



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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Message from the Head of Learning

Last week

What a busy week we have had here at Holy Cross!

A warm welcome back to our year 6 children after their week's residential on Dartmoor. They enjoyed a wide range of activities from caving to orienteering. Thank you to Miss McCalley, Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Kirk and Mr Leech for taking care of the children all week.

Key stage one and lower key stage two have enjoyed wonderful 'hook' days to launch their topics. Please read the reports below for more details.



Lower KS2 Egyptian Day: a year 4 child's report
'Yesterday was Egyptian day for Lower Key Stage 2. Everyone was so excited! There were gruesome mummies, pharaohs who looked like they were made of gold themselves and explorers wondering where to find the next tomb. Firstly, we had to decipher the hieroglyphics to find the God names. After that, we created our own collars fit for pharaohs. Other activities throughout the day included: making pyramids, baking flat breads, dancing to 'Walk like an Egyptian', Egyptian maths, chalk art, sarcophagus making, diary entries and a whole LKS2 photo. Nobody wanted the day to end!'



KS1 seaside day
'Key Stage 1 enjoyed a wonderful day of learning on Wednesday, engaging them in their new topic 'Beside the Seaside'. They composed and performed music using a range of instruments; used a range of media to create their own underwater scenes; created and performed an 'underwater dance'; and designed, made and flew some wonderful kites! Thank you to all the parents for supporting them in coming to school in their beach wear. The day was a great success - we are now fully engaged and ready for an exciting term ahead!'

Mrs King

This week

Healthy week begins this week. Miss Bailey, our science lead, has organised activities across the school, supporting all children to lead healthier lifestyles. We are looking forward to welcoming you to our parent lunches this week.

And finally...

Thank you for responding to our homework survey. You have provided us with some clear messages which are echoed by views gathered at our parent forums. In summary, you have asked us for simple weekly tasks rather than termly grids. You have also asked for tasks to focus on spelling, reading and mathematics. We will make changes to homework

ready for September. We believe that making these changes will make homework more purposeful and effective. The survey has now closed but I welcome any further comments to me via email.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Potterton

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Liturgy in School



Please join us for whole school liturgy on Monday 11th June at 9am. You will receive a very warm welcome.

The theme for our prayer and worship is:

JESUS LOVES US

MARK 3:35 Anyone who does God's will is my



**Dear Jesus, thank you for my family. Help us to listen properly to each other so we can look after each other and not be lonely.
Amen.**



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GDPR

Many of you will by now have heard about the new **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** which is a regulation in EU law on data protection and privacy for all individuals within the European Union. It also addresses the export of personal data outside the EU.

This new regulation which came into force on 25th June replaces the old Data Protection directive which UK law had been based upon since 1995. In light of this new change in regulation we have had to revise the way in which our information is stored and shared with others. You have already received an updated Consent/Permission Form, together with a Data Sheet, which you should have by now returned to the school office.

If you have yet to return your form, please do so as soon as possible.

In light of these new changes, you will notice in this and future newsletters that we will no longer be naming those pupils who have excelled in school that week and who would have received either a 'Wonder of the Week Certificate' or a 'Top Table Award'. These awards are still in place, which the children will receive weekly and parents will still be invited to the celebration assembly. However for GDPR reasons we can no longer refer to them in our weekly newsletter.



BIKES and SCOOTERS

Please could we ask children to not ride their bikes or scooters through the playground. When they arrive at the school gate, they then need to push their bike/scooter to the parking bay. We have had a couple of collisions this week which resulted in injuries which we would like to avoid in the future.



MUSIC CLUB

Friday from 3.15 to 4.15pm
KS2

For year 3 to year 6

2 spaces available

Would your child like to join our music club? You can choose which instrument you would like to play. £3.30 per session and we may be able to supply the instrument, if you don't have one. Please contact school office if you are interested.



Parking at Dunelm

Unfortunately, the owners of Friary Retail Park have changed hands and the new owners (Plymouth City Council) will no longer give us permission to use the car park to be able to drop off and pick up at the beginning and end of the school day. We are very disappointed with the outcome of their decision and have appealed to no avail. Therefore if you use this car park it is at your own risk and you may receive a parking fine if you do use it.

We do appreciate how difficult it is parking near the school and if you are unable to find a space on Beaumont Road, may we suggest that you use Knighton Road next to St Judes Church, where there is a parking restriction from 10am to 12pm only which will not affect drop off and pick up times. It is approximately a five minute walk from school.

Please may we remind you that the housing estate behind school is private and only permit holders are able to use this area for parking. Please kindly respect our neighbours and refrain from using this estate for parking at any time. We appreciate your support.



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TRUTEX UNIFORM SALE

Trutex will be in the top playground Tuesday 12th June from 3pm to sell half price uniform, if you are interested in purchasing uniform.



The PTFA raised £51.00 from the recent second hand uniform sale. A big thank you to all of the kind volunteers who helped.



We accept the following
Childcare Vouchers:

Edenred ref - **P21102440**

Fideliti ref - **HOL357C**

Allsave/Sodexo/p&mm/
salary plus ref – **872743**

Computershare ref –
0024415526

Care4 ref - **21767538**

If you have any questions regarding childcare vouchers please contact the school office.



Notre Dame Plymouth

Year 4 & Year 5

‘Open Afternoon’

Thursday 28th June 2018 from
12.30pm

The Open Afternoon is for Year 4 and Year 5 girls, and their families considering admission to the school. Guided school tours, complimentary lunch and an opportunity to meet staff and students. For further information or to reserve a ticket, please telephone 01752 775101 or email info@ndonline.org



Lost Property

The Lost Property Box is overflowing. If you want to look for something your child has lost, please come into the school office.



On Time Heroes

Being at school on time is crucial for learning. Our school gates open at 8.30am and all pupils are to be in school ready to learn by 8.50am.

Well done to

Eric Carle

On Time Heroes this week!



The House Point winning team this week is:

St Judes

Well done!

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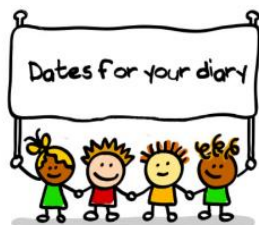
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Here is a list of some important dates confirmed for this year.

All information is available on our website calendar.

w/c 11th June
Healthy Eating Week

29th June @ 2.15pm
Whole School Mass

29th June
School Discos
FS & KS1 – 4.30pm – 5.30pm
KS2 – 5.45pm – 7.00pm

2nd July
Confirmation of new classes

9th July
Sports Day

10th & 18th July
Reserve Sports Day

11th July
Reports out

12th July
Meet the Teacher

12th July @ 2.15pm
Whole School Mass

13th July
Summer Fair

16th July @ 1.30pm
Year 6 Leavers' Production
Dress Rehearsal

17th July @ 7pm
Year 6 Leavers' Production

18th July @ 7pm
Leavers' Production

16th & 17th July
Transition mornings

19th July @ 2pm
School Talent Show

20th July @ 2pm
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

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

Mrs Potterton and Mr Cotter