creative' just willing to give it a go
- Your child doesn't need an official diagnosis

"For me the course was life changing. I'm now so much stronger, happier and looking forward to the future."

WHEN: Mondays 10-12am from 14th October

WEEKLY: 8 weekly meetings, term-time only

WHERE: Routeways, Devonport, Plymouth

COST: Free BOOKING ASAP ESSENTIAL

INTERESTED? email [jo@mums4exchange.org](mailto:jo@mums4exchange.org) or text 07855 529582

RUN BY: Jo Ball - life and career coach, mum of 2, with a background in Arts Therapy. SUPPORTED BY: Clare Gale. Clare has a son with complex medical needs and loved the group so much she wanted to help share it with others.



## LOCAL OFFER

What is the Local Offer?



A Local Offer gives children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities and their families information about what support services the local authority think will be available in their local area. Every local authority is responsible for writing a Local Offer and making sure it is available for everyone to see.

### Who decides what is in the Local Offer?

The new law says that every local authority must talk with children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities and their families to find out what sort of support and services they need.

There will be many different types of services that children and young people may need, including support services in school and specialist health services.

Children, young people and their families may also have ideas about what leisure activities should be available, and what services are needed to help young people move towards independence in adulthood.



Every local authority must have a Local Offer that is available on the internet and must make sure that people without access to the internet can also see it. The local authority must tell children and young people and their families how they can find out more about the Local Offer.

The local authority will then decide what services to make available. Every local authority must get feedback on its Local Offer from young people and their families. They must show what feedback they have been given and say how they are going to make improvements to the Local Offer and services.

A Local Offer should also include information about what transport services are available for children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities and if there is any help available to pay for these services.

You can find out more about the changes to your special educational needs or disability support and the Local Offer by:

- talking to an impartial information, advice and support service. You can find contact information for one of these here: [www.parentpartnership.org.uk/find-your-ppa/](http://www.parentpartnership.org.uk/find-your-ppa/)
- talking to your family, teachers, tutors and support workers
- getting in touch with your local authority. You can find their contact information on the GOV.UK website: <https://www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council>

## INFORMATION

To help you understand the changes to the law we have created a video, leaflet and poster each for four main areas of your SEN and disability support.

These four areas are:

Education, Health and Care plans  
The Local Offer  
Post-16 support  
Making decisions







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## COMING SOON CHILDREN'S SOFT PLAY

STARTING THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

### MANADON SPORTS HUB PL5 3FD

Join us and discover a great way to make new friends and try our new soft play activities in a fun, safe and controlled environment.

For ages 1 - 6 years old of all abilities.

- Soft mats, ball pits, tunnels and more
- Hot and cold refreshments available
- Every Thursday 1.00pm - 2.30pm
- Turn up and play, £2 per session.



Believe in  
children  
Barraquos

01752 562 561 ext 5 | manadon@pafc.co.uk

Plymouth City Council  
cordially invites you to attend the

## Plymouth Sound National Marine Park Party

The celebration event will be taking place on Plymouth Hoe  
between 10am and 2pm Saturday 14 September 2019.

Featuring live stage performances, music, acts  
and family activities throughout the day.

[www.plymouth.gov.uk/plymouthsoundnationalmarinepark](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/plymouthsoundnationalmarinepark)

**Plymouth**  
Britain's Ocean City

## TRY HOCKEY

# PLYMOUTH HOCKEY CLUB

Are you aged 5 - 14 years?  
Fancy trying something new?  
Do you want to be part of a team?

Turn up & play on any Sunday. (September - March)  
Ages 5-11 start at 10am; ages 12+ start at 11am  
Bull Point ATP, Kinterbury Road, St Budeaux, PL5 1ER

**Get your first 6 weeks FREE**  
[www.plymouthhockeyclub.org.uk](http://www.plymouthhockeyclub.org.uk)

For further information, please contact us  
[committee@plymouthhockeyclub.org.uk](mailto:committee@plymouthhockeyclub.org.uk)

Thank you all for your support, as  
always. See you next week.  
Have a wonderful weekend  
Mr Cotter and staff

## TOGETHER FOR CHILDHOOD

### Let's celebrate the launch of PANTS in Plymouth!

**Where:** Plymouth Life Centre/ Central Park (inside or  
outside, depending on the weather)

**When:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1-3 pm

**Why:** We're launching a city-wide Talk PANTS  
campaign to help keep children safe

Please come along and join us at our free event.

What's on:

- Guest appearance by Pantosaurus
- Beat the Keeper with Plymouth Argyle  
Community Trust
- Basketball with Plymouth Raiders
- Craft activities for children
- Storytime