



# HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

There has been a lot on this week as we have made the most of National Science Week as well as Sport Relief.

**Science Week** had visitors in - including parents - where children enjoyed talks ranging from water and midwifery! Thank you to Miss Bailey for organising.

For **Sports Relief** Mr Shaw organised a whole school Skittles event. All the children had a go at knocking down the skittles and it culminated in a game between two teams yesterday - Mr and Mrs Cotter as team captains. Congratulations to Mrs Cotter's team who won by two points! The whole school cheered on both teams so it was a great sporting atmosphere.

Two teams are representing the school at the **Catenians Event** at Notre Dame sharing their presentations on "What Laudato Si' means to us." The class winners will be asked to present to the parents and Key Stage 2 soon. They were:

**Roald Dahl: 1st - Lily, Darcey, Emily, Elsie**

2nd - Dominic, Ezekiel, Jaisal, Elijah

3rd - Sarah, Anne, Katie, Talia

**David Walliams 1st - Alex, Melissa, Abady, Evan**

2nd - Esme, Olivia, Olivia, Iris, Annie, Annouska

3rd - Bobby, Alex, Jacob, Harvey, Ruben, Mason

**Michael Morpurgo 1st - Karolina, Faustas, Jeroen, Boo**

2nd - Esme, Tilly, Tillie

3rd - Tiago, Harry, Julia

**Emma Carroll 1st - Daria, Alex, Sasha, Aiden**

2nd - Nyla, Alice, Tallula, Jana, Kiana

3rd - Joshua, Adrian, Callum, William

**Anthony Horowitz 1st - Gerran, Daragh**

2nd - Alex, Shalintha, Dylan, Phillip

3rd - Ava, Anna, Ahrienne

**JK Rowling 1st - Erika, Jake, Yanxing, Nell**

2nd - Erin, Jakub, Eion, Nina, Henryk

3rd - Saud, Elliott, Fintan, Jada, Qamar

The overall winner for Years 3/4 were the Michael Morpurgo winners and Years 5/6 winning team was from Emma Carroll class.

Many of the children have been given national tests this week - called PIRA and PUMA. These help teachers to support their teacher judgements in reading and maths.

The **Parent Questionnaires** have another week for you to provide your thoughts. The raffle system is hoped to encourage you to share your views as we really want as many of you as possible to take part.

The discos for both the Foundation stage/Key Stage 1 and for Key Stage 2 take place tonight.

As we continue to look at our lunchtime provision, it has come to our notice that we could do more to encourage lunch boxes that provide healthy options. We notice some of the food could be better in terms of balance and nutrition, even though we understand the difficulty sometimes when encouraging children to eat these foods.

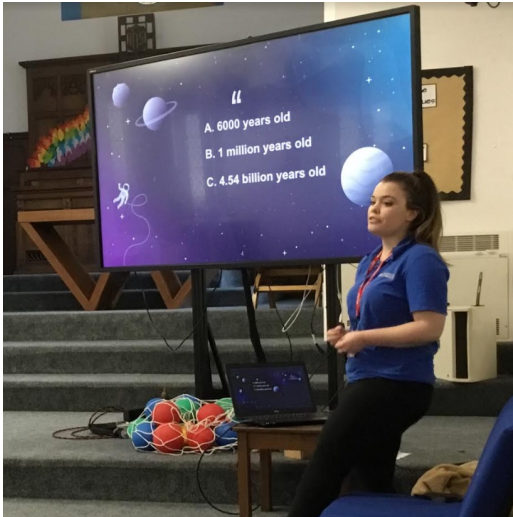
### COVID-19, Coronavirus

We continue to share with you the latest advice from Public Health England and the DfE. I receive daily emails from these sources as well as CAST and we are given strict instructions on what to do. We are taking the washing of hands very seriously as well as our cleaning duties. Obviously we will continue to keep you fully informed of any developments.

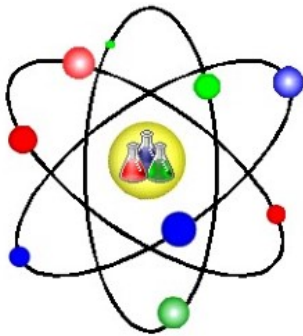
Next week the interviews for the Headship of Holy Cross will be held. Please join me in praying for a successful appointment.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Cotter  
Headteacher



Thank you to Summer from Plymouth University for hosting assemblies across the whole school on Monday. As it is British Science Week, Summer came to Holy Cross in her role as a STEM Ambassador. This means that Summer took the time to help bring science, technology, engineering and maths to life and demonstrated the value of them in life and future careers.



Thank you also goes to Claire (Annouska and Anastasia's mum) who came in to talk about her work as a midwife, which produced an interesting question and answer session!

# BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



Mrs Pascariu (a parent and one of our lovely MTAs) came in and lead a science workshop in Morpurgo class this week. The children in class were involved with 6 experiments and used key words such as solution, dissolution, dissolving and combustion.



Zairis (Yohan's mum) came into KS1 and LKS2 classes this week to give a talk about water in her role as a water planning specialist. The children learned about the decisions that need to be made when thinking about creating reservoirs, how we can save water and how much of the water on our planet is drinkable. Thank you so much Zairis!







OUR SCHOOL SKITTLES COMPETITION

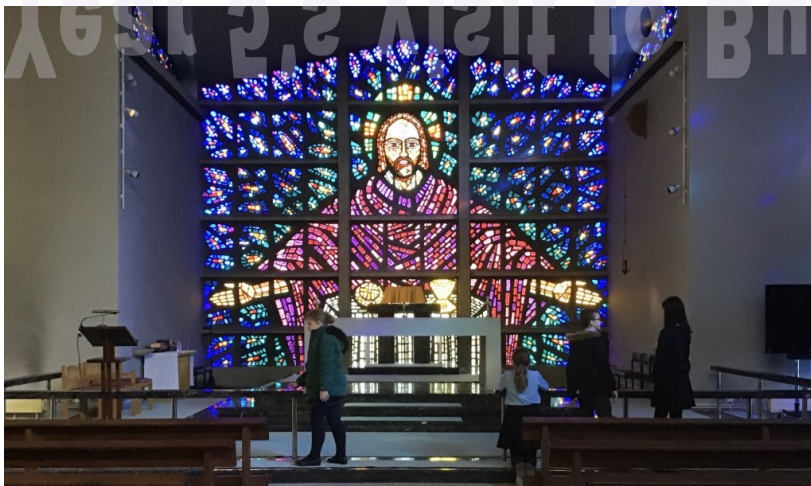


ERIC CARLE CLASS  
VISIT TO THE LIBRARY

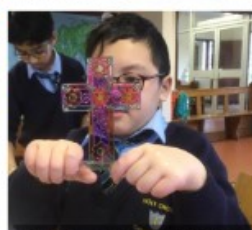




# Year 5's visit to Buckfast Abbey



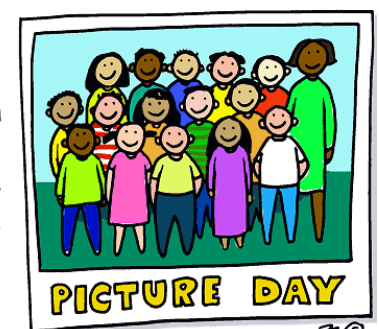
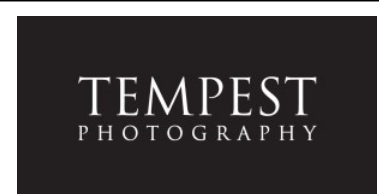
**EMMA CARROLL CLASS AND  
ANTHONY HOROWITZ CLASS  
VISITED BUCKFAST ABBEY  
FOR A 'THREADS OF EASTER'  
TOUR, WHERE THEY GOT TO  
SPEND TIME IN THE  
EXHIBITION HALL AND TAKE  
PART IN A GLASS  
CRAFT ACTIVITY.**



**Class photos** are being sent home tonight in your child's bag. If you would like to order a copy of their class photo, please complete the form, enclose payment (or bank details) and return everything in the envelope provided.

If you would prefer to order your child's class photo online please go to [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk) and follow the instructions. You will need the 10 digit photograph reference which can be found on the form, and also the web access code, again this can be found on the form. The system will then search for the photograph and an image will appear of your child's group photo and you have the option to zoom in. If you would like to purchase the photo online, you can complete your transaction by clicking on the pink text. If you choose to purchase your photograph this way, you need not return the envelope to the school office.

If you need assistance, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).



## 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:

*Water of Life*



Jesus, you knew the Samaritan woman wasn't perfect but you loved her, just like you love me. Thank you for being our living water and giving us life.

Amen

**Easter Holiday Camps!**  
Half term activity eggstravaganza for children aged 4\* to 11!

Easter half term is on the horizon, so hop to it and book your child's place! Premier Education Holiday Camps feature a cracking range of games and activities to keep the fun going all day long.

Book now at... [premier.education.com/holidaycamps](http://premier.education.com/holidaycamps)

**Our Holiday Camps near you...**

PLYMOUTH	PLYMPTON
<b>Plymouth College Preparatory School PL3 3JB</b> Multi-Activity Camp Mon 30th March - Fri 3rd April Mon 6th - Thurs 9th April	<b>Chaddeywood Primary School PL2 2EU</b> Gymnastics Camp Mon 30th & Tues 31st March Mon 6th - Tues 7th April
Extended Day £25.00 8.30am - 3.20pm Standard Day £23.00 9.00am - 2.00pm	Standard Day £16.00 9.00am - 4.00pm Half Day £9.00 9.00am - 1.00pm
<b>Ages 4-12</b> (Splash Swimming Session in Plymouth College included)	<b>Ages 4-12</b> (4 year olds can only attend half day sessions)
<b>PLYMPTON</b> <b>Borlarton Primary School PL2 4BU</b> Multi-Activity Camp Tues 21st March - Fri 3rd April Tues 7th - Thurs 9th April	<b>TOTNES</b> <b>Darlington Primary School TQ9 6JU</b> Multi-Activity Camp Tues 21st March - Fri 3rd April Tues 7th - Thurs 9th April
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**What's in Store...**  
Our incredible coaches are trained in everything from football and gymnastics to drama and dance. Your child will be able to take part in their favourite games and discover plenty of new ones too!

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Julia Donaldson (FS): **Thomas L & Quinton-**  
Simon James (Y1): **Melody & Misma**  
Eric Carle (Y1/2): **Joy**  
Roger Hargreaves (Y2): **Tno**  
Roald Dahl (Y3): **Xander**  
David Walliams (Y3/4): **Laura**  
Michael Morpurgo (Y4): **Holly**  
Emma Carroll (Y5): **Laura**  
Anthony Horowitz (Y5): **Adam**



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

THIS WEEK THE AWARD GOES TO: -

**Eric Carle (Yr 1/2) & David Walliams (Yr 3/4)**

Well done on your excellent punctuality!!

**HOUSE POINTS**

*St Jude*

*St Julie*

*St Andrew*

*St Teresa*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

All information is available on our website calendar.

**Friday 13/03/20**  
**PTFA School Discos**

**Thursday 19/03/20**  
**Roger Hargreaves Class Mass**

**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**

**Tuesday 02/06/20**  
**Term Begins**

**Tuesday 21/07/20**  
**Last day of term**

Thank you all for your support, as always. Have a nice weekend.

Mr Cotter, Miss Buscombe and all the staff at Holy Cross.