



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for letting me know so promptly about any positive LFT results - we seem to be seeing a fall in the number of positive cases in the school but of course numbers locally remain high so it is important to remain vigilant. It would appear that for most people, the Omicron variant is not as aggressive as previous strains but that it is more easily transmitted; however it would also appear that COVID 19 is here to stay, in one form or another. We hope that all those who are unwell start to feel better soon.

Meanwhile, learning continues at Holy Cross and this week (and next!) children in Year 5 and 6 have been busy honing their culinary skills through an exciting 'Come Dine with Me' experience. The smells emanating from the Year 5/6 area have been south-watering but funnily enough, there was never any sign of the food!

The school parliament has been busy also and the newly launched Happiness board is underway. They are keen to celebrate what makes us happy whilst at the same time offer their peers an avenue for sharing anything that worries them or makes them feel sad. The children and staff here at Holy Cross really look after each other and show genuine care and concern - it is a wonderful characteristic of our school and shows how we all try to really 'live' our school mission.

This week we were visited by our Trust Education Standards Manager. He spent a morning looking at the wonderful learning from Foundation Stage to Year 6 and was very impressed by the excellent progress being made, particularly in writing. He was also impressed by the children's depth of understanding in science, history and geography so well done to all our children for working so hard and for always trying to 'be the very best they can be! You are all stars!

Mrs F Gill  
Headteacher



**w/beg 17th January**  
Year 6 Netball event  
**19th January**  
LGB Meeting  
**26th January**  
Rowing festival  
**31st January**  
Athletics Final  
**31st Jan - 11th Feb**  
Festival of Literature  
**4th February**  
NSPCC Number Day  
**8th February**  
Safer Internet Day  
**15th and 17th February**  
Parents' Evenings  
**21st Feb - 28th Feb**  
Half Term  
**28th February**  
Non-Pupil Day  
**2nd March**  
Ash Wednesday Mass  
**3rd March**  
World Book Day  
**7th March - 1st April**  
'Eat them to Defeat them'  
**7th - 11th March**  
Careers Week  
**14th-18th March**  
Science Week  
**21st -1st April**  
Big Walk and Wheel Week  
**23rd & 24th March**  
Afternoon Tea for mums  
**23rd March**  
World Maths Day

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



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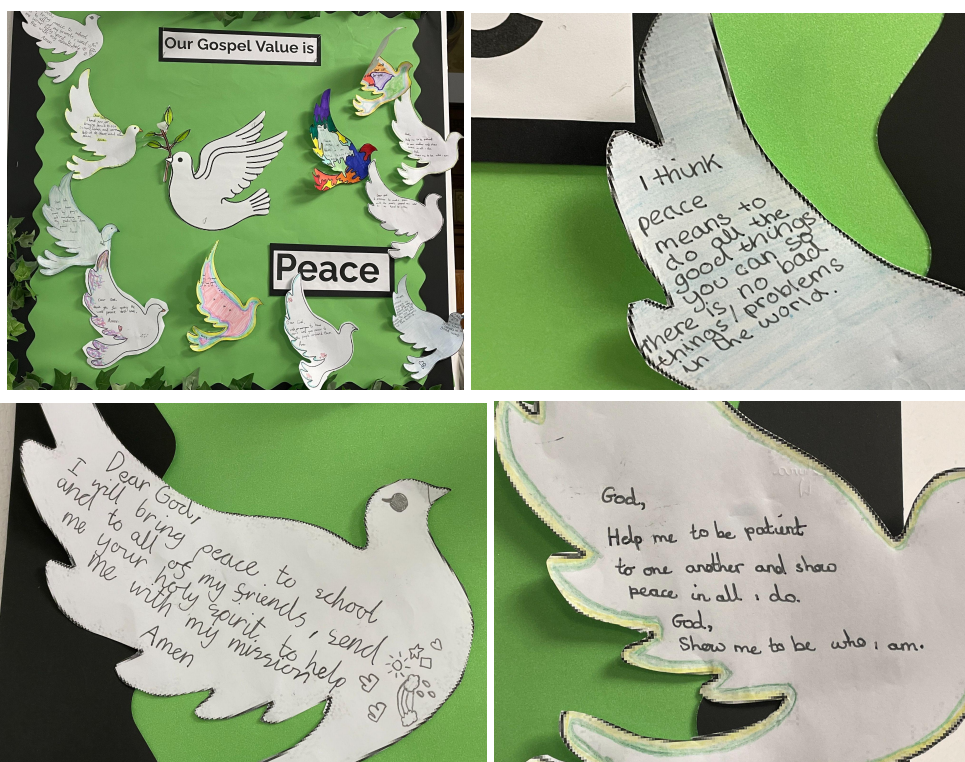
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### *Our Catholic Life*

*In the Gospel this week we hear about a disaster! The wine has run out at the wedding party. Mary knows that Jesus can help and tells the servants to do whatever he tells them. Jesus doesn't do anything straight away but then he asks the servants to fill up some big jars with water. Jesus turns the water into wine. It's not a disaster after all! This miracle is a sign of Jesus' power and love. Jesus brings joy and hope to everyone and invites us all to enjoy the party with him.*

*This week we have focused on the Gospel Value of Peace and encouraged the children to consider its meaning. We have explored the key concepts of inner peace and being content with themselves, peace with one another, peace in the community, peace in the world and peace with God. The children were all given time to consider and compose prayers for peace.*



**Matthew 5:9: 'God blesses those who make peace. They will be called his children.'**



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### *Let us Pray*

Dear Jesus,  
You can work miracles in me if I trust in you.  
**Amen**

## *Wonders of the Week*

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



**Julia Donaldson: Aurora:** for her amazing independent writing!

**Allan Ahlberg: Rory-** for showing amazing confidence with writing. It's great to see you shine, Rory!

**Simon James: Amelia** - For showing wonderful independence with her writing but also building confidence using her sounds.

**Judith Kerr: Matti-** for fantastic focus all week, contributing beautifully to class discussions and trying his very best. Well done!

**David Walliams: Abby** for having a positive attitude to learning and always trying her best.

**Cressida Cowell: Ania-** For persevering with her times tables this week. You have grown in confidence with your 3s and 9s!

**Roald Dahl: Teddy** - for his resilience and contributions in class this week.

**Louis Sachar: Alvin's** enthusiasm and hard work during our story mapping has been a great example to everyone in Louis Sachar.

**Emma Carroll: - Pison** - for putting extra effort in his Maths all week, pushing himself to be better each day.

**Malorie Blackman: Laura** - for her continued hard work in all lessons and her wonderful attitude towards everything that she does.



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**Gospel Values Awards:** This week we have all been trying to show **peace**.

**Julia Donaldson: Nico** - for being calm and peaceful on the carpet during group time.

**Allan Ahlberg: Kitty** - for playing peacefully and calmly with her friends in the playground.  
(Noticed by a Gospel Guardian)

**Simon James: Kane** - for always wanting to play with his friends in a peaceful manner.

**Judith Kerr: Loveday** - for being recognised by her peers for playing calmly and peacefully in the playground and encouraging others to do so.

**David Walliams: Toby** for working so peacefully and with such focus in maths and writing this week.

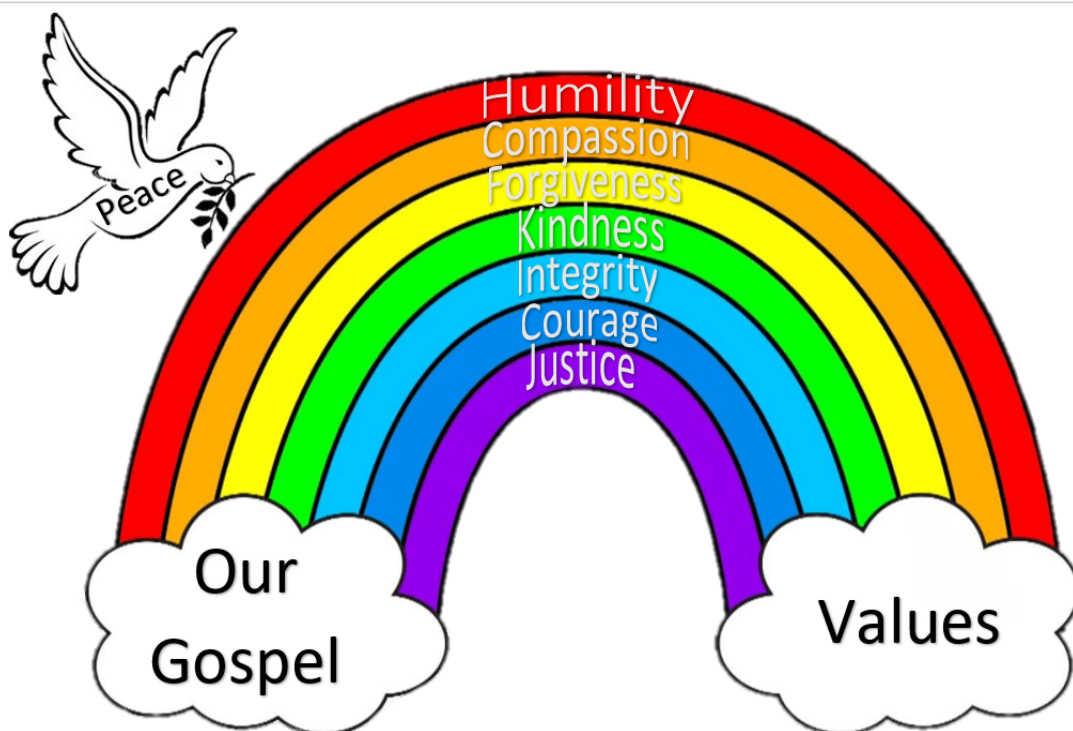
**Cressida Cowell: Awaab** - For always promoting peace in our school and showing this through his actions everyday.

**Roald Dahl: Meleia** - for the peaceful way she goes about her day, in and out of class.

**Louis Sachar: Rianna** - for her calmness and considerate support of others in Louis Sachar

**Emma Carroll: Tillie** - For her calming nature in the class, helping others to work peacefully.

**Malorie Blackman: Sienna** - for being an active leader in her science investigation group, helping with tricky situations and finding solutions to ensure her group worked well together in a peaceful and productive way.







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Julia Donaldson:	86%
Allan Ahlberg:	95%
Simon James:	92%
Judith Kerr:	98%
David Walliams: :	92%
Cressida Cowell:	78%
Roald Dahl:	89%
Louis Sachar:	76%
Emma Carroll:	97%
Malorie Blackman:	97%



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## School Parliament



The School Parliament have given up their time this week to make 'feelings boxes' for their class. These will give children another way to share, good or bad, how they are feeling.





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## Hot Seating!

Year 3 and 4 have been '**hot seating**' this week! We take on the role of characters in a text and ask them questions! Our story is called 'Staying out' and we are learning to create tension and suspense in our writing.



## Allan Ahlberg

In RE this week, we have been learning about Jesus at the Temple and created candles to show that Jesus is the light of the world.







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### 'Come dine with me' - The Louis Sachar way!

This week the children of Louis Sachar have planned a 'delicious' 3-Course meal using 3 main ingredients. They also researched where these foods come from and how they get from the 'farm to our fork'. They created digital recipes for others to be inspired and follow.

Wednesday saw us create the meals. We learnt about hygiene, how to prepare ingredients safely and cook our meals. **They were delicious and the scores from our tasters certainly agreed with this too.** Well done everyone; you're all winners!







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## National Careers Week 2022

**NCW**

**7th to the 12th of March 2022**

We will be teaching our children about different careers open to them in their future! We are looking for parents and friends to talk to the children about their jobs. If you think this is something you would be interested in or would like to find out more, please contact Mrs King on dojo or email: [mrs.king@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:mrs.king@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk)



**Would your child like to play in their very own rock band?**

Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life.

Watch this short video to see what learning in a band could do for your child's well-being:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/watch-video/>



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### 19<sup>th</sup> Plymouth (Emmanuel Church)

Beavers and Cubs are back meeting at Emmanuel Church hall every Friday during the school term. Come down and join the fun!

#### BEAVERS

For Boys and Girls aged 6 - 8 years old  
Meet during school term every Friday 6.00 - 7.15pm  
Contact Lara for further information; Mobile 07767 131267  
Email - [19thplymouthbeavers@gmail.com](mailto:19thplymouthbeavers@gmail.com)

#### cubs

For Boys and Girls aged 8 - 10.5 years old  
Meet during school term every Friday 7.00 - 8.15pm  
Contact Joe for further information; Mobile 07966 552674  
Email - [19thplymouthcubs@gmail.com](mailto:19thplymouthcubs@gmail.com)

### Scouts



## COVID19 Information

### Following updated Government guidance published 5th January 2022

From 14 December 2021, adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result.

Daily testing of close contacts applies to all contacts who are:

- fully vaccinated adults – people who have had 2 doses of an approved vaccine
- all children and young people aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccination status
- people who are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons
- people taking part, or have taken part, in an approved clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine

Children under 5 years are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing of close contacts.

In primary schools, we recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and adults (including visitors) when moving around in corridors and communal areas. Health advice continues to be that children in primary schools should not be asked to wear face coverings.



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### Asymptomatic testing

Testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within schools. Staff are strongly encouraged to test twice weekly at home.

There is no need for primary age pupils (those in year 6 and below) to regularly test, unless they have been identified as a contact for someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 and therefore advised to take lateral flow tests every day for 7 days.

### Update 6th January 2022

### Confirmatory PCR tests to be temporarily suspended for positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

### Update 14th January 2022

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.



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### Breakfast Club/After School Club



30 places available at Breakfast and After School Club.

Please ring or email the office at [holy.cross.rc.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:holy.cross.rc.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk) to book places one week in advance.

We cannot take bookings on the day.

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.**