



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Our Catholic Life

Our theme next week is **Have a go!**

A man gives his property to his servants to look after. The servant who was given the most uses his money wisely and doubles its value, as does the second man. The third servant just hides his gift. When the man returns from his travels he is delighted with the first two servants but he is disappointed with the servant who wasted the opportunity he'd been given. Although this servant explains that he hadn't used the little he'd been given in case he lost it, the master was still angry. everyone must try hard to make the most of all their gifts.

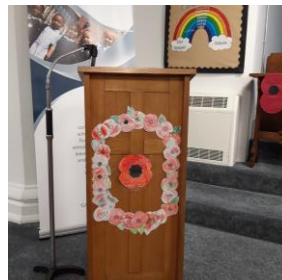


Let us Pray

Dear Jesus, thank you for all my gifts and talents. Help me to use them well. **Amen**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Remembrance Day and Child in Need Day – two wonderful events which this week brought us together as a community. On Wednesday we took time as a school to reflect on the great sacrifices made by all service men and women. The children took time to remember and to say thank you to God. Our beautiful gates are a wonderful symbol of our respect for all those who have fought and died for their country.



Children in Need today gave us a much needed breath of fresh air as the children bounded into school in their yellow outfits in a sea of spots and stripes. Again, many thanks for your kind and generous donations.

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

Stay safe,

Mrs F Gill
Headteacher



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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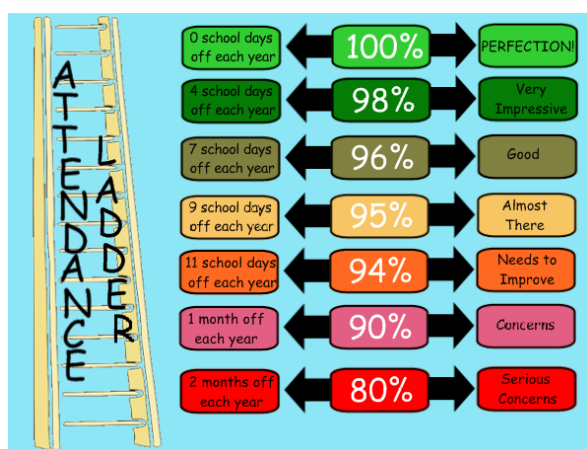
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Why Does Attendance Matter?

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.

Remember! The guidance hasn't changed.
Children should still attend school every day.



Class	Attendance
JD	99%
AA	94%
EC	97%
RH	91%
RD	91%
QB	96%
MM	96%
EMC	97%
PP	96%
JKR	99%

This week's attendance at Holy Cross was **95.6%**.

Some of the codes used have been changed so our percentages appear lower than previously. This is not due to more children being ill/absent. PLEASE always ring the school number 01752 225420 to report an absence. *Thank you*



This week Quentin Blake Class helped Miss Goddard with our Celebration Assembly.

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

Julia Donaldson: Kitty for her fantastic progress in Read Write Inc. and for joining in with lots of new activities.

Allan Ahlberg: Ismail for persevering with some tricky maths

Roger Hargreaves: Marina for showing resilience in mathematics and sharing her thinking with the class.

Eric Carle: Martha-Mary for consistently trying her best and making fantastic progress in both English and Maths.

Michael Morpurgo: Leo for his active participation in PE. He has grown so much in confidence and is really starting to showcase his learning with his peers.

Quentin Blake: Oliwia for always smiling and making super progress in her maths. Keep being resilient!

Roald Dahl: Jaisal for the fantastic explanations he has been giving in maths and great editing to improve his writing.

Philip Pullman: Jesse for his logical thinking and reasoning in cracking the code in our computing lesson this week

J K Rowling: Gabriel for his passion for our WW2 coding and WW2 history lessons and his confidence to ask questions in class.

Emma Carroll: Brion for his incredible effort in Maths this week, especially when learning about BIDMAS.



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Gospel Values Awards

Julia Donaldson: Sejal for *Kindness* - for being such a kind friend and always helping others. Sejal puts our gospel values into action so beautifully.

Oscar E: for *Compassion* - For always putting a smile on our face for always being there for others

Allan Ahlberg: Rory for *Kindness* to his friends

Roger Hargreaves: Minaal for *Courage* - building new friendships in her new class.

Eric Carle: Stefan for *Courage*- for always being willing to have a go and share ideas with the class.

Michael Morpurgo: Vinnie for showing *compassion* towards his friends and peers, always making sure they are happy.

Quentin Blake: Rosie always shows *kindness* in everything she does. Her smile brings happiness to our classroom everyday.

Roald Dahl: Millie for the *kindness and compassion* she always shows to all her peers - she is a great role model in Roald Dahl.

Philip Pullman: Dylan for *Courage* - Having the confidence to ask questions and offer help to others.

J K Rowling: Sienna for *Courage* - For being brave and sharing her working through problems with the whole class, for not being afraid to make mistakes and knowing that this is how we learn!

Emma Carroll: Alex B for the *kindness* and help he offers others when tidying up.



Maths Week Competition on TT Rockstars

Some great scores so far. **REMEMBER** to log on to TTRS! Competition closes 7.30pm tomorrow, Saturday 14th November. Let's see what score you can get – Can **you** be a Times Tables Rockstar?

Goodbye to Mrs Dyson



Sadly, we are soon to lose Mrs Dyson.

Mrs Dyson has been appointed to a new role in another school and will be leaving us at the end of term.

We have now advertised for a replacement teacher who will start in January 2021. The advert can be found in the School Post and on our

website.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Dyson for all she has done for the children of Holy Cross over the last 4 years. I wish her the very best of luck on this next step of her journey.



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Busy Learning in EYFS

The children in Julia Donaldson also had a lovely video sent to them by Austen at Central Library talking about Diwali which is celebrated tomorrow!



This links wonderfully to our whole school focus on other faiths. This week the children have been learning about **Islam**. Next week's focus is **Sikhism**. On the 23rd November we begin learning about **ADVENT**.



Our Thanks to Father Jacek for sharing this information with us.

Covid-19 Support for Individuals - November 2020

The following list is not exhaustive but signposts individuals to some places where people can access support during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Advice and help is being co-ordinated by Caring for Plymouth, a partnership between Plymouth City Council, Livewell South West and a wide range of voluntary and community organisations:

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/coronaviruscovid19information/caringplymouth>

Plymouth Public Dispensary offers financial assistance for people in need who live in Plymouth and are unwell or convalescing to assist their recovery:

http://www.ppdtrust.co.uk/about_us.html

Or phone 01752 782758

The Church's deepest nature is expressed in her three-fold responsibility: of proclaiming the word of God, celebrating the sacraments, and exercising the ministry of charity (Caritas)





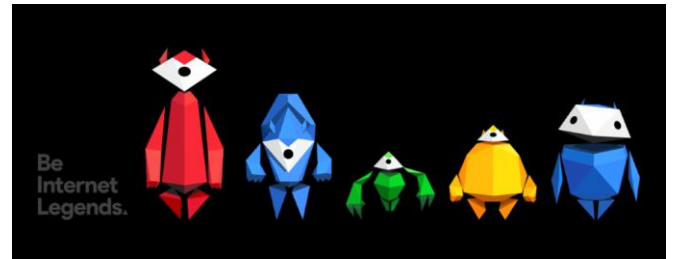
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How much does your family know about online safety? Win prizes for our school with The Legends Family Challenge!

The Legends Family Adventure is a three-part animated series following a family of Internauts through Interland. It was developed by Google and Parent Zone as part of the Be Internet Legends programme — helping children to be safer and more confident online.



When Lumen's bear goes missing, her whole family must brave Interland to get it back. Along the way, the family learns lessons from the Legends Code — including helpful tips on what to do with cyberbullies, how to spot scams and set strong passwords, as well as important lessons on kindness. And, Lumen discovers she's stronger and braver than she ever thought she could be.

Once you've watched the films, it is time to test your family's online safety knowledge by entering The Legends Family Challenge, proving your legendary status and maybe even winning some prizes for our school along the way.

You can find out more about the free family resources from The Be Internet Legends programme by visiting parents.parentzone.org.uk/legendsfamilyadventure



Congratulations to Mrs. Chantler and her husband Greg.

Baby Quinn James Chantler was born on Monday 26th October. Both mum and baby are very well.





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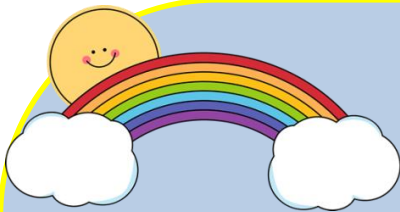
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Health & Wellbeing

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8 Things to Do to Enhance Your Mental Health

Take 10 slow, deep breaths or blow bubbles.

March or jog in place, do jumping jacks.
Movement stimulate your body and brain.

Create a daily goal, and list little steps you need to take to accomplish it.

Embark on a stroll, and intentionally notice positive things around you.

Acknowledge the awful things you're dealing.
What can you do more of to keep getting through the tough stuff?

Practice noticing your thoughts. Identify, challenge, and replace the unhealthy ones.

Color or draw.

Do at least one thing you love every day.





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The Catholic Children's Society Fundraiser

At a time when so many fundraising events have to be cancelled due to COVID 19, the Catholic Children's Society are receiving more requests than ever for financial help, as more vulnerable children and their families are affected by the pandemic.

CAN YOU IMAGINE SLEEPING ON THE FLOOR EVERY NIGHT ?



As part of our Good Shepherd programme, this Christmas

It's hard to believe that in this day and age, there are children who do not have a warm and comfy bed to sleep in every night! In fact, one in five children living in the south west are living in poverty, and in parts of the region poverty is even more severe. Some areas in our Diocese actually fall into the top 10% of the most deprived areas in England.



The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) is asking children living in our Diocese to think of children less fortunate than themselves by putting themselves in their shoes just for one night. We are asking children living in Devon, Cornwall and parts of Dorset to give up their bed for one night to sleep on the floor.

If you would like to join in our sponsored 'Sleep on the Floor for a Night' please complete the sponsor form and start collecting your sponsors before the Christmas holidays.

If 100 children could raise £10 each in sponsorship, CCSP could buy beds and mattresses for 10 children, so they never have to sleep on the floor again.

The sponsorship form can also be downloaded from our website

www.ccsplymouth.org.uk

Thank you !!



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REMINDERS

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.



Due to the national lockdown and resulting restrictions, we will not be extending our before and after school provision until after January at the earliest.

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.

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

Parent Pay

Please can we remind you to clear any Parent Pay balances and to activate your account if you haven't already done so?

log onto: www.parentpay.com

Consideration for local residents

Sadly we have taken a number of calls this week from residents who are understandably concerned about parents parking inconsiderately. One resident has had significant damage caused to his garage. Please can we ask that you park only where it is legal to do so and to respect the residents and their property as we don't want bad feelings to develop between our school and the residents.

THANK YOU

Have a lovely weekend! ☀️