



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a difficult couple of weeks for us all. Thank you for all your support, your emails and your messages and for keeping the lines of communication open. Apologies for not sending a newsletter last weekend but as I am sure you will appreciate, there were more urgent matters to attend to!

Our isolating bubbles have done amazingly well all week; the children have engaged with their learning, joining Google Meets and sending in work to their teachers. The staff have been providing online sessions and ensuring that the children have everything they need in terms of paper packs, chrome books and access to Google Classroom and I am so appreciative of the effort everyone has made to lessen the impact of this outbreak on the learning and lives of our community both in school and at home.

We are also mindful of the children and families who have tested positive and have been unwell; we have been thinking of you all, and praying for your speedy recovery.

Although we will be welcoming our bubbles back next week, there will still be a number of children who continue to self-isolate due to the ongoing impact of the positive cases.

Thank you for taking the rules of self-isolation seriously; it is only by keeping potential infection away from others, that we stop the spread of this horrible virus. Until the end of the 10 day period, a contact is a potential case and we have had new cases as late as day 9.

I continue to meet regularly with our Public Health England consultant and our link Health Protection Officer from Plymouth City Council and all our actions are guided by their advice.

It was so lovely to see so many of you this morning at our Celebration Assembly and we look forward to getting back to 'normal' as soon as we can.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe,

Mrs F Gill  
Headteacher



**First Holy Communion**  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Summer Term 2**  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday  
22<sup>nd</sup> July

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ANY COVID RELATED COMMUNICATIONS (POSITIVE RESULTS OF TESTS): [covid@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:covid@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk)**



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### ***Our Catholic Life – Be Well***

Coincidentally, the theme for next week is 'Be Well'. It is fitting that we take the time to consider how Jesus always wanted to help others and on many occasions, he cured those who were suffering or unwell. We know he is looking after us now, and holding those of our community who are unwell, in his heart.

*When Jairus' daughter is ill, he turns to Jesus and asks him to heal her. Although Jesus wants to help, the crowd make it hard for him to reach the girl quickly. A woman in the crowd has so much faith in Jesus that she only has to touch his clothes to be instantly cured. It seems that Jesus arrives at Jairus' house too late. But Jesus says to Jairus, 'Do not be afraid, only have faith.' Jesus takes the girl's hand and asks her to get up – and she does!*



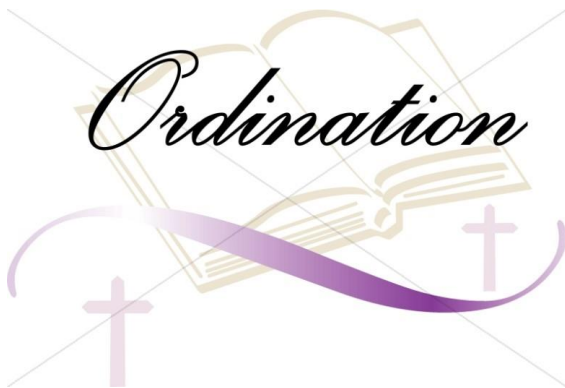
### ***Let us Pray***

Dear Jesus, Thank you for the people who look after me when I am ill. Thank you for the doctors, nurses and health workers who keep us well. We pray for Public Health England and Doctor Chaam as well as Plymouth's Health Protection Team, who have looked after us at Holy Cross over the last couple of weeks. **Amen**

### **ORDINATION**

This week we remember **Deacon Albert** who was ordained today at the Cathedral. The children in school made some beautiful cards for him. If you would like to

make a card at home for **Father Albert**, we will make sure he gets them.



We also remember **Bishop Christopher**, previous bishop of Plymouth. He has not been well and we have been keeping him in our prayers. Thankfully, he is feeling a bit better now and he wanted to say a big thank you for your prayers. Hopefully, he might be able to visit us soon. It has been

many years since he was last at Holy Cross so it would be lovely to welcome him back.



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### Wonders of the Week

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



**Julia Donaldson:**

**Poppyrae** for her amazing independent writing. We are so proud! **Freddie** for working incredibly hard in writing during choosing time.

**Allan Ahlberg: Daria** for working hard in class all week. **Rory** for working extremely hard on his handwriting and showing excellent learning behaviour.

**Roger Hargreaves: Minaal** for her incredible writing this week. It was presented so neatly- well done! **Blake** for his positive attitude in class. **Julia** for her hard work and commitment to learning.

**Eric Carle: Ekkam** for great perseverance; not giving up when things were tricky. Well done! **Ewan** for fantastic maths work and focus this week. Well done!

**Michael Morpurgo: Everyone** for quickly adapting to remote learning on such short notice and for taking the challenge of that in their stride. **Hollie** for having such a fantastic attitude towards her learning at home maintaining the same standards as she would do in school even making the extra effort to go back and edit her learning.

**Quentin Blake: Lena** for making brilliant progress in her times tables this week and for showing such great perseverance. **Everyone** for showing such resilience, dedication and their love of learning this week. We are very proud of you all.

**Roald Dahl: Wadih, Melissa, Anne and Xander** for making accelerated progress in their times tables fluency. We are so proud of you all for your hard work. **Everyone** for adapting so quickly to home learning this week, engaging well in our live lessons and working so hard to complete tasks set while at home.

**Philip Pullman: Cien** for working very well across all subjects and trying his best. **Sasha** for showing a great attitude towards his learning this week.

**Emma Carroll: All of EMC Class** for their excellent effort and attitude during assessment week as well as their positive mindset, seeing this as an opportunity to do the best they can do! **Eitan** for his focus in his maths, taking responsibility for his learning by choosing how he can best challenge himself.

**J K Rowling: Laura and Ahrianne** for their hard work, effort and concentration this week and for setting themselves a target and achieving it. **William** for running his lunch time 'Morse Code Club' even when we are learning from home and for organising the google meet with Miss McCalley, setting up the presentation and leading the session. It was great fun! Well done.



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### *Next week we will focus on JUSTICE (Friendliness).*

**Gospel Values Awards:** Last week we were focussing on forgiveness and this week we have all been trying to show **HONESTY**.

**Julia Donaldson:** Bertie for always looking after his friends and sorting out disagreements. Piran for being honest and making sure everything is fair for his friends.

**Allan Ahlberg:** Eli for always treating his classmates with love and care. Meeya for being honest and showing courage to share her feelings about being nervous when joining our online lessons as she is new to the school!

**Roger Hargreaves:** Brody for always treating his classmates with love and care. Nevaeh for being honest and sharing her feelings since her return to school.

**Eric Carle:** Dolly for always looking out for members of Eric Carle and showing care and love for others. Maisy for always being honest and recognising when the wrong choices are made.

**Michael Morpurgo:** Mahi for being on hand online to help her peers with any problems throughout the day. Jack for engaging so well in RE online and writing reflective prayers to God asking for his forgiveness and being honest about any wrong choices he has made.

**Quentin Blake:** Mason for always showing great sportsmanship when playing football. Euri for always being honest about his learning and feelings which helps us to make sure we can help in the best possible way.

**Roald Dahl:** Emily for having a kind and caring nature, happily forgiving and forgetting in any situation. Caylum for being so open and honest about his learning with regards to what he can and cannot do to help us to provide the best possible learning experiences for him.

**Philip Pullman:** Dylan for showing great kindness towards others at all times. Alex B for being an honest and kind friend to everyone at break and lunch.

**Emma Carroll:** Isabelle and Shalintha for letting go of past disagreements and taking the opportunity to rebuild their friendship. Ashley for always recognising and showing honesty, even if he has made a mistake.

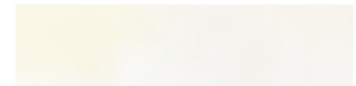
**JK Rowling:** Gerran for being considerate of others and being mature in forgiving past disagreements. Everyone for their hard work this week, transferring to online learning and being honest about what they can and can't do, being mature in asking questions and leading their own learning. We are very proud of you!



Between friends there is no need for justice, but people who are just still need the quality of friendship; and indeed friendliness is considered to be justice in the fullest sense.

Aristotle

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**EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM** is a campaign from ITV and Veg Power to encourage children to eat more vegetables.

This week we all had the opportunity to taste the peppers. Some of our more adventurous gastronomes got a spicy surprise! Next week, we will be tasting carrots – a far safer choice!

### GLOBAL WARRIORS' UPDATE

Two weeks ago, our KS2 Global Warriors took a trip to Beaumont Park to meet with some local community groups. They have an exciting project in the pipeline for our local park and our Global Warriors are going to be part of this. Together, they hope to introduce more wildlife by creating a 'wild' grass area, including a bog pond. There are also plans to develop a compost area and outdoor learning section which can be used by local schools to learn more about nature and the world around them. Hopefully we will be able to update you soon with news of some fruit trees which we hope to plant in the next few weeks...watch this space!



A beautiful piece of artwork inspired by our wonderful earth by Quinton in Y2.



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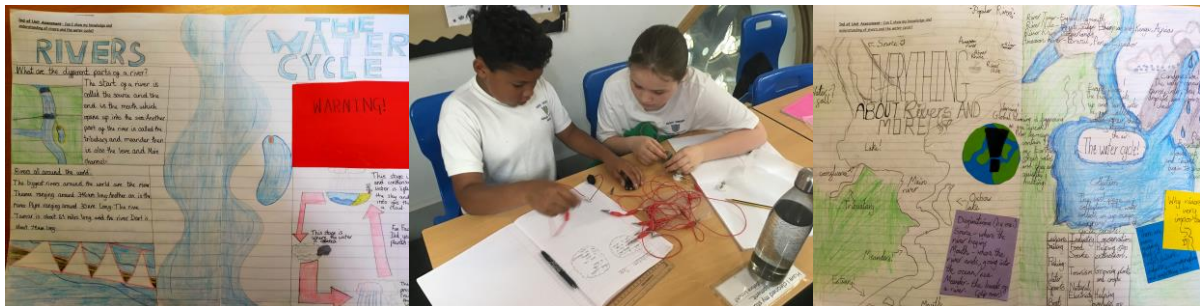
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### Learning in Emma Carroll Class

Last week, Emma Carroll have enjoyed getting their teeth stuck into their new learning units. As scientists, we started to explore electricity, building circuits and using scientific symbols to represent these. As artists, we explored perspective and interpretation of artwork- Banksy's artwork has divided opinions and so it was interesting to try and change it so it was interpreted differently. It was great fun programming the Beebots to help us understand key coding vocabulary and we even squeezed in some assessments too! We are really proud of our double page spreads which show everything we had learnt in our 'Rivers' unit.



### Go Wild for reading with the Summer Reading Challenge!

Our librarians were sorry not to be able to visit schools in person this year to talk about the Challenge, but they've made [this extra special video](#) to explain everything to our pupils.



For this year's Challenge, The Reading Agency has partnered with WWF to create 'Wild World Heroes', which will inspire children to take action for nature and the environment. Join the Wild World Heroes for an exciting adventure in the fictional town of 'Wilderville'. Through reading books, collecting rewards and learning all about our planet, Challenge participants will help the Heroes make Wilderville a greener place to live.

The Challenge is the perfect summer activity to build young readers' skills and confidence during the long break from school. It is available in all Plymouth libraries from 1 July until 11 September.

Children can also part online through the official [digital Challenge platform](#)

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

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### Time of the Velociraptors by Thomas Blight in Year 2

Once, there were two scientists called Greg John and Amy Taylor. Greg and Amy were very competitive. Their father was a farmer. Their father had sheep, cows, chickens and a sheepdog whose name was Shep. Shep was trustworthy, brave and had a great sense of smell.

Each day, Greg and Amy went to their schools and taught science classes. One day, the farmer gave them a challenge. He said "Take my animals into the past in your time machines and see if, when you get back, you still have them." "We will do it, Father!" said Amy and Greg together. Then they asked him what time in the past he wanted them to go to. He shrugged. "The time when the velociraptors were about!"

Amy and Greg rushed to their time machines with two animals each, jumped in and set the chronometer to 80 million years ago. Then, they pressed the 'blast off' button and they set off on their amazing journey!

When the time machines landed, the two scientists peered out of the doors and saw they were in the middle of a huge jungle. Suddenly, they heard a big "Boom, boom, boom" and a T-Rex came up and tried to eat the animals. The animals were terrified and they all ran away as fast as they could, apart from the sheepdog who tried to defend the two scientists.

Worried they were going to lose their Father's challenge, Amy and Greg set off in search of the animals. Shep led the way because of his excellent sense of smell. They saw the animals hiding in a cave but the T-Rex was blocking the entrance. If anyone dared to go in, he was ready to eat them!

The scientists worked together and, finally, they figured out a way to get the animals out safely. They made a catapult out of sticks and leaves to shoot themselves over the T-Rex's head. Meanwhile, Shep would distract the T-Rex by making him run after him. While Shep was running for his life, he noticed the T-Rex was gaining on him so he leaped up and bit him hard on the nose. Then, the T-Rex was so surprised that the dog had bitten him on the nose that he ran off out of sight.

The scientists fetched the animals out of the cave and started looking for their time machines to get back to the present. While they were looking in the jungle, something rushed past at 40mph – it was a velociraptor!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

They were really scared and did not know what to do. Suddenly, they heard a big rumbling sound and they thought it might be another dinosaur but when they saw what was making the noise, it was their time machines. They jumped in and set the chronometers for 2021. When they got back, their father was pleased to see they had still got the animals. He was about to pick a winner when they both said the actual winner was Shep as he had saved all their lives. Greg added "That will be the last time I ever go back in time, too!"

**THE END**



Thomas worked very hard on his story all week. He planned it at After School Club last Tuesday and then recorded it using his mum's voice recorder. Mum and Thomas discussed the story in the car on his way to school one morning and he started writing it out on paper at After School Club that evening.

Lots of research went into this piece of work and mum and Mrs King and all of us here at Holy Cross are very, very impressed and proud of Thomas!



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## SCOUT SLEEPOVER FUNDRAISER

Julian in Emma Carroll Class took part in the Scouts sleepover fundraiser, helping to raise awareness for Shekinah and the hardships they face. **Well done Julian!**



This is not a fundraising event organised by the school. Rather, it is one we thought many of you might be keen to support.

<https://www.shekinah.co.uk/Fundraisers/plymouth-scouts-big-mid-summer-sleep-out>



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## Holiday camps near you

Venue: Holy Cross Catholic Primary School (PL4 9BE)

Dates: 26th July - 27th August - Monday - Friday (5 Weeks)

Times: 9am - 4pm Price: £14.00 per day

Ages: 5 - 12 years old

Additional info: Enjoy a FUN-filled SUMMER taking part in host of Sports such as:  
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- Plenty of water
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We are so delighted to announce that Premier Sports will be running **Summer Holiday Camps at Holy Cross** this year!

Places will be offered to Holy Cross children and other children from Plymouth CAST schools in the first instance.





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### Message from Plymouth High School for Girls

Practice 11+ tests have been re-scheduled.

This was scheduled to take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June but given the PM's announcement on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June, it is felt this can no longer take place safely. The new date is the 20<sup>th</sup> July.



### PLYMOUTH ARGYLE SUMMER ROAD SHOWS

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Please find the attached link to find out what is happening across the Region:

<https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/soccer-roadshows/in-plymouth/>

If you have any questions about any of these please do let us know.

We look forward to hopefully seeing you in the summer!

PLYMOUTH				
NO.	VENUE	THEME	COST	DATE
PS	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	Argyle Football Roadshow	£18	26th July, 2nd Aug, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
PS	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	Strikers & Goalkeepers	£18	27th July, 3rd Aug, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
PS	Newton Ferrers Primary School	Football Roadshow	£18	27th July, 3rd Aug, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
PS	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	Multi-sports day	£18	28th July, 4th Aug, 11th, 18th, 25th, 1st Sep
PS	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	Mini Kickers (10am-11am)	£5	28th July, 4th Aug, 11th, 18th, 25th, 1st Sep
PS	Newton Ferrers Primary School	Multi-sports day	£18	28th July, 11th Aug, 25th
PS	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	LTPD Intense Day	£10	29th July, 12th Aug, 26th
PS	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	Argyle Football Roadshow	£18	30th July, 6th Aug, 13th, 20th, 27th, 3rd Sep
PS	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	Argyle Girls Only Roadshow	£18	30th July, 6th Aug, 13th, 20th, 27th, 3rd Sep
PS	Plympton Academy	Strikers & Goalkeepers	£18	30th July, 13th Aug, 27th
PS	Wembury Primary	Argyle Football Roadshow	£18	27th Jul
PS	Wembury Primary	Multi-sports day	£18	28th Jul
PS	Ivybridge Community College	Strikers & Goalkeepers	£18	6th Aug, 20th, 3rd Sep
PS	Ivybridge Community College	Girls Only Roadshow	£18	6th Aug, 20th, 3rd Sep



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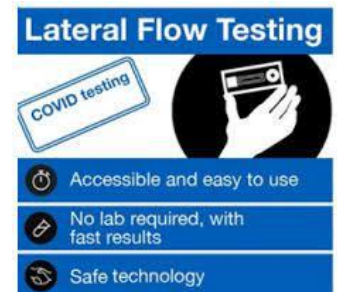
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### COVID19 Update

As Lateral Flow Testing continues in schools and homes, could we remind you to report any positive results to [covid@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:covid@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk) or to **ring the school office immediately**, with self-isolation taking place until a confirmatory PCR test result is received. Whilst awaiting the result, we would have to send home the affected bubble(s) and report to Plymouth City Council as well as Plymouth CAST.

**Any positive PCR tests should also be shared with us along with the date of the positive test.**



Please remember that if an individual (child or adult) has any of the COVID19 symptoms a PCR test should be booked straight away. Use this link to book: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. You should not take a **Lateral Flow Device (LFD)** test if you are symptomatic even if LFD testing is part of your routine. **LFD tests are for people who are asymptomatic** – i.e. not showing any symptoms. If you are not sure whether you have one or more of the symptoms then book a **PCR** test.

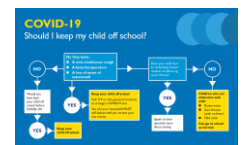
Please note that this applies to anyone in your household as well.

For further information on testing go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

If your child presents with a new continuous cough, a fever or is experiencing any loss of or change in their taste/smell, please do not send them to school.

If your child presents with any of these symptoms while at school, we will call you immediately. You should have your child tested and the whole household should self-isolate until you get the result. Further action will depend on the result of the test.



**IMPORTANT: Children/adults who have tested positive and have had COVID 19 should not have LFD test or PCR test within the next 90 days.**

**Those of you whose children have been self-isolating because there were 'contacts' can have another PCR to check that they are clear and can return to school. This is not something we can insist upon but I am sure you will want to help us all you can to keep us clear of further positive cases.**

### Breakfast Club/After School Club

25 places available at Breakfast and After School Club.

**Please ring to book places one week in advance.** Staff will be allocated to particular bubbles for the week ahead so that we can follow the track and trace guidelines effectively. **We cannot take bookings on the day.**

Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am and **children need to be in by 8am**. Arrivals after this time will not be admitted.

After School Club finishes at **6pm**.

**Please ring 07398477727** when dropping off and picking up.

**Drop off and collection to Breakfast Club/After School Club is at the main red doors to the church.**



*Have a lovely weekend*