



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is difficult to believe that we are already at the May Half-Term mark with just one term to go before the end of this very different and very challenging academic year.

Our Mission Week was a wonderful way to mark this important achievement as we slowed down to reflect on the important things in our lives – our families, our friends, our school and our wonderful uniqueness that makes each of us so special.

The sun came out which was an added bonus- just in time for our hardy Year 3s and Year 6s who were amazing us all with their resilience and courage as they learned to ride their bikes safely. Our thanks to Plymouth Schools Sports Partnership for coming to Holy Cross this week and for being so organised and supportive of our children.

This week Miss Hannaford and myself met with the marketing manager of Nash and Co. Mr Briggs has invited us to be part of a very exciting partnership to collaborate on a project in Beaumont Park. Our mission asks us to be 'agents of change' and to reach out to our community – 'to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor'. The project in the park will be a fantastic opportunity for us to get involved in our local community and to do what we can to look after our beautiful earth. Our Eco-Warriors will be leading the project and we can't wait to share more detail with you soon.

With the G7 summit taking place in Cornwall very soon, CAFOD have invited the Catholic schools in the diocese to collaborate on another project – **Eyes of the World**. The hope is to unveil a giant art installation, created by the children of our schools, to tell the world leaders that our eyes are on them as they make decisions about the climate and the future of our global family. Please support this wonderful event – more detail further on in this newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe,

Mrs F Gill  
Headteacher



*Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – INSET day*

**Children back**  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

**NSPCC Childhood Day**  
*11<sup>th</sup> June*

**Clean Air Day**  
*21<sup>st</sup> June*

**First Holy Communion**  
*Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021*

**Summer Term 2**  
*Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday*  
*22<sup>nd</sup> July*

**Y6 Residential**  
*28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June*  
*To be confirmed*

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ANY COVID RELATED COMMUNICATIONS (POSITIVE RESULTS OF TESTS): [covid@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:covid@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk)**



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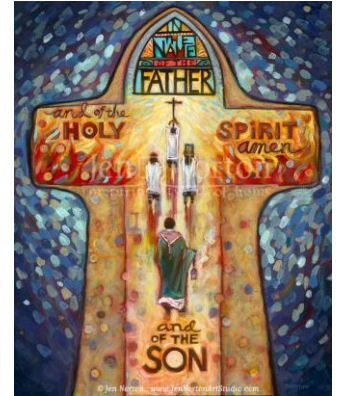
### *Our Catholic Life –Father, Son and Holy Spirit*

Jesus arranges to meet his friends on a mountain. When the disciples see Jesus they fall down before him, overcome with wonder. Some are not quite sure what is going on. Jesus comes over and asks his disciples to do a special job. Jesus asks his friends to spread the message about God's love and to baptise everyone in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Jesus promises he will be with his friends always, until the end of time.



#### *Let us Pray*

Your disciples didn't always know how to react to you, I'm glad that I am not the only one who is unsure. Help me to listen to you so that I will grow in understanding, like the disciples.  
**Amen**



### *Wonders of the Week*

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



**Julia Donaldson: Ralph** for working really hard in his writing and phonics lessons. We are so proud.

**Allan Ahlberg: Harry** for making fantastic progress in his reading this term.

**Roger Hargreaves: Misma** for challenging herself; trying challenging tasks and doing her best in everything she has done this week.

**Eric Carle: Savio** for fantastic focus and effort in every subject and for his amazing maths work.

**Michael Morpurgo: Ruby** for really trying to improve her writing this week; making sure it's interesting and has the toolkit features included

**Quentin Blake: Harry** for staying focused on his work and being a true role model in our class.

**Roald Dahl: Xander** for producing a great piece of writing this week using all he has learned to make it interesting for the reader. He was very proud of his achievement as were we!

**Philip Pullman: Philip** for applying his understanding of the class text to create a fantastic explanation write.

**Emma Carroll: Finlay** for his fantastic effort to improve his handwriting and general presentation.

**Brion** for asking questions of his writing to make sure it was his best work yet.



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J K Rowling: We will have two next week!



*After Half term,  
we will focus on  
COMPASSION*



***Gospel Values Awards:*** This week we have all been trying to show **Justice**.

**Julia Donaldson:** **Archie** for always looking out for others and making sure games are fair during choosing time.

**Allan Ahlberg:** **Haidar** for always looking out for the Year 1s both in class and at playtime and for making sure his games are fair

**Roger Hargreaves:** **Meleia** for having the courage to share her ideas with others. I particularly enjoy hearing her explain her thinking in mathematics.

**Eric Carle:** **Oliver** for encouraging friends to participate in his games and ensuring fairness, always.

**Michael Morpurgo:** **Joshua** for always making sure his peers are included fairly in games in the playground.

**Quentin Blake:** **Jacob** for always standing up for others and sharing what he feels is right.

**Roald Dahl:** **Marcus** for Justice - Marcus always stands up for his peers who he thinks are being treated unfairly. He is also very honest.

**Philip Pullman:** **Holly** for showing great courage to persevere with her learning this week.

**Emma Carroll:** **Ash** for always trying to ensure that games are played fairly by everyone and include everyone.

JK Rowling: We will have two next week!



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United Kingdom  
Mathematics Trust

### CONGRATULATIONS to the children who participated in the Junior Mathematical Challenge with the UK Maths Trust.

They all did well and we are very proud of them. Our Gold winner has now qualified for the next round which takes place on the 15<sup>th</sup> June. Although Chengxi is no longer with us at Holy Cross, we wish him the very best of luck. Congratulations to **Karolina, Rianna, Darragh, William, Daria and Joel**. Congratulations to **Charlie** for his **BRONZE Award**. Congratulations to **Faustas** and to **Alex** for their Silver Award. Congratulations to **Chengxi** for his **GOLD Award**.

**Congratulations** to all the children who took part and showed great courage and perseverance in challenging themselves to ride their bikes this week. The children were very well-behaved and respectful and despite the bad weather, they tried their best and should be very proud of themselves! Our youngest children also did superbly this week in their balance-ability sessions. Again, their resilience and 'have a go' attitude made us all very proud.



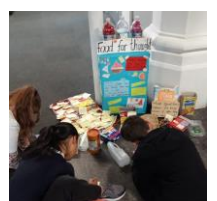
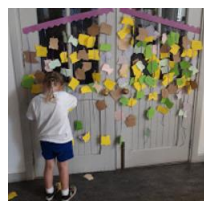
## MISSION WEEK

Mission Week was a wonderful way to end the term. Each class designed a beautiful prayer space in the hall to help us to explore our mission and to reflect on what makes us unique.

Our GIFT team led us in a beautiful celebration at the beginning of the week to honour Mary and we had masses of gorgeous flowers to decorate her special altar. The children also enjoyed thinking about what makes them special so that they could decorate their pebble for the GIFT prayer garden. The children did a fantastic job and we can't wait to these wonderful works of art in the prayer garden.



Each class has also been tasked with creating a work of art to focus on a particular element of our mission statement. We will continue to work on these over the coming weeks.



The teachers have all shared some photos on their Class Dojo pages for you to admire.



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## Eyes of the World – Half term challenge!

CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) has invited all schools to contribute to an art installation called the *Eyes of the World* which they plan to unveil in Cornwall during the G7 summit this June ahead of the UN climate talks in November. As our government hosts world leaders

for discussions about some of the biggest problems facing the world today, we want to remind them that the *Eyes of the World* are on them as they make important decisions about the climate and the future of our global family.

During our Mission Week the children reflected on this and on how they wanted to make a difference and get involved. This is central to our school mission. We want to give our children opportunities to make a difference – to be **AGENTS OF CHANGE**. Over half term, we ask that they get creative, using their arts and craft skills to make a pair of eyes, which can be added to the giant art installation that will be showcased in Cornwall during the G7 summit.

CAFOD are hoping to get thousands of pairs of eyes from children in Catholic schools across Cornwall, Devon, and Dorset to show the government that the world is watching and hoping they will take steps to tackle global poverty, injustice and the climate crisis.

Here are some examples of eyes that have already been received as part of the campaign:

- <https://twitter.com/StAnnesCP/status/1394978891769466880>
- <https://twitter.com/stjosephsotley/status/1393164690302320640>
- <https://twitter.com/OurPrincethorpe/status/1392498258858188808>

And here is a webpage with lots of resources to get you started:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Eyes-of-the-world>

This is the link to a short video <https://youtu.be/pv7PRf1fYUM>

The deadline, for us to deliver the eyes to CAFOD is **Wednesday 9 June 2021** (the art installation will be unveiled to the media on Friday 11 June 2021).



**EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM** is a campaign from ITV and Veg Power to encourage children to **eat** more veg. 80% of children and 96% of teenagers don't **eat** enough vegetables. This year the campaign is rolling out into 1,900 primary schools with veg tasting sessions, posters, teaching aids and games, and into the homes as **500,000 children will be given a vegetable reward chart and sticker pack, alongside a puzzle book co-created and funded by Public Health England's Change4Life campaign.**

A new report, 'Veg Facts 2021', being released by The Food Foundation and Peas Please Partnership, reveals that almost a third of children between 5-10 years old eat less than one portion of veg a day. The Eat Them To Defeat Them campaign shows how advertising can be used to inspire kids to eat a healthier diet. The situation does not improve with teenagers with only 6% of teenagers aged 11-16 years old currently eating enough veg to hit the recommendations in the Government's Eatwell Guide.

Research conducted by YouGov, commissioned by ITV and Veg Power for the campaign found that 35% of parents worried about their children's diets during the pandemic.



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Watch the video here: [Eat Them To Defeat Them](#)

**We will be taking part in the Eat them to Defeat Them campaign and Karen and her team in the kitchen will be offering a range of tasty veg for the children to try. Please encourage them to tuck in! Mission Packs will be sent home on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.**

Week of 7th June: Tomatoes  
Week of 14th June: Sweetcorn  
Week of 21st June: Peppers  
Week of 28th June: Carrots  
Week of 5th July: Peas  
Week of 12th July: Broccoli

### Premier Sports – Rounders for Philip Pullman Class

#### Thursday: Rounders

**Year: 5 and 6 (PP Class)**

**Time: 3:00 - 4:30**

**Price: £24.00 (6 weeks)**

**20 spaces available**

**Book online: [www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com)**

### Devonport High School for Girls - Open Day Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June (Virtual Event)



**Devonport High School For Girls**

**OPEN DAY**

**Wednesday 16th June 2021**  
A Virtual Event - Visit our website from 9am

Free School Meals students are eligible for a free 11+ Practice Examination  
See website for further details

'Best State Funded Secondary School in the Greater Plymouth Area'  
Ref: Schools Guide 2018, 2019 & 2020

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### **Plymouth ARYLE WHITSUN HALF-TERM ROADSHOWS**

Argyle's Community Trust Whitsun Roadshows for 2021 will be running from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May (Bank Holiday) until Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June with different topics of Roadshows running at a variety of venues.

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 31<sup>st</sup> May (Bank Holiday)**

Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Football Roadshow - £18 (50 spaces Available) – 9:30pm -3:30pm

#### **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Lipson Vale Primary – Multi-Sports Day - £18 (25 Spaces Available) – 9:30am-3:30pm

#### **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Newton Ferrers Primary – Football Roadshow - £18 (25 Spaces Available) – 9:30am-3:30pm

#### **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Plympton Academy – Football Roadshow - £18 (25 spaces available) – 9:30am-3:30am

#### **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Multi-Sports - £18 (40 spaces available) – 9:30am-3:30am

#### **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Mini Pilgrims - £6.50 (16 spaces available) – 10am-12pm

#### **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Newton Ferrers Primary – Multi-Sports Day - £18 (26 spaces available) – 9:30am-3:30am

#### **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Wembury Primary – Soccer Roadshow - £18 (26 spaces available) – 9:30am-3:30am

#### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Lipson Vale Primary – Multi-Sports Day - £18 (25 spaces available) – 9:30am-3:30am

#### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Wembury Primary – Multi-Sports Day - £18 (26 spaces available) – 9:30am-3:30am



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### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

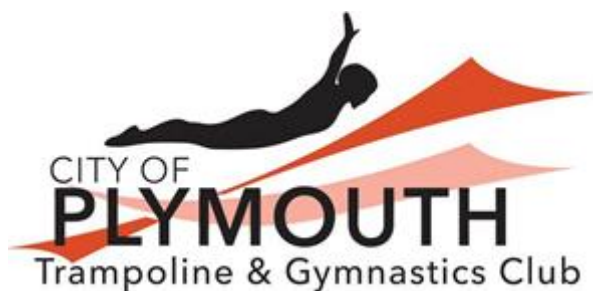
Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Football Roadshow - £18 (30 spaces available) – 9:30am-3:30am

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Girls Only Football Roadshow - £18 (25 spaces available) – 9:30am-3:30am

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

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



City of Plymouth Trampoline & Gymnastics club has linked up with your child's school with the aim of encouraging young people back to fitness and searching for individuals to join our latest Talent Identification squads.

Trampoline & Gymnastics has been proven to severely improve physical and mental attributes of participants that take part. Providing a fun and exciting way to regularly take part in fitness each week.

In past years, we have run successful Talent Identification sessions within Plymouth schools, highlighted individuals with great potential for Trampoline or Gymnastics and worked with them to be part of South West Squads, England Squads and even working within the Great Britain Teams and having the chance to attend events around Europe and the rest of the world.

We would like to offer the following opportunities to you and your child:-

Talent Identification trials – We are holding open trials where your child will get the opportunity to try out our trampoline and gymnastics equipment, to potentially gain a place within this year's Talent Identification Program.

This time around we are interested in trialing children born in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Contact us at [admin@cityofplymouthgymnastics.com](mailto:admin@cityofplymouthgymnastics.com) with your name, school, child's name and year of birth by Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The trial will take place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June in the afternoon.

We look forward to seeing you at the trial stage.



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### PREMIER EDUCATIONS HALF TERM CAMPS

#### Half Term Holiday Camps

Please see the attached flier from Premier Sports regarding half term Holiday camps. They will be based in Plymouth Prep and Boringdon Primary.

In addition. You will get 10% off if you use the code below

TEAGUE10

Activities to smile about!

**Whitsun half-term:** Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June, 2021



## Multi-activity Holiday Camps for your children!

Our Holiday Camps have been making kids happy for over 20 years, and this Whitsun half-term should be no different. Our super-fun sessions are jam-packed with safe activities for every child to enjoy.

To book now, visit  
[premier-education.com/holiday-camps](https://premier-education.com/holiday-camps)  
Follow our socials @PremEducationUK

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Based on over 5,000 reviews





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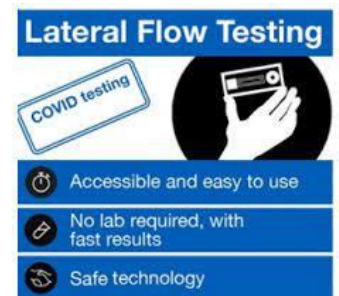
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### COVID19 Important Testing Reminder

As Lateral Flow Testing continues in schools and homes, could we remind you to report any positive results to [covid@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:covid@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk) or to **ring the school office immediately**, with self-isolation taking place until a confirmatory PCR test result is received. Whilst awaiting the result, we would have to send home the affected bubble(s) and report to Plymouth City Council as well as Plymouth CAST.

If the PCR comes back negative, we can then invite the bubble(s) back to school.



Any positive PCR tests should also be shared with us along with the date of the positive test.

Please remember that if an individual (child or adult) has any of the COVID19 symptoms a PCR test should be booked straight away. Use this link to book: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. You should not take a **Lateral Flow Device (LFD)** test if you are symptomatic even if LFD testing is part of your routine. **LFD tests are for people who are asymptomatic** – i.e. not showing any symptoms. If you are not sure whether you have one or more of the symptoms then book a **PCR** test.

Please note that this applies to anyone in your household as well.

For further information on testing go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

If your child presents with a new continuous cough, a fever or is experiencing any loss of or change in their taste/smell, please do not send them to school.

If your child presents with any of these symptoms while at school, we will call you immediately. You should have your child tested and the whole household should self-isolate until you get the result.

Further action will depend on the result of the test.



### Breakfast Club/After School Club

20 places available at Breakfast and After School Club.

**Please ring to book places one week in advance.** Staff will be allocated to particular bubbles for the week ahead so that we can follow the track and trace guidelines effectively. We cannot take bookings on the day.

Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am and **children need to be in by 8am**. Arrivals after this time will not be admitted. After School Club finishes at **6pm**.

**Please ring 07398477727** when dropping off and picking up.

**Drop off and collection to Breakfast Club/After School Club is at the main red doors to the church.**



***Have a lovely weekend!***