



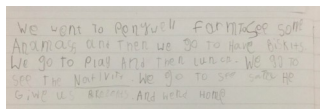
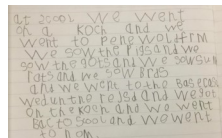
## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

As we look back on a very busy Autumn term, I cannot believe just how much has been going on! Not only has there been so much learning, across all subjects, the classes all had time to put together a wonderful Christmas performance! I can assure you it wasn't just 'hey presto!' and all of that came together! Thank you to all of you who came to the performances. It highlights the talent we have across the school, giving the opportunity for children to shine - quite literally - and it reminds us all of our central Christian message. As the final words of the performance said:



*"Not just at Christmas, but on every day of every month of every year.  
As Jesus would grow up to tell us, do to others as you would have them do to you.  
Love thy neighbour.  
And most importantly of all . . .  
Keep the door open for everyone."*



Julia Donaldson class visited Pennywell Farm on Tuesday and had a wonderful time. Thank you to all the parents who helped.

Our 'Kindness' theme has continued and the donations from the visits Julia Donaldson children made out into our community were given to the Food Bank and Womens Refuge. I think they were overwhelmed with the generosity.

We had our whole school Mass yesterday and it was a special gathering. Father Jacek led us in remembering the true message of Christmas.

Congratulations to those children who enjoyed 'Cakes with Cotter' yesterday - they have done so well with collecting dojo points across the term.

We are all sad to say farewell to Mr Flashman. He has been such an inspiration in the way he teaches and just the way he is. I know you join with me in wishing him all the very best as he returns to South Africa.

I am looking forward to the choir singing at the Carol Service in the Cathedral this evening. They sang beautifully at Mass yesterday.

Admissions for 2020 close in January so if you know of any children approaching school age, please make sure they have submitted an application to Plymouth City Council very soon. In the past siblings have missed out on a place because of not making the closing date. Consultations for admissions 2021-22 has opened and the new proposed policy is on our website.

Another year comes to an end. I would like to just take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff here at Holy Cross for all they do, every day, for your children. They all deserve a break and a fantastic new year. May I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas. It is a very special time, so enjoy it! The children return to school on **Tuesday 7th January**.

Mr Cotter  
Headteacher





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Soloist – Helen Haviland  
 Organ – Nick Danks

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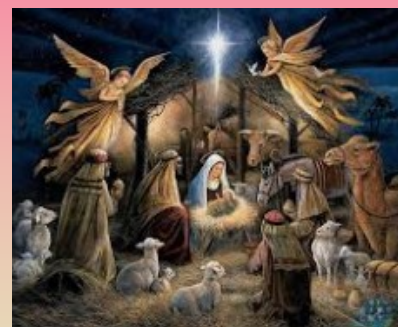
For more information contact Madeleine Matthe  
 01752-975217 / madeleine@primrosefoundation

### 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:**

**Joy**



**Dear Jesus, even though it  
 wasn't easy, Mary and Joseph  
 came together to become a  
 family ready to look after you.  
 Thank you for all my family and  
 everyone who looks after me.  
 Amen.**

## Winter Challenge 2019



### **Get socially active!**

Sort through toys you  
 no longer use. Donate  
 them to a local charity  
 shop



### **Get international!**

Learn how they celebrate  
 Christmas in Spain then  
 make a poster with what  
 you know

### **Get recycling!**

Make new Christmas  
 decorations out of  
 Christmas cards and  
 used gift wrap

### **Get Baking!**

Make mince pies and  
 deliver them to  
 someone special

### **Get Involved!**

Visit one or more local  
 Children's University  
 Learning Destinations

### **Get imaginative!**

Write a short story set in  
 the summer somewhere  
 hot. Forget snow and  
 think about sun!

### **Shake it Up!**

How many words can  
 you make with just the  
 letters from the words  
 SANTA CLAUS?



Collect extra Children's University credits during the Christmas break by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit when you take evidence of your activity to your teacher or local CU. This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did! To get a stamp code for *Children's University Online* email [contactus@childrensuniversity.co.uk](mailto:contactus@childrensuniversity.co.uk)





Mr Cotter and all the staff at Holy Cross School would like to thank the members of the PTFA for all the hard work they have put into running the PTFA events this term. Particular thanks must go to Justine, Andrew, Irene and Catarina.

Thank you very much, your hard work is very much appreciated.



Take part in the consultation on school admission arrangements for 2021 entry.

Consultation starts 9 December 2019 and ends 19 January 2020.

Visit [www.plymouth.gov.uk/admissionconsultation](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/admissionconsultation) or contact us 01752 307470.

Email [schoolconsultations@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:schoolconsultations@plymouth.gov.uk)

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We have some new clubs to look out for next term. Premier Sports are introducing **Basketball Skills** and bringing back **Dodgeball** and Rocksteady are starting their brand new group '**Sing**' on a Friday morning. We also continue with our regular Plymouth Argyle **Football** and **Tag Rugby** classes, **Martial Arts** run by South Coast Martial Arts and our lunchtime **Spanish Club** with Kidslingo.

You should have received an e-mail this week attaching all the information you need to book on to any of the above after school clubs for next term, however if you require more information please just ask in the school office.

Coming  
Soon.....



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

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Monday 06/01/20**

**Non-Pupil Day**

**Tuesday**

**07/01/20**

**Back to School**

**W/C 27/01/20**

**Bikeability for years  
FS, 3 & 6**

**W/C 03/02/20**

**National Storytelling  
Week**

**W/C 17/02/20**

**Half Term**

**Monday 24/02/20**

**Non-pupil day**

**Tuesday 25/02/20**

**Term Begins**

**Friday 27/03/20**

**Last day of term**

**Tuesday 14/04/20**

**Summer Term com-  
mences**

**Friday 8/05/20**

**Early May Bank Holi-  
day for VE Day**

**Friday 22/05/20**

**Non-pupil day**



*Thank you all for your support, as always. Have a lovely Christmas.*

*Mr Cotter, Miss Buscombe and all the staff at Holy Cross.*