



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we welcomed our bubbles back and the children quickly settled back into the routines of learning and playing together. They engaged well with their teachers whilst self-isolating, joining the live teaching sessions and submitting their work through Google Classroom and we are very proud of them!

I continue to work in partnership with Public Health England and Plymouth City Council and whilst I appreciate that it is disruptive to us all, we have been following national standards, as set out by the DfE and PHE in isolating cases and contacts of cases.

Despite speculation in the media, the national guidance within primary school settings is currently to send whole bubbles home when a confirmed case is identified. This is to prevent further transmission, avoid further illness to children and minimise disruption to the school.

We recognise that self-isolation is a challenge for the children involved, for the families and the whole school community and I want to assure you that the welfare of the children has been and continues to be the most important consideration in our partnership discussions.

Across Devon, cases continue to rise and it is important to be vigilant about symptoms. Whilst the three main COVID symptoms are still top of the list, other milder 'cold-like' symptoms seem to be common in cases of this new Delta variant. We would ask therefore that you monitor your children carefully and err on the side of caution, having them tested, should they appear to be unwell.

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

*Due to restrictions still in place we
are sadly unable to invite parents to
the end of term events. We know
that you will be as disappointed as
we are, that 'normality' has not
returned in time to celebrate this
important milestone for our Year 6
children.
There will be a letter to Year 6 next
week.*

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



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Our Catholic Life – Everyone Plays a Part

Jesus has been by the Sea of Galilee teaching and healing them. Now Jesus travels to Nazareth, the town where he grew up. As it is the Sabbath, Jesus goes to the synagogue and begins to teach the people there. The people can't believe it. They think they know Jesus. They just can't accept that this man, whom they knew as a small boy, can tell them anything worth listening to. The people's lack of faith means that they can't enjoy the healing that Jesus would have given the



Let us Pray

Dear Jesus, Sometimes I think people don't like me. Jesus, you know how that feels. Help me to remember that I am loved. Thank you for always being with me. Help me to be a prophet, sharing God's message of love with everyone I meet.
Amen

Wonders of the Week

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



Julia Donaldson:

Oscar B for trying really hard with joining during teaching time.

Allan Ahlberg: **Katie** for her fantastic fraction work and attitude to learning.

Roger Hargreaves: **Tristan** for working hard to improve his arithmetic skills.

Eric Carle: **Tory** for working hard to produce a fantastic piece of writing. We're so proud of you!

Michael Morpurgo: **Eddie** for having such a positive attitude towards his learning and particularly his tests.

Quentin Blake: **Poppy** for working hard this week and showing real perseverance with her learning

Roald Dahl: **Marcus** for working really hard since his return to school and being a great listener!

Philip Pullman: **Talulla** for displaying a great attitude towards her learning and trying her best in every situation



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Emma Carroll: Karolina for her creative PSHE work which showed a great understanding and knowledge of our topic. Plus she has worked really hard to try and learn more countries in our class geography quiz!

J K Rowling: Jana for her continued hard work in class and her kindness and understanding of others.

Next week we will focus on Confidence (Fortitude)



Gospel Values Awards: This week we were focussing on JUSTICE (Friendliness)

Julia Donaldson: Amelia for always looking out for her friends.

Allan Ahlberg: Ismail for showing understanding to his friends and always being fair and kind.

Roger Hargreaves: Blake for being a good friend to everyone in our class. His kindness and consideration for others is such a gift.

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

Michael Morpurgo: Toby for celebrating the successes of his friends and peers as much as he would his own.

Quentin Blake: Luwan for always looking out for everyone in class and showing kindness and respect to everyone he meets.

Roald Dahl: Jaisal for being a good friend to have - he is always fair, considerate, honest and helpful.

Philip Pullman: Stewart for showing great sportsmanship in football at break and lunch.

Emma Carroll: Atene for treating everyone equally and listening to the opinions of all in her role as school councillor.

JK Rowling: Mica for her kindness towards all, her support of her friends and her belief in fairness towards everyone.



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Time to say Goodbye and THANK YOU

It is that time of the year when sadly it is time to wave goodbye to some of our staff members here at Holy Cross. They have worked extremely hard and demonstrated commitment, dedication and genuine love for all the children in their care during their time at Holy Cross, supporting the children not just with their learning and making sure that each child makes good progress but also with their well-being during a particularly challenging time for all of us. They move on to the next stage of their life journey and careers and we wish them the very best of luck. Our prayers go with each one of them.

We will be welcoming back **Miss Bailey** and **Mrs Chantler** on the 19th July and **Mrs Shaw** will return in September. We also welcome **Mrs Thompson** and **Mr Bromhead** who are joining us in September from two other Plymouth CAST schools. There is still one teaching vacancy which we are working to fill by the end of term. Once the staffing is finalised, you will be informed of which teacher will be teaching your child in the Autumn term.

Miss Hannaford

Miss Ormston

Mr Shaw

Miss North

Mrs Phillips

Miss Warren



Due to the restrictions currently still in place, we are unable to have a traditional school sports day this year. Instead each class will have a bubble-based 'sports day' at the MUGA. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to watch but the teachers will take plenty of photographs which they will share on Class Dojo. The children will also have an ice-pop as a special treat. Please let the class teacher know via Class Dojo if you **do not** want your child to have an ice-pop.

Fresh Ice-Cream

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 carrots. Next week, we will be tasting peas.



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Go Wild for reading with the Summer Reading Challenge!


Our librarians were sorry not to be able to visit schools in person this year to talk about the Challenge, but they've made [this extra special video](#) to explain everything to our pupils.



For this year's Challenge, The Reading Agency has partnered with WWF to create 'Wild World Heroes', which will inspire children to take action for nature and the environment. Join the Wild World Heroes for an exciting adventure in the fictional town of 'Wilderville'. Through reading books, collecting rewards and learning all about our planet, Challenge participants will help the Heroes make Wilderville a greener place to live.

The Challenge is the perfect summer activity to build young readers' skills and confidence during the long break from school. It is available in all Plymouth libraries from 1 July until 11 September.


Children can also take part online through the official [digital Challenge platform](#)



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We are so delighted to announce that Premier Sports will be running **Summer Holiday Camps at Holy Cross** this year!

Places will be offered to Holy Cross children and other children from Plymouth CAST schools in the first instance.

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.

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Message from Plymouth High School for Girls

Practice 11+ tests have been re-scheduled.

This was scheduled to take place on Saturday 26th June but given the PM's announcement on Monday 14th June, it is felt this can no longer take place safely. The new date is the 20th July.



PLYMOUTH ARGYLE SUMMER ROAD SHOWS

EARLYBIRD20

Please find the attached link to find out what is happening across the Region:

<https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/soccer-roadshows/in-plymouth/>

If you have any questions about any of these please do let us know.

We look forward to hopefully seeing you in the summer!

PLYMOUTH				
NO.	VENUE	THEME	COST	DATE
PS	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	Argyle Football Roadshow	£18	26th July, 2nd Aug, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
PS	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	Strikers & Goalkeepers	£18	27th July, 3rd Aug, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
PS	Newton Ferrers Primary School	Football Roadshow	£18	27th July, 3rd Aug, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
PS	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	Multi-sports day	£18	28th July, 4th Aug, 11th, 18th, 25th, 1st Sep
PS	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	Mini Kickers (10am-11am)	£5	28th July, 4th Aug, 11th, 18th, 25th, 1st Sep
PS	Newton Ferrers Primary School	Multi-sports day	£18	28th July, 11th Aug, 25th
PS	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	LTPD Intense Day	£10	29th July, 12th Aug, 26th
PS	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	Argyle Football Roadshow	£18	30th July, 6th Aug, 13th, 20th, 27th, 3rd Sep
PS	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	Argyle Girls Only Roadshow	£18	30th July, 6th Aug, 13th, 20th, 27th, 3rd Sep
PS	Plympton Academy	Strikers & Goalkeepers	£18	30th July, 13th Aug, 27th
PS	Wembury Primary	Argyle Football Roadshow	£18	27th Jul
PS	Wembury Primary	Multi-sports day	£18	28th Jul
PS	Ivybridge Community College	Strikers & Goalkeepers	£18	6th Aug, 20th, 3rd Sep
PS	Ivybridge Community College	Girls Only Roadshow	£18	6th Aug, 20th, 3rd Sep



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Have your say on proposals
for a new **West End Health and
Wellbeing Centre** in Plymouth

Complete our quick survey - www.DevonCCG.nhs.uk/plymouth-centre

Have your say on NHS and council proposal for a new health and wellbeing centre in Plymouth

Plymouth City Council and the local NHS are working on plans for a new, purpose-built health, care and wellbeing centre in the West End of Plymouth, in the vicinity of Colin Campbell Court.

*The West End Health and Wellbeing Centre would include a range of services – **which could include outpatient services accessible to people across the city** - all under one roof. The new building would not only provide a much-needed modern health and wellbeing facility, it would also help kick-start the regeneration of the area.*

A local engagement programme began at the end of May and continues to 4 July, with project partners keen to hear from local people about the services and facilities they think could go in the building. To have YOUR say, fill in a short survey [here](#) [link - [West End Health and Wellbeing Centre project – feedback survey \(office.com\)](#)].

For more information, click [here](#) [link - [West End Health and Wellbeing Centre project, Plymouth - Devon CCG](#)]



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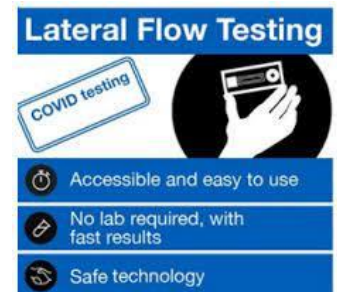
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COVID19 Update

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.

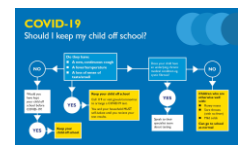
Please note that this applies to anyone in your household as well.

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