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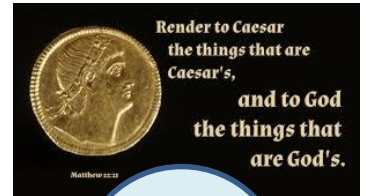
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Our Catholic Life

Our theme next week is **I Belong to Jesus**

The country Jesus lived in had been taken over by the ROMANS, who demanded taxes. The Romans would get angry and punish anyone who did not pay. However, this was a big problem for many people who thought that by paying taxes, they were agreeing that the Romans were in charge of them, not GOD. The Jewish leaders asked Jesus what they should do, thinking that they could trick him. Jesus said that they should give to Caesar, the Roman leader, what is his; and to God what belongs to God. Jesus cleverly avoided being tricked and reminded the Jewish leaders to focus on God's work.



Draw your
happy face
on God's
coin.



Let us Pray

Dear Jesus, help me to show that I belong to you by the way that I live. Help me to be kind and to use my time to help others. Amen



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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know from previous newsletters and also through information shared with you before the end of term, we have implemented a 'Recovery Curriculum' at Holy Cross. We did this in order to bring our community back to school in the smoothest and most supportive way. We are grateful that the vast majority of our children have coped, and continue to cope admirably with the return to routine learning. They have enjoyed being back at school and have reconnected successfully with their friends and their teachers. However, we do not underestimate the impact of the pandemic and are mindful of the emotional stresses caused by the difficult but necessary social restrictions. Through our curriculum, the children and staff have daily opportunities to be still and to take time out. We continue to offer the children opportunities to talk about and share any worries they have, to be a listening ear and the voice of reassurance. Some children have returned to school with reduced resilience which of course makes learning even more of a challenge. Others have been reassured by the return to routine and normality and are enjoying the challenge of new learning. Everyone is different and here at Holy Cross, the staff do everything they can to meet those diverse needs. Next week we will be having a school-wide focus on **Mental Health and Wellbeing**. We will take the opportunity to reflect on this half term and to celebrate all the wonderful achievements and successes we have had. Thank you for all your support and positivity this term, for following our safety protocols and for working so closely with us to have made all this possible. We need to look back on these last seven weeks and recognise how far we have come and to most importantly, give each other and ourselves, a virtual pat on the back!

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support during these difficult times.
Stay safe,

Mrs F Gill
Headteacher



Friday 23/10/20
Last day of term

26/10/20—30/10/20
Half Term

Tuesday 3/11/20
Term recommences

Friday 18/12/20
Last day of term

Monday 4/1/21
Non-pupil day

Tuesday 5/1/21
Spring term begins

Friday 12/02/21
Last day of term

15/02/21—19/02/21
Half Term

Monday 22/02/21
Non-pupil day

Tuesday 23/02/21
Term recommences

02/04/21—18/04/21
Easter Holidays



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Why Does Attendance Matter?

Despite the current challenges with regard to COVID-19 and the need for children/families to self-isolate in order to control the virus, we feel it is important to remind ourselves of the importance of good attendance at school.

What can parents do to help?

- Parents must model the value of education, including the importance of regular attendance.
- Make sure that your child goes to school regularly and arrives on time-you will establish a good habit that they will carry through life.
- If your child starts missing school, work with us to put things right. Make sure your child understands that you do not approve of him/her missing school.
- If your child is ill or must miss school for some other reason, contact school immediately. If isolating, ensure your child completes their home learning unless they are too ill.
- Do not expect school to approve absences for shopping trips, birthday treats, holidays etc. during school hours. Arrange family holidays so that your child will not miss any learning.
- Take an interest in your child's school work and be involved in the school as much as possible-your child will value school more if you do.

This week's attendance at Holy Cross has been really promising given the circumstances. Well done to everyone!

PLEASE always ring the school number 01752 225420 to report an absence. Thank you

Class	Attendance
JD	96%
AA	95%
EC	100%
RH	90%
RD	96%
QB	98%
MM	98%
EMC	98%
PP	100%
JKR	100%



This week Emma Carroll Class helped Miss Buscombe with our Celebration Assembly.

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

Julia Donaldson: Amelia for being a fantastic role model and always ready to learn.

Allan Ahlberg: Melody for a dramatic improvement in handwriting and persevering with her practice every morning. It has really paid off!

Roger Hargreaves: Lund for effort in class. We are so impressed with his wonderful writing and talking in class!

Eric Carle: Milkyas for impressing us all week with his wonderful progress in writing and excellent attitude towards learning.

Michael Morpurgo: Summer for her hard work in English this week. She has contributed some super ideas which are being reflected in her learning.

Quentin Blake: Ella for incredible writing in two independent writes. You are growing into a super story teller!

Roald Dahl: Pison for upping his game and working really hard to produce some very good writing this week.

Philip Pullman: Lynn for her wonderful English work. Lynn has shown diligence and perseverance in her writing this term and this really shows in her work. Well done!

J K Rowling: Gabriel for writing one of the most beautiful story starters! Descriptive, poignant and engaging, this really stood out to us! Well done

Emma Carroll: Alfie for his excellent participation and explanations in class, especially English



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Gospel Values Awards

Julia Donaldson: Sonia for showing *Kindness*: for showing kindness to her friends all the time.

Allan Ahlberg: Haidar for showing *Kindness*: by letting anyone who asked join his game of basketball in the playground.

Roger Hargreaves: Carter for showing *kindness and compassion* to his friends this week.

Eric Carle: Bradley for showing *Courage*: putting up his hand and answering questions in class.

Michael Morpurgo: Eugene for showing *Kindness*: For being kind to his peers in his lessons, ensuring they are ok and are happy.

Quentin Blake: Awaab for showing *Compassion*: for reflecting on how David was chosen to be king. He reflected well on this through his actions this week.

Roald Dahl: Mason for showing *Kindness*: For being such a kind and compassionate member of our class.

Philip Pullman: Gregory for showing *Kindness*: For being a great friend this week.

J K Rowling: Annouska for showing *Kindness*: For being mindful of the feelings of others and making sure that others are feeling happy and supported.

Emma Carroll: Josh for showing *Integrity* when reflecting on his actions.



Children who display symptoms



If your child should display any one of the three key symptoms of COVID-19, we will contact you and request that you come and collect your child (and siblings) and have your child tested. We would ask that when you collect your child(ren), you come to the **back gate** (Friary Housing estate) and we will bring your child(ren) to you.

Breakfast Club/After School Club

Please remember to book your place for **Breakfast Club/After School Club** via

holy.cross.rc.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk one week in advance.



Please ensure that your child arrives at Breakfast Club by **8am** to be admitted. The staff stop serving breakfast at this time to allow them to clear up and get the children to their class bubbles before the other children arrive. Thank you for your help with this.



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Laughing is a therapy!



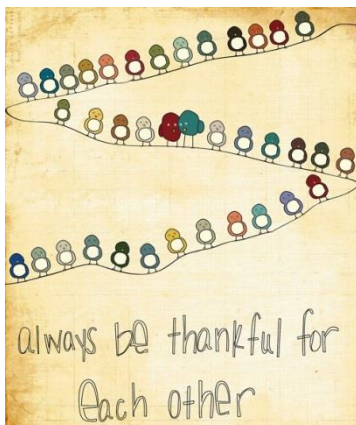
Laughing feels good, boosts our immune system and helps us keep things in perspective. Laughing with others strengthens relationships and, because laughter is contagious, we laugh more with others.



- Share jokes at home and online.
- Watch funny clips and films.
- Try laughter yoga; there are plenty of examples on YouTube.

There is some research evidence that even fake or forced laughter can improve mood and wellbeing.

Here's a great link for some jokes but I am sure you can come up with a few <https://inews.co.uk/light-relief/jokes/jokes-kids-funny-497875>



THERE IS ALWAYS
something
TO BE
thankful for

There is ample research to show that deliberately focusing on the good things in our lives - practising gratitude - can improve our wellbeing. It's easy to give in to our natural 'negativity bias' as our brains strive to protect us from harm, but we can counter that by deliberately focusing on what's good, even during challenging times.

- At the end of each day, write down three good things about the day, no matter how small (a rainbow in the sky, another day without symptoms, a funny joke you heard...it's amazing what you'll notice when you pay attention!).
- Share at least one positive story with other people each day.
- Say 'thank you' for all the little things others do for you and mean it.

There are some great apps that you can use for this, this useful site explains and rates them for you

<https://www.happierhuman.com/gratitude-app/>



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Free School Meal Registration

We are writing to encourage you to register for free school meals. Your family may be eligible if you receive one of the following:-

- *Income Support*
- *Income based Job Seekers Allowance*
- *Child Tax Credit (most recent award notice - with **NO** Working Tax Credit **AND** annual income not exceeding £16,190)*
- *Guarantee element of pension credit*
- *Income Related Employment and Support Allowance*
- *Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act*

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 they will already be entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

However, it is essential that you register for FSM as this would raise important funds for the school.

Eligibility could entitle your child to discounted costs for school based provisions such as school trips and music tuition.

PLEASE REGISTER @

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schoolseducationchildcareskillsandemployability/schoolmeals>

PUPIL RECORDS

Please ring the school office if your contact details have changed. It is really important that we have current, accurate contact information for three contacts per child so that we can get hold of someone in an emergency.

If you have moved house or changed your phone number or email accounts, please let us know by phoning the school on 01752 225420 or by email to holy.cross.rc.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk

THANK YOU



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PLYMOUTH ARGYLE ROADSHOWS

We are delighted to announce our Argyle Community Trust October Roadshows for 2020. These will be running from Monday 26th October until Friday 30th October with something running within the Plymouth & South Hams Region every single day.

These will be running different to future years due to limitations and restrictions within the numbers that can attend to ensure all children who attend are safe and these are offered in line with the FAs and the Governments Covid 19 guidelines. These will be offered on a first come first serve basis, please find the attached schedule for these:

Monday 26th October

Manadon Sports and Community Hub – PL Primary Stars Day - £16 (48 spaces available) – 10am-3pm
Lipson Vale Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 9am-3pm

Tuesday 27th October

Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Strikers & Goalkeeper day - £16 (48 spaces available) – 10am-3pm
Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Girls Only Football Roadshow - £16 (16 spaces available) – 10am-3pm
Lipson Vale Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 9am-3pm
Newton Ferrers Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 9am-3pm

Wednesday 28th October

Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Football Roadshow - £16 (48 spaces available) – 10am-3pm
Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Football Roadshow - £8 (24 spaces available) – 10am-12pm
Newton Ferrers Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 9am-3pm
Wembury Primary School – Argyle Football Roadshow - £16 (16 spaces available) – 10am-3pm

Thursday 29th October

Newton Ferrers Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 9am-3pm
Wembury Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 10am-3pm

Friday 30th October

PAFC, Home Park (Family Stand for registration)– Argyle Halloween Special - £18 (32 spaces available) – 10am-3pm
Plympton Academy – Argyle Halloween Special - £18 (32 spaces available) – 10am-3pm
Lipson Vale Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 9am-3pm

All roadshows can be booked on the below link and once the spaces have gone we will not be able to accept anymore bookings so please book in advance to avoid disappointment.

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

Have a lovely weekend! ☀️