



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Our Catholic Life

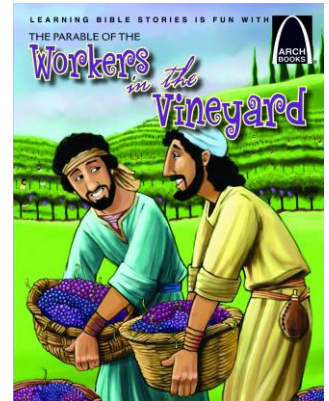
#### Our theme next week is **God is Generous**

The owner of a vineyard goes out early in the morning and hires some workers who agree their wage. During the day, the owner goes out to the marketplace at different times and hires more workers. At the end of the day, he pays the workers all the same amount. The workers who were hired early in the morning complain that this is unfair as they have received the same amount as workers who have only worked for the last hour of the day. The owner's response is that he can be as generous as he likes – and no one can complain – because they agreed it was a fair wage when they started work.



#### *Let us Pray*

Dear Jesus, sometimes I think that things are unfair. From now on I will try to be generous and not to complain. Help me to be glad for others when they are rewarded. Amen



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your continuing support this week with drop offs and pick ups. Everyone now seems clear with where and when to arrive and leave although we have had increasing numbers of children arriving late. We appreciate the challenges of the school's location in terms of traffic and parking but would advise you to leave home earlier and to then wait in your cars until your allocated time. We have noted many children and parents sitting reading in their cars whilst waiting which is great! So far, we have been extremely lucky weather-wise but on rainy days, we will still need to keep to those timings. It is important, with the increased infection rate across the city, that we maintain the integrity of our bubbles so that if we do have a confirmed case of COVID-19, we will know exactly which bubbles to send home in order to contain the virus.

Attached to this week's newsletter is a helpful flowchart from Plymouth City Council which may clear up any ambiguity in the letter I sent out on behalf of Judith Harwood last week.

Please note that if your child develops **any** of the three main symptoms at home or at school, they need to be tested before returning to school. In the case of a bubble being sent home because of contact with a confirmed case, a negative result will not be conclusive and they will need to stay home for the remainder of the 14 days.

With rising numbers of children needing tests and awaiting results, but otherwise well in themselves, it is important that they access their home learning while not attending school. Since the beginning of term, the teachers have been ensuring that learning done at school is also shared via Google Classroom so please ensure that your child engages with this learning and submits their assignments for feedback. Please refer to the Remote Learning section of the newsletter for further information.

Thank you again for all your support in these challenging times.

Stay safe,

**Mrs F Gill**

**Headteacher**



**Friday 23/10/20**

Last day of term

**26/10/20—30/10/20**

Half Term

**Monday 2/11/20**

Term recommences

**Friday 18/12/20**

Last day of term

**Monday 4/1/21**

Non-pupil day

**Tuesday 5/1/21**

Spring term begins

**Friday 12/02/21**

Last day of term

**15/02/21—19/02/21**

Half Term

**Monday 22/02/21**

Non-pupil day

**Tuesday 23/02/21**

Term recommences

**02/04/21—18/04/21**

Easter Holidays



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### ***Nasal Flu Spray – Just a reminder as this was emailed during the summer holiday.***

Dear Parents/guardians,

Your child is due to be in Reception to Year 6 from September 2020, is eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.

It is anticipated that this will be delivered in schools between October 2020 to December 2020, this will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time.

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now.

Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the e-consent form stating "no" consent. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 Email: [vcl.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.immunisations@nhs.net)

School Age Immunisations Team  
Virgin Care Services Limited

Telephone: 0300 247 0082

e: [VCL.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:VCL.immunisations@nhs.net)

w: [www.virgincare.co.uk](http://www.virgincare.co.uk)

Registered Office: Virgincare Service Ltd, 6600 Daresbury Business Park, Cheshire, WA4 4GE

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*Please find the Administration of Medicines form. It is important to complete the top section and email to [holy.cross.rc.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:holy.cross.rc.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk) if your child is on prescribed medication.*

*If your child is unwell, please ring and let us know by 9.1 0am that day. Please tell us what their symptoms are and whether you are requesting a COVID test. This helps us to monitor the situation as a school.*

*Please remember to book your place for **Breakfast Club/After School Club** via [holy.cross.rc.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk](http://holy.cross.rc.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk) one week in advance.*



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### GOVERNOR OF THE MONTH

#### Lisa Martin (Chair of Governors)

It's been a really busy start to term, and I hope everyone is now feeling much more settled back into the school routine. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you all a bit about what the Governors here at Holy Cross do!

Governing Bodies are put in place to create a set of people who are not employed by the school, and whom are not all parents, who can support and challenge the Headteacher and senior leaders to ensure that Holy Cross is the absolute best school it can be. Governors look at lots of areas across the school, from Health and Safety and the Curriculum, to SEND and Catholic Life. All of the Governors will be introducing themselves to you over the course of this year, so you'll know who we are, and we are on the website too.

I am a mum to three boys, two are in KS2 at Holy Cross and my youngest has just started at nursery. We lived overseas for eight years when the kids were younger, returned to the UK and settled in Plymouth. We didn't know a soul when we arrived in 2015 and the Holy Cross family was so friendly and welcoming to us, I want to continue to do my bit to ensure all of our parents feel supported by this school community. Have a wonderful weekend everyone!



### REMOTE LEARNING

To ensure children do not miss out on their learning whilst self-isolating or awaiting tests or test results, the teachers are providing home learning for their classes which *aligns as closely as is possible with the learning taking place in school*. This is uploaded weekly to Google Classroom for all year groups from Y1 to Year 6.



Every Friday after school, the foundation team will be posting a weekly overview of home learning onto portfolios for the following week for children in **Julia Donaldson** class.

This is only for the children who are not in school as it has been adapted from the learning that will be happening in school that week.

Children in KS1 (Years 1 and 2) **Allan Ahlberg, Roger Hargreaves and Eric Carle**, will find their home learning in the **KS1 Remote Learning Classroom** especially set up for children learning from home. Here you will find a weekly overview and the assignments and teaching materials for all subjects taught that week. The work they complete must then be submitted via Google Classroom or uploaded to the Class Dojo portfolio. The teachers will then look at the work and provide feedback.

Children in KS2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6) should access their own Google Classroom where they will find their home learning, again uploaded weekly by their teachers. You will find this under 'Classwork'. Teachers also upload weekly 'homework' tasks which is of course for all children to complete.

If you have any questions, please message your child's teacher and they will help you. In order to look after the well-being of our staff, we would ask you not to message them after 5pm. Also, please keep in mind that the teachers are all in class teaching during the day. If your child completes an assignment, it will be picked up that day but perhaps, not until after school. Please bear with us as we try to adapt to this blended approach to learning.

**Have a lovely weekend!** ☀️