



HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12TH JULY 2019 — NO.34



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed reading your child's report and seeing just how well they have done. Thank you to those of you who have already filled in and returned the parent Questionnaire - already we have 50 returns so please keep them coming in. We very much appreciate any comments too.

When the reports were sent out, we did not have the results of our end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests. They were published on Tuesday and we are delighted with how the children have done. Congratulations to them as well as the teachers and support staff!

	% expected standard	% above expected standard	% expected progress	% above expected progress
Reading	80	37	93	22
Writing	87	13	96	15
Maths	87	57	96	27
GPS	80	63		
Combined	78	13		

These results show very strong teaching as they were even better than our predictions, especially in terms of those who have shown they are achieving above the 'expected' standard.

It has been great to welcome back Mrs Duthie this week, returning from her maternity leave. We said farewell to Mr Kaylor at the end of last week and thanked him for his efforts over his time with us. Similarly, Miss Heaton will be returning next week - also from her maternity leave - and I am sure the children will be pleased to see her. Whilst Miss Goddard will stop for a brief time, she will be employed from the start of the next school year, teaching Eric Carle class three days a week with Miss Heaton teaching the other two days.

The children enjoyed their 'moving up' mornings this week. They have been very mature in showing us they are ready for their next class.

Year 6 have been very busy getting ready for their performance next week as well as enjoying a Leavers Mass for all Year 6 pupils across our Plymouth Catholic schools. They also visited the National Marine Aquarium.

Dick King-Smith and Anthony Horowitz classes had a fantastic 'Immersion day' yesterday where 'Future Makes' came in and delivered creative workshops for them.

Our Summer Fair was a fine example of the impact the PTFA has on our school in helping to raise money. Our Playground Project will be significantly supported through this. Last week we were able to remove our pond that has not been able to be used, and put in a wonderful decking area. This will be used for lots of purposes, including for reflection and prayer. We hope to get a statue of Our Lady soon to go into the grotto space.



The Talent Quest finals took place on Monday and it was great to see so many parents and friends in the audience. Well done to all children who made the finals through their class 'heats.' The judges had a difficult job, as always, but the winners were:

Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1:

First - Harlow & Anne

Runners up: Stefan, Carter, Daria, Julia & Darcie— aka 'The Rockstars'

Key Stage 2:

First: Ahmed

Runners up: Stewart, Sienna & Ashley



We look forward to the discos tonight. Next week will be our last week of the school year! It will be very busy with the Full Governing Body meeting on Monday, the Year 6 performance on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, our whole school final Mass on Thursday afternoon (from 1.30 p.m. and parents are very welcome) and a final Assembly on Friday afternoon. We can all then have a break!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Cotter



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Family Fun Day!

Plymouth CAMHS would like to invite you and your family to come along and enjoy some time together with us at:

Hamoaze House Devonport
On
Saturday 27th July 2019
From 10 am

We have loads of **activities** for all to join in with, **information** stands from **community support** services and even have some very tasty snacks!

We are looking forward to spending time with you all – see you there!



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Community CAMHS Waiting List Summer Drop In

Venue: Meeting Room 1, Local Care Centre, Mount Gould Hospital.

Time/Date: 4pm-5pm on 30th July, 6th August, 13th August,
20th August & 27th August

What?; We know that the summer holidays can be a challenge. If you/your child is on a Community CAMHS Waiting List come along and meet with our Community CAMHS staff to ask any questions you may have while you wait for an appointment, or if you feel like you just need a chat.

NB: Unfortunately we are unable to extend this offer to patients on a waiting list for CAMHS at Reside (Mount Gould Hospital), this is only for patients awaiting initial assessment, short term intervention or CWP with the Community CAMHS Team (Plymouth Bridge House).



For children aged 5 to 18 and
their families

If you're worried about something that's happening in your life, need some space to talk or want some advice on how you're feeling, drop in and have a chat to a trained professional.

You can come on your own or with someone else; you will always be made to feel welcome.

When? Tuesday 6th August 1-3
Friday 23rd August 10-12

Where? Upstairs in The Pig,
Armada Way, PL1 1HX

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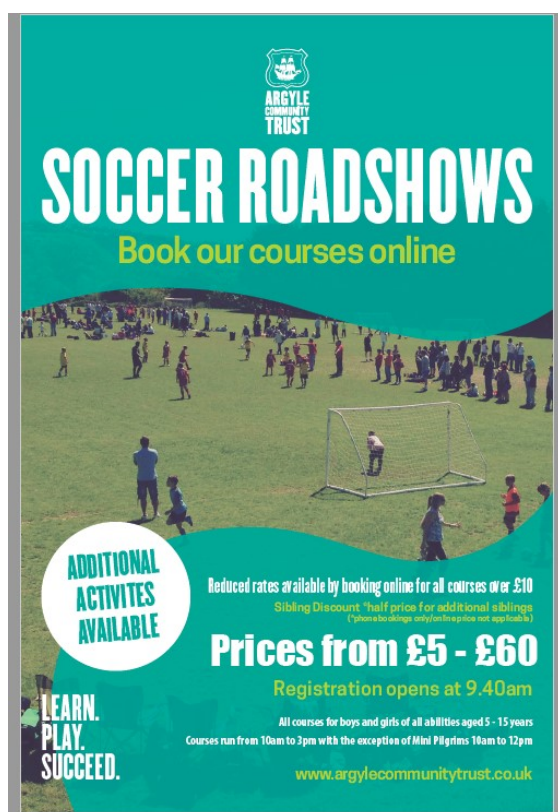


Supporting people to be Safe, Well and at Home



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Why is reading for pleasure important?

- Currently, 1 in 5 children in England cannot read well by the age of 11. We know that reading for fun improves literacy.
- Reading for pleasure is more important to children's academic success than their parents' level of education or socio-economic status.
- Embedding a love of reading in children can help their wellbeing later in life. 19% of adult readers say that reading stops them feeling lonely.
- Studies have found that those who read for pleasure have higher levels of empathy, greater self-esteem and are better able to cope with difficult situations.
- Visit your local library during the summer holidays to sign up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge— the sooner you go, the longer your child will have to read six books!



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The main door to the school office now operates on a 'sensor' system. To gain entry to the office, press the silver pad and then step back from the door to allow it to swing open. Please do not pull the door as this will result in an electronic failure. Many thanks.

It's fun. It's free. It's local!



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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:**

A Good Samaritan



**Dear Jesus, help me to be like the good
Samaritan and help anyone in need, no
matter who they are. Amen.**

**Thank you all for your
support,
as always.**

**Have a lovely
weekend.**

Mr Cotter and staff



Here is a list of some
important dates
confirmed for
this year.

All information is
available on our
website calendar.

**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**

**Monday 22/07/19
Non-pupil day**

**Monday 02/09/19
Non-pupil day**

**Tuesday 03/09/19
New Term starts**

**w/c 21/10/19
Half term**

**Monday 28/10/19
Non-pupil day**

**Tuesday 29/10/19
Back to school**

**Friday 20/12/19
Last day of term**



Are you looking for a fun and educational art
and craft club for your child to attend over
the summer holidays?

At the Creation Station you can drop your
child off for them to enjoy a wealth of fun
hands on creative activities to inspire their
imagination and nurture their creativity and
potential.

Local classes are held in Plympton and are
aimed at children aged 5—11 years.

For more information visit their website at
www.thecreationstation.co.uk

They also cater for birthday parties if you
are looking for something creative.