



HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14TH FEBRUARY 2020 — NO.20



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that our half-term break has arrived already! The children have next week off and there is a Non-Pupil Day on Monday 24th February. That means school starts again on **Tuesday 25th February**.

You might have seen the letter I received from our MP Luke Pollard congratulating us on last year's SATs results. It seems a long time ago now but they only become known to the public after considerable checking. We too were very pleased with the results and continue to work hard to make sure all children are doing their very best. The School Council will be very keen to invite Mr Pollard into our school.

The Crime Writing day on Monday was a huge success. We would like to share some of the work with you but I hope the children have already let you know all about it.

Holy Cross received a 'Walking School of the Year' Award on Tuesday at the Guildhall. It is difficult for a school such as ours to continue to promote this as so many of you live a distance away. However, a special congratulations to Eugene and Gabriel's dad who won a special award for his parent participation.

It was great to see a good turn out of parents to our class presentations on Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. It showed that the children have indeed understood how important it is to keep themselves safe online. Please spend some time talking to your child about this important area.

A group of children took part in an Indoor Athletics event on Wednesday and Mrs Cotter took three more pupils to a Boccia tournament.

We are making changes to our Celebration assembly on Fridays in an attempt to share more successes and also make sure children are able to focus on certain areas over time. Please feel free to ask your child what humility and compassion mean at the moment as they are our Gospel values we want to reward.

I mentioned the Mayflower 400 celebration events - the Plymouth Art Panel Project in particular last week. We are also lucky to be part of the 'Spirit of Adventure' and Mr Shaw has secured pupil places on two sailing boats - the Pegasus and the Johanna - who will be out around Plymouth Sound all day on Wednesday 6th May. It will be so hard to choose those lucky children!

The Crowdfunder for the Spirit of Adventure project is now live! It has been formally launched with businesses and press recently which was a great success. Please feel free to circulate it to anyone you think might want to donate... <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/spirit-of-adventure>

We have also signed up to join the Mayflower choir - 15 of our children will sing in front of an audience of 65000 in September!

On our return to school, we have a whole school Mass for Ash Wednesday at 9.00 a.m. You are very welcome to join us.

Have a lovely week as a family.

Mr Cotter
Headteacher





'Chipmunks' After School Care Club

Our after school club runs from 3.15pm to 6pm daily. Children are looked after by our experienced team and have the opportunity to do a range of activities including both indoor and outdoor play; art; sports; games and board games; puzzles; reading and storytelling. There is also the opportunity for children to do their homework should they wish to use this time to study.

The age of the children in the club on each given day is also considered to ensure the activities are appropriate.

From next term, a hot snack will also be provided to all children on Monday—Thursday. Snacks may include the following: Cheese wheels; bacon baps; beans on toast; fish finger sandwiches; half a baked potato with various fillings and French bread pizza. On Fridays a selection of sandwiches are provided.

As spaces are limited for this club, you must book a space in advance. If you book a space and no longer need it on the day, please let the office know before 12pm on the day to avoid incurring a charge.



After School Care Club charges are as follows:

3.15 - 4.30 £6.00

3.15 - 5.00 £8.00

3.15 - 6.00 £10.00



BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!

6PM EVERY SUNDAY

TT ROCKSTARS ARENA

(MADISON SQUARE GARDEN)

(Don't forget to click on 'whole school' rather than your individual class name (this will need to be clicked after every individual game).)

You might even see a few teachers online and ready to battle too!!

Parents
Evening

PARENTS EVENING
4TH & 5TH MARCH

BOOKING OPENS
14/03/20 @ 6PM

Remember to book your slot to speak with your child's teacher and find out their progress this academic term.

Our week in pictures...



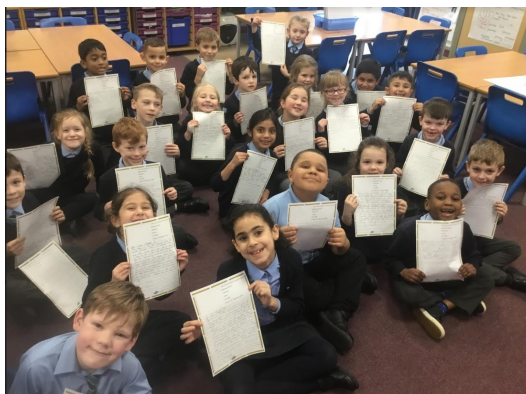
Year 4 pupils taking part in an Indoor Athletics Tournament at Plymouth Life Centre this Wednesday.



Mrs Cotter took 3 more pupils to the Boccia Tournament



Holy Cross receiving their 'Walking School of the Year' Award at the Guildhall



Writing letters to the Queen in preparation for our history work on the 'Royal Family' after half term We hope she writes back!

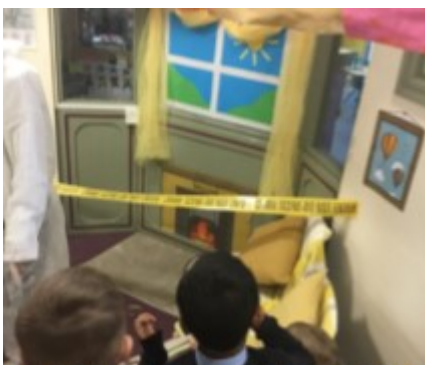


Plymotion

Don't forget to read the Crime Scene Newsletter attached with this week's newsletter!



CRIME SCENE DAY





WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Would you like to help out at the next school disco taking place on Friday 13th March?

If you are able to help out please put your name down on the list in the office. Remember, 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 obtain your DBS Certificate.

Tickets for the next discos will be on sale in the school office from Monday 2nd March (cost £2.00).

FS & KS1 Disco	4.30pm - 5.30pm
KS2 Disco	5.45pm—7.00pm



REMINDER TO LABEL YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL UNIFORM.

WE CANNOT HELP LOCATE MISSING ITEMS IF THEY HAVE NOT BEEN CLEARLY LABELLED!



LOOK OUT FOR THE 'EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM' CHALLENGE PACK NEXT TERM.

PACKS WILL BE SENT HOME ON THE FIRST DAY OF TERM SO REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BOOK BAG!

HALF TERM ACTIVITY CLUBS

New medal collection launched for February 2020 16 to collect!

ARGYLE TRUST

FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2020

Book our courses online
www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk

SOCCER ROADSHOW
The Soccer Roadshow are open and friendly sports with the emphasis on fun, enjoyment and development. Sessions include: skills, technique, competition and small-sided games.

FEED SPECIAL
Feeding the Future half term with an action-packed day of fun, games and activities. The day is designed to educate and inspire children about healthy eating and the importance of a balanced diet.

CHILD ONLY ROADSHOW
The Child Only Roadshow are open and friendly sports with the emphasis on fun, enjoyment and development. Sessions include: skills, technique, competition and small-sided games.

MINI PLAYERS
Mini Players football sessions are aimed at 5-10 year olds. We encourage them to play football and develop their skills. Sessions are held at various venues throughout the county.

SECURITY SOCCER ROADSHOW
A fun half day football roadshow aimed at 10-15 year olds. The day is designed to educate and inspire children about healthy eating and the importance of a balanced diet.

PL 11/12
Premier League Future Stars offer mini sports activities that include football, basketball and badminton. The day is designed to educate and inspire children about healthy eating and the importance of a balanced diet.

MINI SPORTS
Children are encouraged to undertake a wide range of sports throughout the half term. The day is designed to educate and inspire children about healthy eating and the importance of a balanced diet.

Prices from £5 - £32
Registration opens at 9.40am

Learn. Play. Succeed.

T 01752 562561 ext 4
www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk

ARGYLE TRUST

JUNIOR ABILITY COUNTS

TUESDAYS 5.30 - 6.30PM

FOOTBALL FOR YOUNG PLAYERS WITH A DISABILITY
Play and train in a fun and inclusive environment for children aged 5-16 years old (term time only).

£4 PER SESSION
FREE TASTER SESSION

GOALS PLYMOUTH, PL7 3DE
JOHN GRANT@PFC.CO.UK | 01752 562 561

Learn. Play. Succeed.

Holiday Camps!

We've got heaps of half term fun lined up for children aged 4 to 11!

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

Premier Education Holiday Camps are so popular thanks to our unique mix of games and activities. With all day to play, your child will be able to enjoy their favourites and discover a few more!

Book now at...
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Premier Education

PLYMOUTH

NO.	VENUE	DATE	COST	ONLINE COST	THEME
P01	Plymouth Argyle FC, Home Park	17 & 18 February	£32	£24	2 Day Soccer Roadshow
P02	Manor Sports and Community Hub	19 February	£10	£8	PL Primary Stars Day
P03	Wentbury Primary School	19 February	£12	£10	Soccer Roadshow
P04	Plymouth Academy	20 February	£18	£13	Soccer Roadshow
P05	Plymouth Academy (Girls only)	20 February	£18	£13	Girls only Roadshow
P06	Wentbury Primary School	20 February	£12	£10	Multi-Sports Day
P07	Lydney Community College	21 February	£19	£14	Feb Special
P08	Plymouth Argyle FC, Home Park	21 February	£19	£14	Feb Special

EAST CORNWALL

NO.	VENUE	DATE	COST	ONLINE COST	THEME
EC01	Bodmin Dragon Centre	17 February	£18	£13	Soccer Roadshow
EC02	Torpoint YMCA (Torpoint and Ramen)	18 February	£18	£13	Search for a Star
EC03	Torpoint YMCA (Torpoint and Ramen) 10am-12pm	18 February	£5	£5	Mini Pilgrims
EC04	Saltash Net Community College Astro/Indoors	19 February	£18	£13	Soccer Roadshow
EC05	Lakeard Loo Park	20 February	£12	£10	Multi-Sports Day
EC06	Lakeard Loo Park 10am-12pm	20 February	£5	£5	Mini Pilgrims
EC07	Larivel Community Hub Bodmin	21 February	£19	£14	Feb Special

NORTH DEVON & CORNWALL

NO.	VENUE	DATE	COST	ONLINE COST	THEME
ND01	St Joseph's School, Launceston	17 February	£18	£13	Search for a Star
ND02	St Peter's CE Junior School, Tavistock	17 February	£10	£8	Soccer Roadshow
ND03	Wadebridge Primary School	18 February	£18	£13	Soccer Roadshow
ND04	Bude Town FC (2 Day)	19 & 20 February	£32	£24	2 Day Soccer Roadshow
ND05	St Joseph's School, Launceston	21 February	£19	£14	Feb Special
ND06	St Teath FC	21 February	£19	£14	Feb Special

16 medals to collect!
Every participant on every course will walk away with a medal.

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MID CORNWALL

NO.	VENUE	DATE	COST	ONLINE COST	THEME
MC01	Pearl School	17 February	£18	£13	Soccer Roadshow
MC02	Trevelgas School	18 February	£18	£13	Team Like A Pro
MC03	Pollard School	20 February	£18	£13	Soccer Roadshow
MC04	Falmouth School	21 February	£19	£14	Feb Special

WEST CORNWALL

NO.	VENUE	DATE	COST	ONLINE COST	THEME
WC01	Helston Football Club	17 February	£18	£13	Soccer Roadshow
WC02	Rogan Football Club	18 February	£18	£13	Soccer Roadshow
WC03	Corn Bikes Leisure Centre	19 February	£18	£13	Soccer Roadshow
WC04	Helston Football Club	20 February	£18	£13	Girls Only Roadshow
WC05	St Day Football Club	21 February	£19	£14	Feb Special

DISABILITY

NO.	VENUE	DATE	COST	ONLINE COST	THEME
D01	Manor Sports & Community Hub	20 February	£18	£13	Disability Soccer Roadshow

Our Holiday Camps near you...

PLYMOUTH
Plymouth College Preparatory School
PL7 3JB
Multi-Sports Camp
Mon 17th - Fri 21st Feb
Standard Day £16.00
Extended Day £25.00
9:00am - 3:30pm
Standard Day £23.00
9:00am - 3:30pm

PLYMPTON
Borington Primary School
PL7 4HJ
Multi-Sports Camp
Tues 18th - Fri 21st Feb
Standard Day £16.00
Extended Day £25.00
9:00am - 3:30pm
Standard Day £23.00
9:00am - 3:30pm

TOTNES
Dartington Primary School
TQ9 6JU
Multi-Sports Camp
Tues 18th - Fri 21st Feb
Standard Day £16.00
Extended Day £25.00
9:00am - 3:30pm
Standard Day £23.00
9:00am - 3:30pm

15% OFF
Early booking discount
Book by 1st Dec to save money on your start date!

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What's in Store...
Our coaches are ready to deliver exciting sports and fun team-building activities. We've got ball games, gymnastics, performing arts and loads more to keep every child engaged all day long. It's the perfect way to make new friends, learn new skills and get on the move. Plus, at the end of the week there's certificates and awards to be won!

Book now at...
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Premier Education

STAY PLAY EAT FREE

Wednesday 19th February
Parents responsible for their own children
11.30 am - 1.00 pm @ Plymouth Christian Centre

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WHEELY WEDNESDAYS ARE BACK!

Find the **SUSTRANS AND PLYMOTION TEAM** at Victoria Park on Wednesday 19th February during the half term hols and join us for **FREE** bike and scooter themed activities!

WHERE'S WHEELY?

Wednesday 19th Feb from 10am - 2pm - bring a scooter or bike if you can!

Biking and scooting fun activities aimed at 4 - 11 year olds, adult supervision required.

Activities include treasure trail, Learn 2 Ride, mini obstacle course, Dr Bike and more...

Meet near The Park Pavilion Café

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JOIN THE MOVEMENT

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:

Keep God's Rules



Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me and giving me rules to keep me safe. Help me to show you how much I love you by following your rules for loving. Amen.

Coming soon....

World Book Day
5th March

British Science
Week
6th to 15th March



Thank you all for your support, as always. Have a lovely half term break.

Keep safe and keep warm!
Mr Cotter, Miss Buscombe
and all the staff at Holy Cross.



Julia Donaldson (FS):	Oliver R & Adam
Simon James (Y1):	Riley
Eric Carle (Y1/2):	Rosie
Roger Hargreaves (Y2):	Sunni
Roald Dahl (Y3):	Talia
David Walliams (Y3/4):	Harvey
Michael Morpurgo (Y4):	Atene
Emma Carroll (Y5):	Ryan
Anthony Horowitz (Y5):	Joel
J K Rowling (Y6):	Elika



EACH WEEK, WE RECOGNISE AND REWARD THOSE WITH THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE FOR ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY.

THIS WEEK THE AWARD GOES TO: -

Julia Donaldson Class (FS)
&
Roger Hargreaves Class (Y2)

Well done on your excellent punctuality

Remember school opens at 8.30am

Be an on time hero!

HOUSE POINTS

St Teresa
St Andrew
St Julie
St Jude

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

All information is available on our website calendar.

W/C 17/02/20
Half Term

Monday 24/02/20
Non-pupil day

Tuesday 25/02/20
Term Begins

Wednesday 26/02/20
Ash Wednesday
Whole School Mass

Monday 02/03/20
Class Photos

Wednesday 04/03/20
& Thursday 05/03/20
Parents Evenings

Friday 13/03/20
PTFA School Discos

Thursday 26/03/20
Whole School Mass

Friday 27/03/20
Last day of term

Tuesday 14/04/20
Summer Term commences

Friday 8/05/20
Early May Bank Holiday for VE Day

Friday 22/05/20
Non-pupil day

23/05/20 to 31/05/20
Half Term

Monday 01/06/20
Non-pupil day



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The School Office staff are continually having to chase debtors for outstanding payments for School Dinners, After School Club and Breakfast Club.

If you use any of the above services your account **MUST** remain in credit at ALL TIMES. We do however understand that this is not always possible and so if you are experiencing financial difficulty, please let the office know who may be able to help you avoid incurring further charges.

Similarly, if your child is taking part in a school trip or event which requires a parent contribution, please ensure this is paid **BEFORE** the trip or event takes place.

Remember, if your account is in deficit, and you continually have an account that is showing a debt, like other schools you may not be able to use any of the above services provided by the school. In trying to be compassionate in recognising and supporting parents who have been given extended periods of time to clear debts, we now find ourselves in a very difficult position. We have a significant number of debtors, who take up a lot of office time being chased for payment. Moving forward, unless we see an improvement in account management, the school will be looking at pre-payment for use of any service to avoid such unnecessary debt chasing.

Thank you for your help and understanding.