

HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 14TH JUNE 2019 — NO.30



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Another week has passed us by so quickly. The highlight was a full day Review of the school carried out by Jo Flower from CAST. She very much enjoyed a learning walk around all the classes, looking at books, talking to the children and meeting with members of the Senior Leadership Team. She had a lot of very positive things to say about us - and especially enjoyed her engagement with the children. My thanks to all the staff who showed just what great work goes on every day.

In this light, I will be shortly asking parents through our annual questionnaire what you have thought of how we have done over the course of the year. This is very important so please fill these in when they arrive. We especially appreciate the time taken to write something as these comments can be used both to share our successes as well as know more about areas to work on. Last year I was delighted with the responses, however we had a smaller than expected response from our Year 5 and 6 parents so I would especially ask you to take the time to share your thoughts, as some of you have more than seven years to reflect on.

Thank you to those who attended our Pentecost Mass on Monday. We are working on supporting children in their mass responses and in their engagement, and this was certainly evident during the mass. We have been 'walking in the light' ever since!

Year 6 enjoyed their Junior Life Skills on Wednesday and Year 3 had Bikeability training on Thursday. The Bikeability instructor was amazed at how quickly some children moved from non-riders to being so confident.

It was so good to welcome our new parents to the first Induction meeting last night. It is always exciting as we mark the start of another year group and their families joining us.

Next Thursday is 'National Clean Air Day' and we have the opportunity to be part of highlighting what this could mean. Plymouth City Council are very keen to promote how our communities can think about creating cleaner air and one way is by not using cars as much as we do. Cycling to school is an option and a film is being made of how this can be a safe way to travel. One of our parents is even playing a star role in the filming! If you too would like to know more and maybe even be involved, please feel free to contact mark on markfitzsimons@plymouth.ac.uk

Next Friday is our Sports Day so we look forward to your usual excellent support.

Liturgy in School

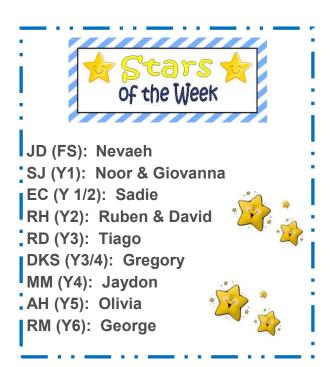
Parents and parishioners are invited to join us for liturgy, 9am, Monday mornings.

The theme for our prayer and worship next week is:

God is Father, Son and Spirit



Dear Jesus, thank you for showing us that, by working together like the Trinity does, we can achieve much more than by working alone. I promise to work with others so that we can help each other to follow you even more closely. Amen



Have a lovely weekend.



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Thankyou for supporting your PTFA. It was lovely to see so many of you in casual clothes today and bringing in tombola donations for our Summer Fair. We are still collecting for the fair and are grateful for all donations of good quality toys, good quality books and washed school uniform.

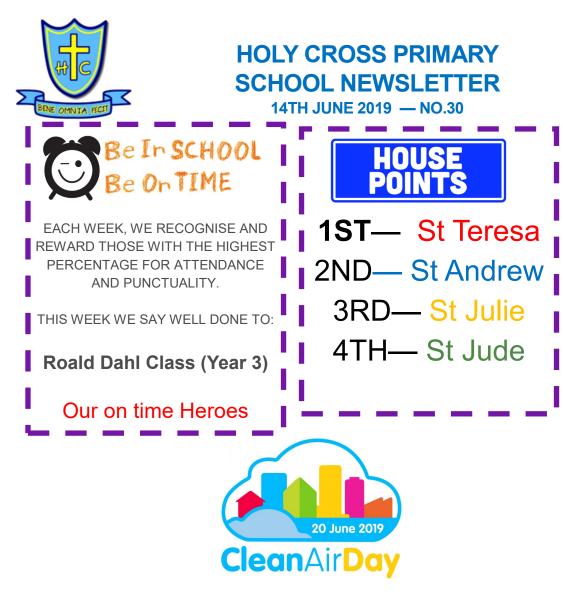
Thank you also for those that have already returned the sweet pots fabulously decorated!! Keep sending them in full of goodies!



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National Clean Air Day Thursday 20th June

Don't choke switch off the smoke

Dear parents,

Clean Air Day is **next Thursday** when we would like to ask for a big push to make this a really healthy start to our children's walk or cycle to school, by parking away from the gates or join in with a park and stride.

Children have been learning that we breathe in a swimming pools worth of air each day, but that many of us swim in dirty water. Children have sensitive respiratory systems and are at exhaust level. We wouldn't smoke in front young children so let's not forget the car is smoking when the engines turning. Lead and plastics enter the air and enter their blood system, affecting respiratory and other organs.

Remember to get children to walk on the pavement away from traffic so they ingest less bad air.

Sustrans will be launching a Green Gate award on this day and if you are interested in helping please do get in touch.

Perhaps you could wear some green socks to celebrate clean air? Claire.harris@sustrans.org.uk





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

Friday 21/06/19 Sports Day

Thursday 27/06/19 Reserve Sports Day

Friday 28/06/19 Summer Fair

<u>w/c 01/07/19</u> Bikeability Foundation and Y6

Friday 12/07/19 End of Year Discos

Tuesday 16/07/19 & Wednesday 17/07/19 Year 6 Leavers' Production

Thursday 18/07/19 @ 1.30pm Year 6 Leavers' Mass

Friday 19/07/19 Last day of term

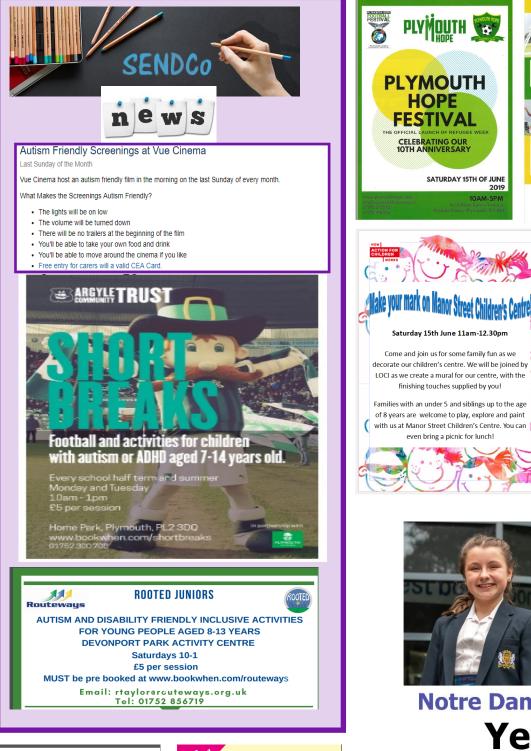


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Notre Dame Plymouth Year 5 **Open Afternoon** Thursday 27th June

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