



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been so lovely to have all the children back at school. Understandably the return to school was tricky for some as they had become used to being at home with you but they did extremely well and by the end of the week everyone seemed to have settled back into the routine and structure of the school day. It has been wonderful to see how well they have applied themselves to their learning although there were many tired hands on Monday!

The teachers planned opportunities for the children to learn collaboratively and also ensured that the children had time to re-connect with one another. The children have been so excited to see one another and to once again, be able to play together in the playground – remembering to social distance as much as possible.

You will be aware that the Year 2 and Year 6 SATs have been cancelled but our focus on preparing children for the next step of their education remains a key priority for us; whether it is preparing Year 6 for secondary school or preparing our Foundation Stage children for their move to KS1. Assessment is on-going and teachers are experts at identifying gaps in learning so that they can plan and address those gaps. Please be reassured that the teachers at Holy Cross will be working extremely hard to ensure that your children are ready to move to the next year group in September.

The summer term is traditionally the term for Sports Days, residentials, Class trips/visits, Summer Fayres etc. At the moment these are not yet possible. We hope that if the Prime Minister's road plan 'goes to plan', that we will be able to look at the possibility of these events. It may be however that due to the short notice and the need to plan these so far in advance, prohibits them from happening but we will do what we can.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Stay safe,

Mrs F Gill
Headteacher



02/04/21—18/04/21
Easter Holidays

*Last day of Easter Term is
Thursday 1st April*

**Good Friday 2nd April is a Bank
Holiday**

Summer term 1
*Monday 19th April – Friday 28th
May*

Bank Holiday
3rd May

Half term
*Saturday 29th May - Sunday 6th
June*

First Holy Communion
Sunday 27th June 2021

Summer Term 2
*Monday 7th June – INSET day
Tuesday 8th June – Thursday
22nd July*

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



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Our Catholic Life

Our theme next week is LIVE IN THE LIGHT

Nicodemus is a religious leader who has come secretly to meet with Jesus to explore his teaching. Jesus tells Nicodemus that, just as Moses told the Israelites they must look at the bronze serpent if they were to survive, everyone must look at Jesus if they are to live. Jesus has come to save us all and to bring us new life. He hasn't come to judge us, but to bring light into our lives. Jesus is the light of the world. Instead of darkness, uncertainty and fear, in Jesus we can find trust, hope and goodness.



Let us Pray

*Dear Jesus, thank you for all the mums in the world who show us what love is by the way they care for us.
Amen*

We wish all our mums a very happy Mothers' Day and hope you are all thoroughly spoilt by your children!



TENTEN

'Prayers for Home' ended on 8 March 2021. We are still providing [Assembly Videos for Home](#) and the [Sunday Liturgy for Families](#) on a temporary basis to the end of the Spring term. Please also view our video prayer, [Returning to Life in School](#).



RED MUFTI DAY

Due to the obvious risks, we will not be selling/wearing red noses next Friday. Instead, we will be supporting this wonderful cause by wearing red for the whole day.

We have set up a donations page on Parent Pay so that we don't need to handle cash.

Please do not bring red noses to school.

The link is below!

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=1953>

First Holy Communion

This week our preparation sessions for our First Holy Communion children began. They will be officially enrolled on Wednesday 17th March at 9.15am. Our thanks to Miss Buscombe and Mrs Kirk for all their hard work.



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Wonders of the Week



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

I really enjoyed leading our Celebration Assembly today. It was so lovely to see all our class bubbles. We reflected on our Lenten promises and thought about what we were doing well during Lent but also about what we might need to try harder at. We were inspired by Mahatma Gandhi and his love of others and his self-sacrifice

Julia Donaldson: Treh for settling back into school really well and being a fantastic role model to others. Especially during carpet time.

Allan Ahlberg: Kielan for a fantastic return to school. He has been determined to work hard and show positive learning behaviour.

Roger Hargreaves: Carter for coming back to school with such enthusiasm and always being ready to learn!

Eric Carle: Afnaan for always participating in class discussions and particularly impressing me in Read Write Inc lessons.

Michael Morpurgo: Tristan for returning back to school with such a great attitude and a 'want' to learn.

Quentin Blake: Yosab for coming back to school with a brilliant attitude. You are being a super role model. Keep it up!

Roald Dahl: Emily for coming back to school and settling straight back into her learning with a great attitude and work ethic.

Philip Pullman: Charlie for his brilliant Innovation competition design.

Emma Carroll: Alex B for his fantastic effort to improve his writing, especially his handwriting.

J K Rowling: Annie for her constant hard work, for her beautiful smile and for the help that she constantly gives to others.



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Gospel Values Awards



Julia Donaldson: Amelia for Kindness - for being a kind friend and looking after her classmates when they were a little upset.

Allan Ahlberg: Methuli for Kindness - for always being kind and helpful

Roger Hargreaves: Louis for Kindness - for always considering the needs of others

Eric Carle: Archie for Courage - for coming back to school with such enthusiasm even when he was worried.

Michael Morpurgo: Katie for Courage- for showing courage towards her learning on her return to school this week.

Quentin Blake: Ania for showing Courage – for coming back to school and being a great friend to everyone

Roald Dahl: Pison for Humility - He has come back to school with a sense of humility in that he is asking for help when he needs it, listening very well to others and showing gratitude.

Philip Pullman: Adam for Compassion - for helping adults and his peers in class this week.

Emma Carroll: Tilly for Peace - through her friendships and her actions in class.

JK Rowling: Ahrianne for encompassing and demonstrating **all of our gospel values** each and every day and constantly striving to help others.



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COVID-19 Update

Please visit our website [COVID Risk Assessment for Parents](#) to view a parent friendly version of the risk assessment which will explain what we are doing and why we are doing it that way.

Staggered Drop offs and Pick ups

Please note that no cars should drive down White Friars Lane.

There have been a large number of Year 5/6 children arriving early as they walk to school. To keep them safe, we need to allow them onto the playground which is difficult under these circumstances. Please could we ask that they don't leave home too early.

Communication

Thank you for returning your yellow data sheets so promptly. This has helped to ensure we have the correct contact details for you. If you haven't got around to returning it yet, please try to send it in next week. We appreciate your help with this.

Masks/Face coverings

We would remind parents/carers to wear face coverings when coming into playground at pick up time.



Symptomatic of COVID-19

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, 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.



LFD Testing

The government is now offering this same opportunity to parents of any school age child. Please visit this website for further detail. [lateral-flow-testing-for-households](#)

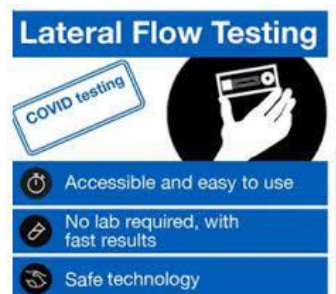
If you have a positive LFT result, please inform the school at this email covid@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk

You and your household will need to self-isolate so you should not send your child(ren) to school.

You should then book a PCR test.

If the PCR test is positive, you should continue to self-isolate as a household for 10 days.

If the result of the PCR test is negative, the children may return to school. Please email us to let us know the result of the PCR.



ChromeBooks/Power Maths

Thank you for returning the chromebooks. Miss Buscombe would like to remind you to return them ASAP if you haven't already sent them in.



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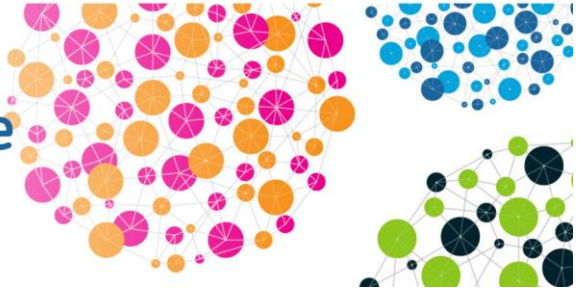
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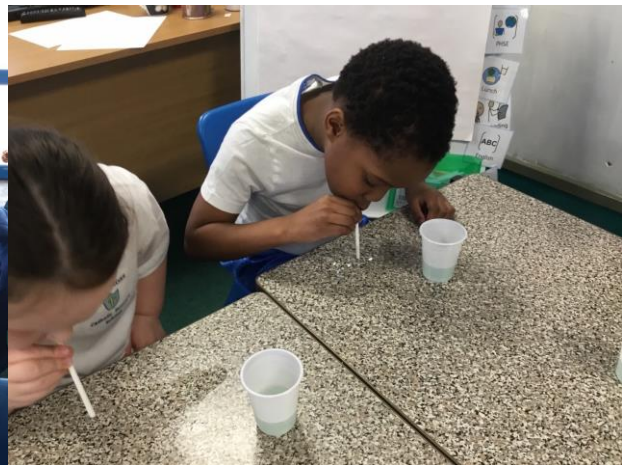
Science Learning:

Eric Carle Class carried out some fun bubble experiments this week. They made bubbles inside bubbles, inside bubbles....

5-14 March
**British
Science
Week
2021**



Miss Heaton



Julia Donaldson Class

This week we have been learning all about growing/planting. We have planted our sunflowers to track over the next few weeks. We have also planted some cress seeds; we have put them in different environments to see how these affect their growing. We have put them in the fridge, on the windowsill, in a cupboard and in a room without much light. We wonder what will happen!



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Breakfast Club/After School Club

20 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.



If you are not in need of the place, please cancel ahead so we can offer the place to someone who needs it. 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.

We will have to bring your child to the pedestrian gate off the playground as we are having some work done in front of the church. This was delayed due to lockdown but hopefully will be sorted soon. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Have a lovely weekend! ☀️