



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcome the news this week that restrictions will be eased on the 19th July and that at last, we see an end in sight. We are looking forward to planning a 'normal' return to school in September and will be in touch with you before the 6th September to let you know what that will look like. We will be digesting the new guidance and amending risk assessments and protocols so that everything is in place for our return after the summer break.

We await the detailed guidance from our Multi Academy Trust, Plymouth CAST regarding what changes can and should be implemented following the 19th July but, given that there remains only 4 days from the 19th July until the end of term, we have already been advised that the current protocols and procedures regarding the wearing of face coverings in communal areas as well as our bubble system, will remain in place until we break up on Thursday the 22nd July.

Our Year 6 and end of year events, have been planned with these restrictions in place and so will continue as planned. We can then start afresh in September when we look forward to being able to open wide the doors of Holy Cross once again!

Our First Holy Communion children will celebrate their special event at the Cathedral on Saturday 24th July. Please keep them in your prayers at this special time.

We had a lovely day today with children competing in their 'bubble' penalty shoot-out competitions (*see photos overleaf*) and I am sure many of us will be watching the match on Sunday night. Whatever the outcome, we will expect all children in school at the normal time on Monday morning. Mums and dads can of course go back to bed!

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe,

Mrs F Gill
Headteacher



Leavers' Mass
Tuesday 20th July
(Zoom Link will be shared
with parents)
TBC

Leavers' Assembly
Wednesday 21st July
(Zoom Link will be shared
with parents)

**If your child received a trophy at
the end of last year, please return
to Holy Cross as soon as possible.**
Thank you

**End of Year Celebration
Assembly**
Thursday 22nd July 2pm
(Zoom Link will be shared
with parents)

First Holy Communion
Saturday 24th July 2021

Summer Term 2
Tuesday 8th June – Thursday
22nd July

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

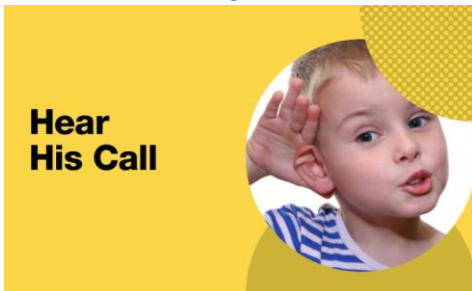


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Our Catholic Life – Hear His Call



Jesus' friends have been working incredibly hard. They have been kept so busy that they haven't even had time to eat. Jesus knows that they need a rest so he takes his disciples away in a boat to a quiet place. The crowds see where they are heading, though, and run to get there first. It isn't a quiet place anymore! Jesus loves these people very much and sees that they are like lost sheep without a shepherd. Instead of resting, Jesus spends time teaching the people and his presence brings them peace.



Let us Pray

Thank you Jesus, for my busy life. Help me to remember that helping people is one of the best ways to be busy. Keep me safe over the holiday and help me to enjoy my rest too.
Amen

Wonders of the Week

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



Julia Donaldson:

Ruby for working incredibly hard in her RWI lessons and having such a positive attitude towards her learning.

Allan Ahlberg: Annika for her amazing writing and her overall attitude to learning.

Roger Hargreaves: Aston for using adjectives to describe in his writing this week.

Eric Carle: Eva for settling so well into Holy Cross and being a wonderful addition to our class.

Michael Morpurgo: Stephen for always coming into school with a smile and a positive attitude towards his learning.

Quentin Blake: Oliwia for always bringing a smile to others and being a caring member of our class.

Roald Dahl: Alvin and Wadih for working so hard to improve their handwriting and presentation and earning their pen licences!

Philip Pullman: Tomas and Jeroen for their great attitude towards completing their science project this week



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Emma Carroll: Holly for her creative and thoughtful Blitz poem.

J K Rowling: Bobby, Joseph and Gabriel for working hard on their coding activities in computing.

Next week we will focus on Perseverance (Fortitude)

Gospel Values Awards: This week we were focussing on CONFIDENCE (Fortitude)



Julia Donaldson: Archie for becoming more confident when speaking in front of the class.

Allan Ahlberg: Cerys for having the confidence to talk about her swimming badges in front of her peers.

Roger Hargreaves: Blake for having the confidence to have a go at a challenge, even when this is difficult.

Eric Carle: Jnr for always ensuring games are played fairly and looking out for his friends.

Michael Morpurgo: Summer for growing in confidence in Maths particularly when using the bus stop method.

Quentin Blake: George for having the confidence to read the story he had written to the class.

Roald Dahl: Teddy for having the confidence to challenge himself to improve his writing and try out varied sentence types.

Philip Pullman: Holly for having the confidence to explore this week's mathematics with Mrs Rhodes at hand to help.

Emma Carroll: Harry for having the confidence to work and play with new friends.

JK Rowling: Nathan for having confidence in his writing, both when writing his final piece of non-fiction work and answering his questions in reading.



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FOOTBALL'S COMING HOME!



The children had a fantastic time participating in the penalty shoot-out today to celebrate England reaching the Euro 2020 finals this weekend. Plenty of enthusiasm was shown and everyone was proud of the shoot-out winners;

- Rory and Katie in Allan Ahlberg
- Rianna and Ash Y5 and Emily W and Adam Y6 in Emma Carroll Class
- Daisy and Roland in Eric Carle

Results are still coming in!!

Whatever the result on Sunday, we will expect the children at the normal time on Monday morning.





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Children in AA recently asked each other questions to find out more about their class community. They thoroughly enjoyed discovering information through interview style questions and loved the opportunity to find out more about one another.



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School Dinner Menu w/b 12th July 2021

Please keep an eye on Class Dojo regarding meal choices next week. This is due to staffing issues affecting the catering providers.

A Heart-felt Plea from Roald Dahl Class



Please help us!

Roald Dahl class have been working on a community project where we would like to help the homeless in our local area. We are asking for donations of blankets and socks that we feel would make life a little bit more comfortable for those in need.

Please send in any donations before the end of term via your child's teacher or to the office and they can then pass them to us in Roald Dahl.

At the end of term we would love to pass our donations onto local charities that support the homeless in Plymouth.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Mooney and Roald Dahl Class.

Social Media Age Restrictions

Information taken from the NSPCC website



For more information visit: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/?order=title>

Social Media - Which social media services are age restricted?

We have had a number of friendship issues arising out of school hours due to how some children are accessing social media sites. Online Safety is a crucial and well-visited element of our computing curriculum and the children are taught what they should do if they ever feel uncomfortable online. Thankfully, the majority of our children can follow the guidance provided in school. Sometimes issues arise due to the young age of our children however who do not have the maturity to cope with the challenges of the online platforms they are using. It is worth remembering that social media platforms do have age restrictions and that these are there to protect young children.




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A Message from CAFOD



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

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Thank you for your support this year

A huge thank you for the fantastic support you have given to some of the poorest communities around the world this academic year.

Despite so many challenges, schools in England and Wales have continued to pray, campaign, fundraise and spread awareness of global justice issues.

In this extraordinary year schools have continued to support some of the world's poorest families. Watch [this film](#) to see the difference you have made. Thank you!

Watch the film

Link to film: [Thank you for your school fundraising! | CAFOD](#)



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Fresh Ice-Cream 20th July after school in the playground!



We have booked an ice cream van to come to the school on the afternoon of the 20th July. The van will be parked in the top playground. Ice creams can be purchased at a special price of £2 after school. There will be a one way queuing system in place with cones to help us to social distance. Please follow the directions so that we can keep everyone safe.

EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM is a campaign from ITV and Veg Power to encourage children to eat more vegetables.

This week we all had the opportunity to taste the peas.
Next week, we will be tasting Broccoli.



Summer Camps at Holy Cross

Don't forget to book your places at the Holy Cross Holiday camps this summer. Places are filling up fast!

End of Year Reports

Reports will be sent home next week. You will be informed of your child's new teacher and class at the same time. We will have a 'moving up' day on the 19th July when the children will have a session with their new teacher. Due to the fact that we are maintaining bubbles and we have mixed age classes, this will be a shorter session than usual and will be held outdoors or in the hall where the two bubbles can be kept separate.



There will be an opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher on Monday 19th July should you have any concerns/issues with the report. Please contact them directly via Class Dojo, to arrange this if needed.

Holiday camps near you

Venue: Holy Cross Catholic Primary School (PL4 9BE)

Dates: 26th July - 27th August - Monday - Friday (5 Weeks)

Times: 9am - 4pm

Price: £14.00 per day

Ages: 5 - 12 years old

Additional info: Enjoy a FUN-filled SUMMER taking part in host of Sports such as: Nerf, Football, Basketball, Tennis, Cricket, Rounders and many more Activities

Please bring
- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing for weather
- Loads of energy!

Taking every precaution

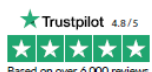
Our Activity Professionals have been undergoing additional training in order to provide the best care to the children under their supervision, specifically the Transcend Level 2 Award in infection Prevention, Mitigation and Management.

Premier Education promise

In the event these courses are cancelled, we will issue a full refund within 7 days.

To book now, visit
premier-education.com/holiday-camps

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Uniform Buying

We haven't yet broken up for the summer but I am sure many of you will be thinking about uniform and shoes for the autumn term. Please refer to our Uniform policy on the website.

[Welcome to Holy Cross Catholic Primary School](#)

Here is some helpful information from CLARKS



WHY NOT BOOK A SLOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR EXPERT FITTING ADVICE?



From their very first crawling shoes to robust and stylish school shoes or shoes for those big weekend adventures, our kids in-store fitting experts will help you find the perfect fit for their growing feet. Plus, we have a personal shopping and fitting service for adults too.

With hundreds of Clarks stores to choose from, skip the queues and book a 15 minute measure and fit appointment at a time that suits you.



Clarks combine a most 200 years of expert shoemaking with everything they know about caring for growing feet to provide unbeatable all-day comfort. Their shoes pass up to 60 tough tests, from flexing leather 500,000 times to pulling laces to destruction. The results?

The best shoes ever, keeping little feet happy all day long.

To book your in-store fitting appointment visit www.clarks.co.uk or contact your local store

IN-STORE FITTING

Avoid the queues and book your in-store measure and fit appointment online now at www.clarks.co.uk

Choose Clarks Plymouth and a time slot that suits you.

Plus, take along your child's most recent pair of Clarks shoes, and they'll check if they're still a good fit.

QUIET IN STORE FITTING?

Shoe shopping can be overwhelming for some children. If you think a shopping experience without crowds, noise and bright lights would be better, then book a Quiet Time appointment.

To do this, contact Clarks Plymouth on 01752 266 447

Opening hours,
Mon to Sat 9.00am-5.30pm
Sunday 10.00am-4.00pm

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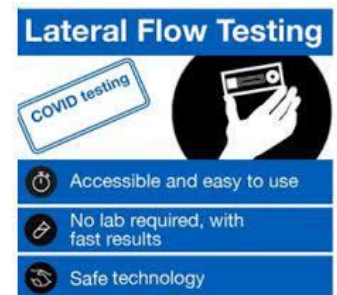
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COVID19 Update

As Lateral Flow Testing continues in schools and homes, could we remind you to report any positive results to covid@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk or to **ring the school office immediately**, with self-isolation taking place until a confirmatory PCR test result is received. Whilst awaiting the result, we would have to send home the affected bubble(s) and report to Plymouth City Council as well as Plymouth CAST.

Any positive PCR tests should also be shared with us along with the date of the positive test.



Please remember that if an individual (child or adult) has any of the COVID19 symptoms a PCR test should be booked straight away. Use this link to book: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. You should not take a **Lateral Flow Device (LFD)** test if you are symptomatic even if LFD testing is part of your routine. **LFD tests are for people who are asymptomatic** – i.e. not showing any symptoms. If you are not sure whether you have one or more of the symptoms then book a **PCR** test.

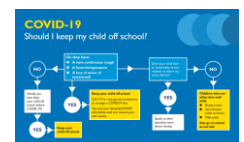
Please note that this applies to anyone in your household as well.

For further information on testing go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

If your child presents with a new continuous cough, a fever or is experiencing any loss of or change in their taste/smell, please do not send them to school.

If your child presents with any of these symptoms while at school, we will call you immediately. You should have your child tested and the whole household should self-isolate until you get the result. Further action will depend on the result of the test.



IMPORTANT: Children/adults who have tested positive and have had COVID 19 should not have LFD test or PCR test within the next 90 days.

Breakfast Club/After School Club

25 places available at Breakfast and After School Club.

Please ring to book places one week in advance. Staff will be allocated to particular bubbles for the week ahead so that we can follow the track and trace guidelines effectively. **We cannot take bookings on the day. Please ring 01752 225420 between 9am and 3.15pm to book a space.**



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