

HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

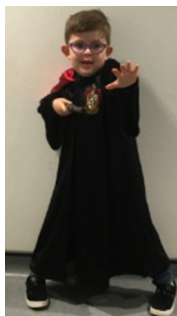
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Message from the Headteacher

It has been another busy week, especially with the beginning of the season of Lent and celebrating World Book Day yesterday.

Thank you to those parents and friends who were able to attend our whole school Ash Wednesday Mass to mark the start of Lent. We are also grateful for your efforts in dressing your child for World Book Day. The photos capture some of the excitement of the day.



If the children come home talking about PIRA and PUMA, please do not be alarmed. We have carried out some assessments this week just to confirm how we think all pupils are doing in reading and maths.

Reading is still a huge priority in supporting all learning so our school library is about to move again. We want it to be more accessible and be more in the 'heart' of the school. Any ideas you have to make a difference, please let me know.

We welcome Mr Charlie Kaylor who started teaching Dick King-Smith class this week.

The children have discussed what this season of Lent means and for many they believed it to be a time of giving something up. However, it can be far more than that. It can be a self-discipline, but also a time to think of others. These simple words might help:

Love begins by taking care of the closest ones – the ones at home
Then take care of those from afar
Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things
with great love.
Do ordinary things with extraordinary love.

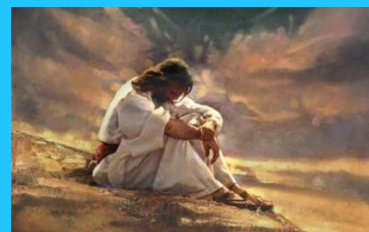
Have a lovely weekend.

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:

Jesus is tempted



Dear Jesus, help me to follow your example and say "no" to temptation. You understand how hard it can be to choose to do what is right. Be with me and guide my choices. Amen.

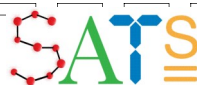
Parents
Evening

**Monday 18th March
& Tuesday 19th March**

@ 3.30pm—6pm (Years 1—6)
@ 1.30pm—6.30pm (FS only)

Please contact the school office if you have any issues with making a booking or if you need a password reminder.

INVITATION: -



Mrs King will be holding a Year 2 SATS information presentation on **Friday 15th February @ 3.30pm—4pm.**

The presentation will take place in Roger Hargreaves classroom. Following the presentation, there will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the forthcoming Year 2 SATS.

IMPORTANT NOTICE — HEAD LICE

We have had a couple of cases of head lice within the school. Please do not be alarmed, as this is a common occurrence in schools. Head lice are not a sign of unclean people or homes.

Please can we ask that you take the following precautions so as to avoid further cross infection: -

1. Check your child's hair for eggs (also called nits).
2. If you suspect your child has head lice, ask your health care provider (a pharmacist will be able to help) to diagnose the problem and recommend appropriate treatment.
3. Tell us if your child is diagnosed as having head lice.
4. If head lice is diagnosed, do not return your child to school until she or he has been treated and all the nits removed.

Thank you for your help.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you have a child attending a school or 6th form and you receive certain benefits, you may be entitled to claim free school meals. Plymouth City Council is able to check your eligibility online, therefore minimising the need to provide proof of your entitlement.

It is of great benefit for your child's school if you are entitled to free school meals as they receive extra school funding for all children who qualify. Please contact your child's school for details of their Pupil Premium Policy. Plymouth City Council have a 5 day turn around for all free school meals applications, and will advise your child's school of the date the free school meals start.

For more information please go to <https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schoolseducationchildcareskillsandemployability/freeschoolmeals>



Our PTFA is always looking for helpers
and at the moment is looking for a:

Vice Chair

If you are interested please contact Justine
(Chair) on hc.ptfa@gmail.com

PTFA AGM

Wednesday 13th March @ 5.30pm



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

THIS WEEK WE SAY WELL DONE TO: -

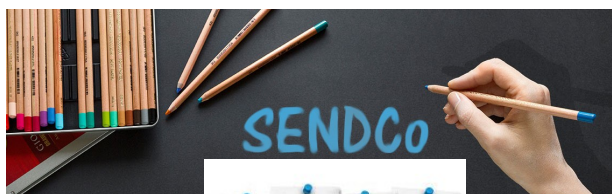
Eric Carle (Yr1/2) and
Roger Hargreaves (Yr2)

100% on time.

Well done

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World Autism Awareness
Week 1st to 7th April 2019

Plymouth Parent Carer Voice events

- 29th April- Developing your Behaviour Tool Box
- 8th May- Parent Carer SEND conference
- 4th June - Sleep with Cerebra- for Primary age children

For attendance to any of these events follow the link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ppcv-accessing-public-services-with-cerebra-tickets-56410915567>

And book yourself a place !



Parents evening 18th and 19th March.

Mrs Cotter the SENDCo will be available to meet with any parents. If you would like an appointment contact me by email jcotter@maryofthecross.co.uk



SHORT BREAKS

Running during school half terms and summer



Short Breaks is for children
with Autism or ADHD, aged 7-14.

Enjoy football games and
other fun activities.

www.bookwhen.com/shortbreaks
or contact 01752 300700



Sessions run from 10am - 1pm on Monday and Tuesday
Just £5 per session
Open to children aged from 7 - 14
Held at Home Park, Plymouth, PL2 3DQ

For more information call 01752 300700
or e-mail josh.grant@paic.co.uk

HOUSE POINTS

- 1ST—St Teresa
- 2ND—St Julie
- 3RD—St Andrew
- 4TH—St Jude



Please remember that your ParentPay Account **MUST NOT** go into debit. Please ensure that you always have sufficient monies within your account at all times. We are continually having to chase debtors which is both costly and time consuming.

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HOCKEY

Give it a go with
Plymouth HC



Plymouth Hockey Club is run by parents and friends for the benefit of young people aged 4 - 15, regardless of skill or ability. The Club sponsors those who wish to progress in hockey as players, coaches or umpires. We have members playing at county and regional level and lots who play just for fun. The Club has attained Clubfirst, which recognises excellence in the safeguarding and development of young people. We are registered with the Children's University and actively support members undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.



**Get your first
6 weeks free!**

www.plymouthhockeyclub.org.uk

Membership	£60 per season. £40 for siblings. (Payment may be made by instalments)
Safeguarding	All staff hold DBS. All coaches first aid trained.
When & Where	10.00-13.00 every Sunday (September to April) at Bull Point ATP, Kintbury Road, Plymouth, PL5 1ER. <i>Please ignore the 'authorised vehicles only' sign.</i>

Loan kit to borrow. Free parking. On site toilets, changing rooms, showers, club lounge & BBQ area.



"The friendliest club in the city"

For further information, please contact Rob White (Chairman) on 07861 250682 or at committee@plymouthhockeyclub.org.uk

Phoenix Juniors



- ♪ Develop your vocal technique
- ♪ Learn to sing in harmony
- ♪ Perform at public concerts
- ♪ Meet others who love to sing

Every Monday, 6.30-7.15pm

Term time

St Peter's Church, Wyndham Square PL1 5EG

for youngsters aged between 9 and 16 years
(parental permission required)

for further information: info@plymouthphoenixchorale.org
www.plymouthphoenixchorale.org

Devon Junior Chess Association



DEVON SPRING 2019 JUNIOR OPEN



9:30am Sat 16th March 2019 at Churston Ferrars Brixham TQ5 0LN
SECTIONS: Under 9 * U-11 * U-14 ENTRY FEE £12.00

Enquiries to: Devon Junior Chess devonjuniorchess@gmail.com

For more information go to: <http://devonjuniorchess.co.uk/events>



Here is a list of some important dates confirmed for this year.
All information is available on our website calendar.

Wednesday 13/03/19
PTFA AGM

Monday 18/03/19
Parents Evening

Tuesday 19/03/19
Parents Evening

Tuesday 19/03/19
Tempest
—Class Photographs

Monday 08/04/19 to
Friday 19/04/19
Easter Holiday

Friday 19/04/19
Good Friday

Monday 22/04/19
Easter Monday

Tuesday 23/04/19
Summer Term starts

Monday 27/05/19 to
Friday 31/05/19
Half Term

Monday 03/06/19 to
Friday 07/06/19
Year 6 Residential

Friday 28/06/19
Summer Fair

Friday 19/07/19
Last day of term