



HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

This week has been very challenging to all and I am very proud of the way all have responded to such a difficult situation - pupils, staff and parents. Approximately 75 children have returned to school and they have been taught across eight different 'pods.' The logistics of keeping these pods separate the whole day as well as social distancing for all has kept us very busy, followed by all our cleaning and hygiene measures.

At the same time another team has been working hard supporting the home learning work. It means that whatever decision parents have rightfully made for their child, we are trying to make sure learning continues. Parents, thank you so much for your efforts in supporting your child, wherever they are. The only area where I see some tightening required is that it is important to wash the children's clothes at the end of the school day. There are a few who are wearing the same top the next day.

I would like to especially thank Karen and her CaterEd team who have continued to do an amazing job in the kitchen - providing a hot meal for those children in school as well as weekly food parcels for those who receive free school meals.

Some parents have asked when the school might be opening up for more year groups. Obviously the government have their own ideas but we will be guided by the safety of the children. The staff have been wonderfully vigilant in the work they are doing here to make sure we are following all social distancing protocols. We cannot compromise that by allowing too many children into the school. Currently CAST schools have been told to prioritise Year 6 and critical workers so we are aware that any 'pod' increase will be for those groups first. This might make things tricky moving forward but we do our very best. I know many other schools have the same concerns.

We will continue to review our risk assessments to ensure we are doing everything we can possibly think of to minimise risk. Thank you for playing your part in not coming into school, apart from standing on a yellow spot in the top playground. Almost all of you have been prompt and on time with your drop off and pick ups too, so that has been appreciated as it makes sure there are no gatherings.

We continue to receive updates on government guidance, so I share below a link for you in terms of the latest thinking:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

A lovely piece of news - Mrs Rhodes had a baby boy on Wednesday. All are well and we are so pleased for the Rhodes family. This is the start of the 'growth' of our wider family as Miss Bailey is due in October and Mrs Chantler in November. Our congratulations to them as well! We are so pleased for all concerned and know how excited they are to be becoming wonderful mums in the near future. From a school's perspective, we will be looking to appoint to cover the maternity periods.

You continue to be in our prayers. Here is our Ten Ten resources link for anyone who would like it to support with your own family worship.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/sunday-liturgy-for-families/>

It feels like it has been a long week. My sincere thank you to all the staff who are working so hard to make sure safety and learning are carrying on hand in hand.

Take care everyone and Godbless,

Mr Cotter
Headteacher

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For those of you still at home, Premier Education's Stay Active resources remain available for you to access.

Simply go to: -

www.premier-education.com/stay-active/

Premier Education will also be shortly organising their Summer Holiday provision so watch this space if this is something you are interested in.



Maths Superstars!



Take a look at Mrs Chantler's Maths Newsletter attached with this week's main newsletter e-mail.

Well done to everyone who has been working so hard on Numbots and TT Rockstars!

Have you moved house during the last 6 months?

Do we have your correct address?

For those children who are currently not in school, it is our intention to send out this year's School Reports in July by post. It is therefore vital that we have your correct mailing details.

Please can you ensure that you have notified the school office of any change of address since the beginning of the school year.

For those pupils who will be in school when the reports are due to be sent out, they will be sent home with your child as usual.



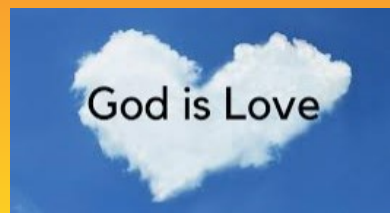
Please always remember to update the school office of any change in address, telephone number or e-mail address.

Thank you.

Liturgy in School

The theme for our prayer and worship next week is:

God Loves Us



Thank you Jesus, for your gift of life. Thank you that I can live in the light of your love always.

Amen.

"Before you sleep, remember that it's ok to not be ok. We all have our struggles. **God loves you** for who you are, but too much to leave you that way."





Plymouth Argyle Community Trust are delighted to inform you that in line with government guidelines and the FA they are now opening Manadon external facilities for the following bookings:

- Playing sport individually
- Playing with family or people living in your household
- Fitness activities in groups of no more than six people keeping 2m apart
- Coaching with small groups of up to 6 people (in total), keeping 2m apart

With this in place we are offering sessions to engage children that take part in our weekly sessions but also provide opportunities for children who wish to engage back within sessions for up to 5 children per time slot within their specific age groups.

From Monday 8th June we will be hosting our first small grouped lesson which will have a maximum number of spaces available meaning this will be based upon a first come first serve basis. The cost of the lessons will be the usual £5 charge for our weekly sessions per child.

To book please use the link <https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/our-regions/regional-course-bookings/plymouth-booking/>

To take part in the lessons you must bring the following:

- Own drinks bottle
- Suitable clean sports clothing
- Moulded boots or astro trainers must be worn

Sessions will include the following:

- Sessions with 2 metre distances enforced throughout
- Individualised sessions
- Age specific training
- Consistent coach on a weekly basis
- Technical based lessons including shooting, passing, dribbling etc



Time slots available for up to 5 children per age group (10 spaces per hour slot, groups of 5) per half of Manadon Astro as follows:

Weekly Football Development Sessions

Monday:

4pm-4:45pm - U7s (2 x 5 spaces)
5pm- 5:45pm – U8s (2 x 5 spaces)

Tuesday:

4pm-4:45pm - U9s (2 x 5 spaces)
5pm-5:45pm – U9s (2 x 5 spaces)

Wednesday:

4pm-4:45pm - Goalkeepers Specific training aged 6-11 years (2 x 5 spaces)

5pm-5:45pm – Striker Specific training aged 6-11 years (2 x 5 spaces)

Thursday:

4pm-4:45pm - U10s (2 x 5 spaces)
5pm-5:45pm – U10s (2 x 5 spaces)

Friday:

4pm-4:45pm - U11s (2 x 5 spaces)
5pm-5:45pm – U11s (2 x 5 spaces)

Weekend turn up and play sessions

Saturdays:

10am-10:45am - Year 1 - Year 3
Football (2 x 5 spaces)

11am-11:45pm - Year 4 - Year 6

Football (2 x 5 spaces)

Sundays:

10am-10:45am - Year 1 - Year 3
Football (2 x 5 spaces)

11am-11:45pm - Year 4 - Year 6 Football
(2 x 5 spaces)

In School time sessions

Monday:

10am-10:45am - Year 2s (2 x 5 spaces)

Tuesday:

1pm-1:45pm - Year 3s (5 spaces)

Wednesday:

1pm-1:45pm - Year 4s (2 x 5 spaces)
2pm-2:45pm - Year 4s (2 x 5 spaces)

Thursday:

1pm-1:45pm - Year 5s (5 spaces)
2pm-2:45pm Year 5s (5 spaces)

We hope to see lots of you engaging within this and reminder these will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

All payments must be online and it is important you do not just arrive unless your booking has been confirmed for the safety of all.



**Are you struggling
for things to do
during these
uncertain times?**

**Plymouth City
Council have lots
of resources on
their website to
help you get
creative and learn,
whilst keeping
safe.**

**For more
information go to: -**

Plymouth.gov.uk

Be a virtual home tourist

We are telling people to not visit Plymouth at the moment but that doesn't mean we can't explore our beautiful home city.

There's lots of places to explore on foot while out getting your daily exercise. Here are some trails that you can exercise on safely, as long as you are careful to keep your distance from others. Do small sections at a time if you can walk to them from your home.

- [Devonport Heritage Trail](#) links many historic and cultural points of interest. Spilt into four sections, this four mile walk, starting in Stonehouse, passes by the newly restored Guildhall, the Devonport Column and the Egyptian House before making its way into Devonport Park.
- [The Co-operative Way](#) is a 15 mile circular walk (so do not attempt to do it one go at the moment) that runs around the north of the city. It starts and ends at Central Park and includes a number of our parks, green spaces and nature reserves. The guide includes a fascinating mix of nature and local history.
- [The Waterfront Walkway](#) takes you along the Plymouth section of the coast path from Admiral's Hard in Stonehouse to Jennycliff (don't attempt to do it all at once at the moment).

Our Visit Plymouth team has also created some [Mayflower themed worksheets](#) and some [colouring sheets](#) of Britain's Ocean City to keep you busy.

Follow them on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for daily pictures of our lovely city.



Be a virtual culture vulture

The big opening has had to be postponed but our colleagues at **The Box** are providing teasers from the collection every day on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) so you can still experience #cultureinquarantine.

There is a [weekly blog](#) from The Box, with information about cultural activities and support for the arts sector.

The annual '[Get Creative Festival](#)' shines a light on all the great cultural activity that takes place in local communities and encourages people to try their hand at something new and creative. This year the festival is an online initiative using the hashtag #GetCreativeAtHome, encouraging organisations and individuals to create, curate or signpost accessible online activities. These can be live online events where participants need to log in or join at a certain time or content that you can take part in at anytime, for example how-to videos.

Plymouth History Festival has been moved online for 2020. The festival takes place from 8 May, stay up to date by following them on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).



Check out your family history

Library users can now access the Ancestry Library Edition from home until the end of May.

Just enter your library card number and PIN [here](#) and start finding out about your family history.

Get down with nature

Our Natural Infrastructure team are sharing a fun activity on the [Nature Plymouth Facebook page](#) every day.

Get fit for free

[Free fitness ideas from the NHS](#)

[NHS Gym free workouts](#)

[Daily fitness sessions with Joe Wicks](#)

Keep it live

We may not be able to go out but there are loads of online live events to take part in and enjoy. Our friends at One Plymouth have put together a great [Best of Plymouth live streams page](#). There's music, dancing, fish, yoga, hip hop, hoop, zookeeper talks and even bedtime stories.

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

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