



# HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10TH JULY 2020 — NO.33



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that there are just days to go until we finish another academic year - like no other! We had our highest daily total on Tuesday with 99 pupils back in school. However, a highlight was seeing all the Year 1 and Foundation Stage children enjoying their parties on Wednesday and today respectively. The excitement on the childrens' faces as they were just being with their friends was so wonderful to see. Thank you for bringing them in - I think it certainly will help them to make the adjustments back when they return in September.

Next week is our last full week for the term and our last week for Year 6. 'Parties' continue on Monday for all Year 2 and Tuesday for all Year 3 - from 1.30 - 2.30. It will be so good to see all the children. Please remember that on Friday, we need the Foundation Stage and Year 1 children to be picked up at 12.40 and 12.50 respectively so that we can enjoy a safe assembly for our leavers in the afternoon. We hope our Year 6 children really enjoy their final week in primary school - I know Miss McCalley has planned a very special programme for them and they are really excited about it.

On Monday 20th July, the Year 4 children will be invited to come in from 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. and be in their new class. On Tuesday 21st July, the same will be offered to the Year 5 pupils. They will be spread across their new classes - effectively three pods running across the Year 5/6 classrooms. The 2.00 p.m. finish then means there is time to thoroughly clean the classrooms.

This week has been very busy working on our Risk Assessments for our full opening in September. It is our intention at this stage to be welcoming all the children back on Thursday September 3rd. Obviously there will be a different timetable for our new Foundation children, but Year 1 - 6 will all be coming back together. From a practical point of view, there will need to be a staggered start and end to the school day to ensure that whole classes remain as a single 'bubble' and that we socially distance between the bubbles. Next week I hope to share what those staggered start and end times will look like.

We are also working on a School Improvement Recovery Plan that will look to support children on their return to school. This will include creating a safe environment for all, mental health and wellbeing, re-engaging learners with learning, identifying gaps and setting goals, and prioritising the curriculum.

Next week will be the last time the school will deliver weekly food hampers. Thank you to the staff who have been doing this every week. For those on free school meals, this will change to a food voucher and you should now receive an e-voucher by email.

This will not only be Mrs Cotter's and my last full week here at Holy Cross, Mrs Coyte has also decided that she will leave at the end of the term. She has been a wonderful Teaching Assistant here for many years and I am sure you would like to join with me in marking her significant contribution here, thank her and wish her all the very best.

On Friday, I am humbled by the fact that Bishop Mark is saying a Mass of Thanksgiving for retiring Heads and Heads leaving our schools. The Mass will be said for Mr Morse, Mrs England, Mrs Cox and myself as well as Mr Friel, who is leaving CAST after two years as our CEO. The Mass is being streamed via the Diocesan website at 11.00 a.m.

You continue to be in our prayers. Here is our Ten Ten resources link for anyone who would like it to support with your own family worship.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/sunday-liturgy-for-families/>

Have a lovely weekend. Take care everyone and God bless,

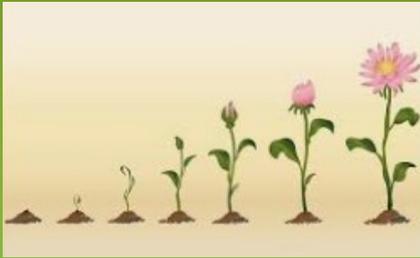
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## Liturgy in School

The theme for our prayer and worship next week is:

Let it grow!



Dear Jesus, help me to listen to your message of love and to let it take root in my life. Help me to be like a healthy plant bringing a good harvest to the world by living as you ask me to. Amen.

**TRY HOCKEY**  
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Summer 2020  
Holiday Camps!**  
Multi-Activity Holiday Camps for your children!

Our Holiday Camps provide a safe, fun and social place for your child to be throughout the summer. We've designed our Holiday Camps with safety in mind: grouped bubbles, reduced numbers & much more!

**Our Holiday Camps near you...**  
Venue: **Acacia Plymouth**  
Dates: From Monday 13th July - Friday 28th August  
Times: 09:00 - 16:00 \*\*Extended time available  
Price: From £30 per block  
Age: 5 - 12 years old

**You will need**

- A school bag
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing for the weather
- Level of energy!

For more info, and to book, visit: [premier-education.com/holiday-camps](http://premier-education.com/holiday-camps)

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

**Friday 19/07/20**  
**Last day of term**  
**—Year 6**

**Tuesday 21/07/20**  
**Last day of term**

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**Wednesday 2/9/20**  
**Non-pupil day**

**Thursday 3/9/20**  
**Autumn term begins**

**Friday 23/10/20**  
**Last day of term**

**26/10/20—30/10/20**  
**Half Term**

**Monday 2/11/20**  
**Term recommences**

**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**

## Helpers Needed!

Are you any good at assembling furniture?

We are looking for anyone who is able to help us assemble some new equipment we have had delivered so that it is ready in time for next term.

If you would like to offer your help (and can provide your own tools with which to do so!) Mrs Shaw would love to hear from you.

For more information please contact her on [hshaw@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:hshaw@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk)



**Notre Dame** students have prepared a virtual tour of the school which may be of interest to those of you who have a daughter in years 4 or 5. Please watch the video with your daughter to get an idea of what it would be like to become part of the Notre Dame family.

Just go to <https://youtu.be/rYJuQqgtXgQ>

