



HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

11TH OCTOBER 2019 — NO.5



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

It has been a hectic week as last Friday we had a visit from Neil Maslen, our Education Standards Manager from CAST and on Tuesday we supported the interview process for a new Director of Education for CAST by having two of the candidates assess our school. My thanks to all the staff and the children for sharing where we are. Both visits were positive experiences and highlighted many strengths - our SEN provision and inclusion, our Oracy work, the reading culture, the way the pupils are cared for and challenged, attitudes to learning and our commitment. Like most schools, our area to continue working on is to ensure our foundation subject curriculum is explicit and progressive.

Thank you for your contributions to CAFOD last week. The Non-Uniform Day raised over £300. The children continue to challenge on how we can care for our common home. The messages on the effect of plastics are also being shared.

Some children from Year 6 attended a Bronze Ambassador Conference this week and Year 5 enjoyed some First Aid training.

I will shortly be sending out a 'Building our Community' response where I would like to promote how we as a school can support our community and how the community can support us. The best starting place will be to you as our parents and carers, so please share your thoughts, talents and needs. A good example is that we would like to expand our music and singing provision across the school but we have limited musicians. I am sure we have wonderful musical talent amongst our parents!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Cotter
Headteacher

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:

THANK YOU!

The
RIGHT word, in the
RIGHT place
at the **RIGHT**
time, can soothe,
calm and **heal**.

Thank you, Jesus, for everything you have given me. Help me to be kind to people who are not welcomed by everyone just because they are different. Amen.



Holy Cross is taking action on single use plastics!
Let's stop polluting the environment and protect our wildlife.

PLASTIC FREE SCHOOL DAY

Wednesday 16th October 2019

Please support us by...
using refillable water bottles
providing plastics free lunch and snacks

Buy a water bottle for £1
Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October
School Entrance (next to the office)
8:30am - 8:50am



Plastic Free Day
Hargreaves and Walliams
classes are taking part in
an exciting plastic art project
on Wednesday!

Please could you send in
clean:
plastic straws,
fruit netting,
bottle tops,
small yogurt pots,
plastic string / rope
bubble wrap



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ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS. **SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION** **DEADLINE 31st October**

For all parents of pupils in year 6: Please remember that you have to submit your child's secondary school preferences by no later than 31st October.

Preferences are to be submitted online via the Plymouth City Council website

If you are having difficulty with the application process, please contact rachel@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk or call into the school office.



Holy Family Church at Beacon Park hold a Youth Club every Thursday from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. The club is open to those in Year 6 and above. It is free entry and you receive 50p to spend in the tuck shop!

CATERed is the schools led local authority trading cooperative jointly owned by your child's school and the Council.

Our aim and objective is to buy fresh, seasonal, locally sourced produce and ingredients and to cook them from scratch each day in your child's school to produce great tasting, freshly prepared hot food which meets and exceeds the Governments Standards for School Food so that every child, regardless of the school they attend, gets the right food and nutrients to grow and learn.

To ensure we're doing the very best, we need your help & for you to tell us what you think! Please click on the link below.

[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KDNPHQH)

KDNPHQH

The survey should take no more than a few minutes to complete and your views are very important. **The survey will close on Friday 25 October 2019.**

The survey link will also be posted across our social media Twitter and Facebook so if you prefer you can complete in this way: -



facebook.com/plymouthcatered



[@cateredplymouth](https://twitter.com/cateredplymouth)



Our next Disco is booked for **Friday 15th November**. Tickets will be on sale in the school office from Tuesday 29th October .

Would you like to help out at the disco?

If you are able to help out please put your name down on the list in the office or, alternatively let Justine know. All volunteers need to have a DBS check so if you are new to volunteering at the school, please see Mrs Leach who will be able to help you.

This Christmas the PTFA have decided to do a Christmas card project. You should have by now received a plastic wallet containing all the information needed to buy not just Christmas cards, but also those extra special keepsake gifts that will truly showcase your child's artwork.

All artwork and orders MUST be received by the school before WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER, this is essential so that the manufacturers have time to create your items in good time for Christmas.

With wet weather forecast for this weekend, it may be the perfect opportunity for your child to get creative!

We will also soon be looking for volunteers to help us sell cakes, refreshments and raffle tickets at the Christmas productions next term.

Do you own a business or work for any company that could provide a raffle prize for our Christmas raffle?just let Justine know on hc.ptfa@gmail.com

Don't forget to see our Facebook page Friends of Holy Cross Plymouth.



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★ Stars of the Week ★

JD (FS): _____
SJ (Y1): **Methuli**
EC (Y 1/2): **Giovanna**
RH (Y2): **Ben**
RD (Y3): **Ruslan**
DW (Y3/4): **Ashleigh**
MM (Y4): **Jeroen**
AH (Y5): **Daragh**
EMC (Y5): **Aiden**
RM (Y6): **Adam**



**Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME**

EACH WEEK, WE RECOGNISE AND
REWARD THOSE WITH THE HIGHEST
PERCENTAGE FOR ATTENDANCE
AND PUNCTUALITY. THIS WEEK WE
SAY WELL DONE TO:

Eric Carle (Y1/2)
Emma Carroll (Y5)

Our on time Heroes

HOUSE POINTS

1ST— **St Jude**
2ND— **St Andrew**
3RD— **St Teresa**
4TH— **St Julie**

Premier Holiday Camps.

Send your kids on an adventure this holiday with fun and exciting activities for 4-12 year olds!

Our holiday camps offer a full range of activities to entertain your kids whatever their interests. We provide a safe, friendly and fun environment to keep the kids entertained all day long!

Visit premier-education.com/holidaycamps or call 01953 499 040 to book TODAY!

The UK's No.1 provider of activities for primary schools.

Plymouth
Plymouth Preparatory Primary School
PK3 3AB
Multi-Activity Camp
21st Oct - 25th Oct
28th Oct - 1st Nov

Plymouth
Plymouth Preparatory Primary School
PK3 3AB
Multi-Activity Camp
22nd Oct - 25th Oct

Totnes
Totnes Primary School
TQ9 6AB
Multi-Activity Camp
22nd Oct - 25th Oct

£20.00 Standard Day
9:00am - 3:30pm
Ages 4 - 12

£16.00 Standard Day
9:00am - 4:00pm
Ages 4 - 12

£16.00 Standard Day
9:00am - 4:00pm
Ages 4 - 12

£25.00 Extended Day
8:00am - 5:30pm
Ages 4 - 12

£9.00 Half Day
9:00am - 1:00pm
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Plenty of choice on our Holiday Camps...

Our camps allow children to try a little bit of everything as well as developing their confidence and teamwork skills. Fun activities include ball games, dance, gymnastics, art and much, much more!

Children will be encouraged to work as a team, develop new skills and have the opportunity for recognition through certificates and awards presented at the end of the camp.

Good to Know:
Our Activity Professionals are fully insured and DBS checked. They all hold an Emergency First Aid certification.

15% OFF
When you book online or by phone, you'll receive a 15% discount on all camps.

Book your place today
Call 01953 499 040

Plymouth Argyle Football Club



Please remember that your
ParentPay Account
MUST NOT go into debit.

You must ensure that you
always have sufficient monies
within your account at all times. If
you are experiencing difficulties,
please contact the office.

Our Holiday Camps near you...

PLYMOUTH Plymouth Preparatory Primary School PK3 3AB Multi-Activity Camp 21st Oct - 25th Oct 28th Oct - 1st Nov	PLYMOUTH Plymouth Preparatory Primary School PK3 3AB Multi-Activity Camp 22nd Oct - 25th Oct	TOTNES Totnes Primary School TQ9 6AB Multi-Activity Camp 22nd Oct - 25th Oct
£20.00 Standard Day 9:00am - 3:30pm Ages 4 - 12	£16.00 Standard Day 9:00am - 4:00pm Ages 4 - 12	£16.00 Standard Day 9:00am - 4:00pm Ages 4 - 12
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Plymouth Argyle Football Club



Booking is now live for Plymouth Argyle's after school football and tag rugby clubs for next term. To book onto any of the courses simply go to: <https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/online/after-school-clubs/>

Here is a list of some
important dates
confirmed for this year.
All information is
available on our website
calendar.



w/c 21/10/19
Half term

Monday 28/10/19
Non-pupil day

Tuesday 29/10/19
Back to school

Thursday 07/11/19
**Whole School
Remembrance Mass**

Tuesday 12/11/19
**Tempest Photography
(Individuals & siblings)**

Friday 15/11/19
School Discos

Thursday 21/11/19
Whole School Mass

Thursday 05/12/19
Whole School Mass

**Tuesday 10/12/19 &
Wednesday 11/12/19**
**Foundation Stage
Nativity @ 1.45pm**

**Tuesday 17/12/19 &
Wednesday 18/12/19**
**Christmas Production
@ 6.30pm**

Friday 20/12/19
Last day of term

Monday 06/01/20
Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 07/01/20
Back to School



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The Real Ideas Organisation presents

FUTURE MAKE

THE CLUB FOR LITTLE HANDS WITH BIG FUTURES

RIO presents Future Make. Our series of groundbreaking programmes and projects designed for 7-11 year olds. As part of the Illuminate Light Festival programme of events we are running holiday clubs where participants get a taste of the future, flying drones, designing tech, creating digital immersive experiences and engineering extreme structures. There will be plenty of opportunity to learn new skills, try out new ideas and above all have an awesome time!

We live in the age of the fourth industrial revolution. The tools, resources and technology available to us to make a better world are unprecedented - and Future Make is designed to give your child a taste of that future, to inspire them as a designer, maker, creator and engineer.

"It's been great. She's tried new things every week and it's a chance to do things she doesn't get time to do at school. The access to specialists has been fantastic." Parent of Future Maker

"It makes me think differently and be resourceful when I am trying to fix things." Kaidon, Future Maker

For more information and to book visit the website:
realideas.org/futuremake
 Contact us:
info@realideas.org / 0330 223 4158

illuminate

RIO
Real Ideas Organisation

ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND

WORKSHOPS

EXTREME ENGINEERS
You will be an engineer, designing and building your own unique structures and landscapes of the future.

REMOTE OPERATORS Drones, RC Cars, Buggies!
What does it take to operate exciting remote technologies around brave new worlds? Involves plenty of drone flying and extreme fun!

IMMERSIVE MEDIA CREATORS
Participants will become light designers, creating unique immersive experiences through simple animation, EL wire sculpture and projection.

IDEAS DESIGNERS
You will be a designer in the 'ideas factory', finding out about the creative potential of technology for good - and coming up with your own exciting ideas for the future.

FUTURE ME
Participants will apply all they have learnt and explored in previous Future Make activity and take on a challenge designed exclusively for them. This workshop is dependent on having attended at least one other holiday club workshop or having been part of our after school clubs.

"Future Make brings out children's talent and interest into action. It allows them to be familiar with STEM processes and increase their science capital." Mrs Chivers, Devonport School

UPCOMING DATES AND HOW TO BOOK

UPCOMING DATES FOR OCTOBER 2019 HALF TERM
 21st-25th October - Ocean Studios & Devonport Guildhall, Plymouth
 21st-25th October - Liskeard Hillfort Primary School, Liskeard
 (Please note order of days differs in Liskeard - check website for details)
 Children will need to bring a packed lunch. Parents are welcome to come early for pick up and watch some of the afternoon activity, but this is a fully supervised activity with all the necessary safeguards in place for you to drop your child and enjoy the rest of the day!

INTRODUCING FUTURE MAKE SATURDAYS!
 2nd & 9th November at Devonport Guildhall, Plymouth
IMMERSIVE MEDIA CREATORS - A full day of Future Make activity for children aged 7-11
 16th & 23rd November at Ocean Studios, Plymouth
FAMILY OPEN SESSIONS - hour-long bookable slots to explore a range of Future Make activity for children aged 5-12 and adults too! Additional children under 5 years can join in for free.

For full details, prices and to book places go to:
realideas.org/futuremake

AGES 5-15

WIDEY COURT
OCTOBER HALF TERM 2019
21ST-25TH OCTOBER

FROM £22.50 PER DAY

CHALLENGE YOURSELF HAVE FUN! BUILD CONFIDENCE FACE YOUR FEARS LEARN NEW SKILLS

This half term come and join us for an action packed week of sports, activity, art and fun. In celebration of the Rugby World Cup we have a Japanese theme and will also be playing and learning about rugby, the teams and the competition.

We will of course as always be providing our unique and varied programme of core day activities as well as all the additional options you can see below.

For the Tag Rugby and Football Coaching please bring boots and shin pads (football) if you have them. Also for the Bounce and Slide session please bring a towel and something to get wet in. Limited places on many activities so early booking is recommended.

Arts & Crafts Theme: "Japan"
to celebrate the Rugby World Cup.

Camps held at:
Widely Court Primary School
 Widely Lane, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL6 5JS

Additional Activities

Monday 21st	Weekly Tag Rugby Coaching 2.5 hours of Friday coaching - Japanese Reptiles Visit	£6.00 All Ages £7.00 All Ages
Tuesday 22nd	Saturday Morning Training Day (inc. North West Coaching, Den Building & Big Tasting Lunch)	£7.00 All Ages £7.00 All Ages
Wednesday 23rd	Bounce & Slide Tag Rugby World Cup Tournament (bring boots)	£11.00 All Ages FOC All Ages
Thursday 24th	Dance With Us Disco Theme	£6.00 All Ages
Friday 25th	Golden Arrow Archery Football Favourites Coaching 2.5 hours of football coaching	£6.00 All Ages £6.00 All Ages

BOOK NOW @
Ofsted
 Ref no: EY2528679

www.high5sportscamps.co.uk
 Need help with something, please call 01752 215734

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK! FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!



Open Afternoon

for Year 4, 5 & 6 students and families

Monday 14th October 2019 at 3.30pm

Meet our new Headteacher - Mrs Cox, and take part in student-led tours of our school

New leadership - Bespoke curriculum for boys - New dedicated pastoral team
 Central location on major bus routes - 160 years of history - Proud traditions
 New teachers - Focus on extracurricular sports & enrichment opportunities



**Dream.
Believe.
Achieve.**

St Boniface's Catholic College

High 5 are excited to be back, offering an action packed week of activity based around Japan and the Rugby World Cup. Alongside their unique blend of sports, outdoor adventures and art projects we will be learning about tag-rugby, the teams participating in the World Cup and the competition itself. This half term we are also offering a number of sport specific clinics which we hope will enable your children to make even better progress during their time with us in some of our most popular sporting activities.

Full details can be found via our website:

<https://www.high5sportscamps.co.uk/south-devon-based-holiday-camps-october-half-term-2019/>

We look forward to seeing you very soon.

The High 5 Team

Thank you all for your support, as always. See you next week.
 Have a wonderful weekend
 Mr Cotter and staff

Livewell
Southwest

Emotional Health and Wellbeing Drop In

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? Friday 25th October 2019
 1030-1230

Where? Tavy Lodge Scout Hut
 Tavy Place, PL4 7DJ

www.livewellswest.co.uk

Supporting people to be Safe, Well and at Home

SHORT BREAKS
 In partnership with the Sports Development Unit

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY
 Plymouth Life Centre
 Sunday 20th October 1pm to 5pm

If you are the parent or carer of a disabled child aged 6 to 18 years, this free event will enable your whole family to enjoy a range of activities.

Activities include climbing, trampolining, dodgeball, archery, cable tennis, soft play, arts & crafts board games, followed by an hour's swim.

To be eligible to access this event your child must live in Plymouth and have a diagnosis of a disability and attend a special school or support centre, although they may still be eligible if they attend a mainstream school and are supported by an EHC Plan.

Booking is essential please contact the Sports Development Unit on 01752 307008
 Email nyrene.dudley@plymouth.gov.uk