



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter No. 27: 30th April 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week bursting with new learning and the children are now well and truly settled back into our school routines following their Easter holiday.

As we move further into the summer term, the danger of 'the lost jumper' becomes more of a challenge. As you know, we continue to operate in class bubbles and due to COVID restrictions, we are not gathering lost property in any one single area. Children are reminded by staff to collect jumpers and coats when leaving the playground so that they are brought back to their classrooms. When this doesn't happen, we can re-unite lost jumpers with their owners quite easily and quickly if names are clearly written on the label. Without names, this becomes an impossible task unfortunately and we end up with sad children, sad jumpers and sad mums and dads!

Please could I ask that you check your children's jumpers and make sure their name is clearly written on the labels. After washing, it is worth checking that the name hasn't washed away. Until it warms up a bit and these frosty mornings come to an end, the children will continue to wear coats to school. Again, having these clearly labelled will help us to re-unite them with their owners if forgotten after playtime.

Some parents have asked whether the children can wear their summer uniforms which is absolutely fine.

Finally, I apologise to be reminding you again about PE kits but there are still many children wearing football kit and colourful sweatshirts instead of the school PE kit.

**On PE /Sports Club days, the children should wear:**  
**School T-shirt (colour of their house) or white T-shirt**  
**Royal blue shorts**  
**Black plimsolls/trainers**  
**Plain navy/black/blue tracksuit bottoms in cold weather.**

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe,

Mrs F Gill  
Headteacher



### **Summer term 1**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

### **Bank Holiday**

3<sup>rd</sup> May

### **Spirit of Adventure Trip**

PP Year 5

6<sup>th</sup> May

### **Number Day**

7<sup>th</sup> May

### **Half term**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June

### **NSPCC Childhood Day**

11<sup>th</sup> June

### **First Holy Communion**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### **Summer Term 2**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – INSET day  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday  
22<sup>nd</sup> July

### **Y6 Residential**

28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June  
To be confirmed

**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 – I am the Vine*

Jesus became one of us and so we are joined to him. Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. We are all connected and need each other to grow and be everything that God wants us to be. Sometimes, we might have to face difficulties, but our friend Jesus will help us to grow even stronger. If we stay close to him, Jesus will help us to be fruitful and do good in the world. We will be fruitful when we share God's love with the people we meet. We all need Jesus and each other to help us grow.

### *Our mission statement:*

*I want to be the very best I can be so I  
can do what God wants me to do.  
I want to be the very best I can be  
so God can do His work through me.*



### *Let us Pray*

Help me to stay close to you. Help me to be like a vine growing lovely fruit, making the world a really happy place. **Amen**

## *Wonders of the Week*

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



**Julia Donaldson: Victoria** for working incredibly hard with her maths learning. We are so proud.

**Allan Ahlberg: Katie** for taking more risks in her learning and showing determination to do her best.

**Roger Hargreaves: Misma** for incredible effort and focus in class over the past few weeks. Excellent work, Misma.

**Eric Carle: Milkyas** for trying so hard in everything he does and always maintaining focus and attention.

**Michael Morpurgo: Katie** for writing a fantastic plan to persuade her audience using specific toolkit features such as alliteration and emotive language.

**Quentin Blake: George** for his great attitude to his learning and playing lovely games with his friends.



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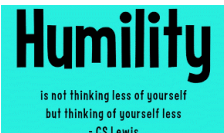
**Roald Dahl: Teddy** - He has shown more focus in his work and is making more of an effort in his presentation and trying to listen to how he can improve his writing and maths. Well done!

**Philip Pullman: Garima** for leading by example in our class liturgy with some fantastic singing and for successfully improving her skipping score this week.

**Emma Carroll: Faustas** for working hard to improve his writing and use his writing skills across the curriculum, especially in his RE learning.

**J K Rowling: Ryan** for working hard on his angles work in maths – persevering even when things were tricky.

**Gospel Values Awards:** This week we have all been trying to show humility.



## Next week we will be looking out for behaviour that shows kindness.

**Julia Donaldson: Sonia** for showing humility by always putting her friends' needs first.

**Allan Ahlberg: Jack** for being able to listen carefully to others and put their needs first with a positive attitude.

**Roger Hargreaves: Gabriel** for always thinking of his friends and letting them go first. Gabriel always looks to praise others.

**Eric Carle: Afnaan** for always putting others first and being a caring friend to everyone in Eric Carle.

**Michael Morpurgo: Samuel** for always being helpful and thinking of others in and out of the classroom.

**Quentin Blake: Yosab** for being spotted by other members of staff for allowing them to go first when walking around the school.

**Roald Dahl: Jaisal and Hashviithaa:** Jaisal always listens to others and takes on board their ideas; Hashviithaa is always thinking of others from letting them go in front of her to reminding me that I owe her peers house points rather than thinking of herself.

**Philip Pullman: Tomas** for displaying humility towards his peers when on the playground.

**Emma Carroll: Alexander B** for consistently showing humility through helping those around him. He never asks, he just does and never expects anything in return.

**JK Rowling: Evan** for consistently showing what it is to be a good role model and how to work hard whilst being humble.

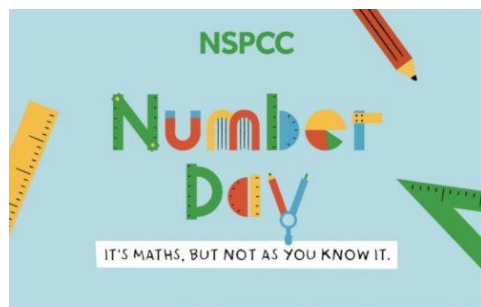


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## NUMBER DAY 2021



On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May we will be having a fun day of maths activities and to celebrate this special day. Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and encourage a 'can do' attitude about it.

### Dress up for Digits.

Children (and staff) are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a **onesie!**).

You might want to get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

We will also be taking advantage of this number focus to provide opportunities to develop children's financial capability – making maths real. Watch out – they will be helping you with your household budgets soon!

Advance notice of the second NSPCC fundraising on **11th June** for Childhood day which will focus on wellbeing as we encourage the children to play and have playful learning experiences. More about this to follow...

## Devon and Cornwall Police: Specials Recruitment



Devon &  
Cornwall Police

“Devon and Cornwall Police is launching its **Special Police Officer recruitment campaign on Monday 26th March 2021.**

Find out more and apply at <https://recruitment-dcp-dp.org/devon-cornwall-volunteers/special-constables/>

Ethnic, female and other diverse candidates are encouraged to apply for new Special Police officer jobs, to help change the face of policing for the future! Join and protect our local communities.

If you are from a diverse background and want help to apply, Positive Action, one-to-one support is also available. Applications are regardless of citizenship as long as you have no restrictions on your stay in UK.

<https://recruitment-dcp-dp.org/positive-action/>

[positiveaction@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:positiveaction@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

A Special Police officer is a voluntary role but there are allowances. The campaign is believed to be running for a month, so apply now!”





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### Plymouth Panthers Hockey Club

*Plymouth Panthers U10s played and won their first competitive game on Sunday, against Devonport Dragons.*

*Some of the players have only been playing for 3 weeks. It was amazing to see how 12 players from 10 different schools play so well together after only a short period of training. Every player had a great time, leaving for home with a real buzz!*

*Players were from Compton PS, Drake PS, Eggbuckland Vale PS, Elburton PS, **Holy Cross PS**, Manadon Vale PS, Mayflower Academy, Salisbury Road PS, St Budeaux Foundation and St Matthews PS.*

*If you would like your children to enjoy a fun, friendly and safe environment, please encourage them to come down and play.*

*They offer a 6-weeks trial without charge.*



### Allan Ahlberg Class: Learning together; playing together.

This week Allan Ahlberg class have made great progress with their skipping and have also been learning to identify the parts of a plant in science.





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### COVID-19 Reminders

Please visit our website COVID Risk Assessment for Parents to view a parent friendly version of the risk assessment which will explain what we are doing and why we are doing it that way.

#### Staggered Drop offs and Pick ups

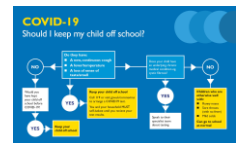
Please note that no cars should drive down White Friars Lane and that we request parents/carers wear face coverings on the school site.

#### Symptomatic of COVID-19

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, 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.



#### LFD Testing

The government is now offering this same opportunity to parents of any school age child. Please visit this website for further detail. [lateral-flow-testing-for-households](https://www.gov.uk/lateral-flow-testing-for-households)

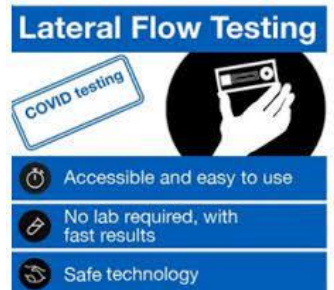
If you have a positive LFT result, please inform the school at this email [covid@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:covid@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk)

You and your household will need to self-isolate so you should not send your child(ren) to school.

You should then book a PCR test.

If the PCR test is positive, you should continue to self-isolate as a household for 10 days.

If the result of the PCR test is negative, the children may return to school. Please email us to let us know the result of the PCR.



#### Breakfast Club/After School Club

20 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 once again at the main red doors to the church.**



***Have a lovely weekend!***