



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mrs F Gill
Newsletter No. 36: 16th July 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now approaching the end of term and the end of the school year. It is time to say goodbye to our Year 6 children, along with some children from other year groups who are moving away; and to staff, who have worked alongside us this year and in some cases, for longer.

It is a time for sadness as we say goodbye but for hope and expectation, as we look to the future.

We wish every one of our leavers the best of luck and we will keep them in our prayers as they embark on new adventures and embrace new challenges. We feel blessed to have had you with us and grateful for the opportunity to know you, work with you, and learn alongside you. You have all brought something unique to Holy Cross and made it the special place that it is.

I would like to thank all the staff here at Holy Cross for their hard work, for their perseverance during a time of great personal and professional challenge, for keeping our school open when so many schools faced staffing challenges – they are an amazing team of people! Thank you also to the Governors for their support, their time and their dedication to Holy Cross; for always putting the needs of the children at the forefront when considering important school matters. Thank you to our parents for the huge support you have given us this year, for working with us and for your understanding and compassion as we worked to provide a good education for your children in very challenging circumstances. Lastly, thank you to the children – you have done amazingly well; we are so proud of you all – you are what makes our school so special!

I hope you all have a wonderful summer, enjoy spending time together and recharge your batteries ready for September. I will send out information about the September start once the guidance becomes clearer for our schools so keep an eye on Class Dojo during the last two weeks of August.

Thank you all for your support this past year!

Mrs F Gill
Headteacher



Leavers' Mass
Tuesday 20th July
11am at the Cathedral

Leavers' Assembly
Wednesday 21st July
(Video will be shared with parents)

If your child received a trophy at the end of last year, please return to Holy Cross as soon as possible.
Thank you

End of Year Celebration Assembly
Thursday 22nd July 2pm
(Zoom Link will be shared with parents)

First Holy Communion
Saturday 24th July 2021

Autumn Term 2021
Monday 6th September

Details to follow in August.



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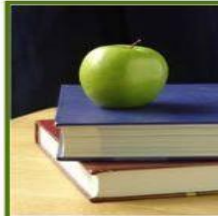
Our Catholic Life

On Tuesday the 20th July, we are delighted to be able to celebrate Mass with our Year 6 leavers at the Cathedral of St Mary. This will be a special occasion and one we hope will have meaning for our year 6 children who are leaving us to move on to their next adventure at secondary school.

Please pray for them on Tuesday at 11am.

Thank you to Miss

Buscombe for planning this celebration and all the staff who are helping to make this happen.



Prayer to End a School Year

God of wisdom,
we thank you
for all the gifts you have given us
throughout this school year.
We praise you for giving us life,
for saving us in Christ,
and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year,
we voice our gratitude
for the good things you have done in us,
and we praise you for all who have shared
in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in your love
and give them refreshment and peace.
We praise you, God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.

Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers/Revised Edition. USCCB

And a beautiful Gaelic blessing to see them off!

May The Road Rise Up To Meet You



May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rains fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again,
May God hold you
In the palm of His hand.

Traditional Gaelic Blessing

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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:

Raeden for working hard and being brave to say his line in our class liturgy.

Allan Ahlberg: Sajid for working hard to listen carefully and follow instructions.

Roger Hargreaves: Lund and Aston for writing a wonderful version of the Tear Thief story.

Eric Carle: Amen for being a kind friend and for amazing effort and progress in maths.

Michael Morpurgo: Hollie, Toby, Sunni, Ruby, Stephen, Sadie and Georgia for being amazing sportsmen and having a wonderful positive attitude whilst participating in our 'bubble' sports day.

Quentin Blake: Ziva for producing a brilliant suspense story this week and for settling in well to Holy Cross.

Roald Dahl: Grace for working so hard to improve her times tables knowledge and fluency.

Philip Pullman: Darragh for his hard work and dedication to everything that he does, and for being a wonderful friend.

Emma Carroll: Joshua for his incredible sportsmanship and support throughout sports day. His kind words and supportive attitude motivated and inspired many.

J K Rowling: Preston for his consideration for others when making his STEM project. Supporting others who needed help. Well done Preston.

Next week we will focus on THANKFULNESS (Justice)

Gospel Values Awards: This week we were focussing on **Perseverance** (Fortitude)

Julia Donaldson: Aria for persevering with sitting and listening well on the carpet.





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Allan Ahlberg: Thomas for persevering with his writing and developing a positive mindset towards challenge

Roger Hargreaves: Louis for engaging well with his handwriting target and persevering so that it is the very best it can be.

Eric Carle: Farhan for facing challenges with a positive attitude and persevering when spelling.

Michael Morpurgo: Vinnie for persevering with his mathematical money knowledge.

Quentin Blake: Ruben for always being aware of how to improve his work and pushing himself in all subjects.

Roald Dahl: Blake for persevering this week to exceed his accelerated reader target.

Philip Pullman: Charlie for persevering and having really positive playtimes.

Emma Carroll: Emily J for her positive mindset when unpicking challenging metaphorical poetry. It took some great perseverance!

JK Rowling: Mia and Harvey for their perseverance in their work - keeping on going when things were getting tricky and managing to overcome these problems to succeed in their learning.

First Aid in Emma Carroll Class

In Emma Carroll Class this week, we have looked at Basic First Aid as part of our PSHE. We looked at DR ABC and what each letter stands for. We looked at how and when you put a casualty into the recovery position and did some practice runs. Now, hopefully we can keep ourselves and others safe in an emergency!





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Sports Days at Holy Cross

Despite the fact that these events were very different to our traditional school Sports Days for all those reasons we are now so familiar with, they were nonetheless enjoyable, fun, action-packed sessions which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Teachers have posted photos through the week on Class Dojo so here are just a few highlights.



Update from our Global Warriors....

Fruit for the future

By Eitan and Emily J

Last week, our Global Warriors planted fruit trees in Beaumont Park: an apple tree, a pear tree and two plum trees for the school. This means that we can reduce the amount of plastic used on packaging and can instead take fresh fruit from here and use it in our school kitchen instead.



To do this, the Global Warriors first took the sapling and put it in a hole and then filled the hole up with the remaining soil. After that, we stuck the little sapling to a post so it could grow nicely.

During the planting, we learned that the trees had to face the sun so that it could grow freely.

We can't wait to taste them at lunch or break!

Secondary School Admissions – September 2022.

IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2022?

It may seem a long way ahead but now is the time to start thinking about your child moving from primary school onto secondary school. If your child was born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011 you will be eligible to apply for a secondary school place.



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Information about applying for a place and the individual secondary schools will be on our website from Monday 6 September 2021 at www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions. From here, you can apply online for school places and read the guide for parents which contains the links to the individual schools admission policies and forms.

Applying online is quick and easy - all you need is an email address. Once you have applied we will let you know which school your child has been allocated on Tuesday 1 March 2022.

Remember:

- All Plymouth's 18 secondary schools hold 'open events' for families to visit the school and speak to staff. Please refer to the individual schools websites for dates and further information.
- If you are applying for a place at a faith school on faith grounds, you must also fill out a supplementary form, which you can obtain from our website or from the school.
- Some schools give priority to children of members of staff and will ask for submission of a supplementary form as proof.
- Please read the admission policy for each school carefully.
- If you are applying for a place at a girl's grammar school, you must register to take the 11-plus examination through our website. For boys grammar school please refer to the schools website. The closing date for registering both boys and girls is 31 August 2021.

The deadline to apply is 31 October 2021
www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Invitation to Coombe Dean – 16th September 2021

Coombe Dean School
Year 5/6
Open Evening
September 16th 2021
6:30PM to 8:30PM

Join us to find out what makes Coombe Dean unique...

COMMUNITY - INTEGRITY - OPPORTUNITY
www.coombedean.co.uk/welcome/
welcome@coombedean.co.uk
01752 406961

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greenarkcc@actionforchildren.org.uk
 manorstcc@actionforchildren.org.uk

www.actionforchildren.org.uk

Manor Street & Green Ark
 Children's Centres
 Events Programme
 Summer Holidays 2021
 (26/07/2021—26/08/2021)

Families with children aged 0—5 years, siblings up to the age of 8 are welcome to attend the groups starred on the timetable.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p>Taster sessions at Green Ark</p> <p>Book your place on one of our exciting taster sessions taking place on the following dates:</p> <p>02/08 1:00—2:00 pm—Baby & parent reflexology</p> <p>For babies under 1 years of age and parent/carer.</p> <p>09/08 1:00—2:00 pm—Buzzybees childrens yoga</p> <p>For toddlers aged 18 months—3 years</p> <p>16/08 1:45—2:30 pm—One fit mumma</p> <p>Mum's with babies who are not walking</p> <p>23/08 1:00—2:00 pm—Early Years dance & movement session @ Oxford House Manor Street</p> <p>Children aged 3—5</p>	<p>Baby Massage course at Manor Street</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:00—11:00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Commencing 03/08 for 4 weeks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* Referral Only</p> <p>Universal group at Victoria Park</p> <p style="text-align: center;">★ 0—5 years</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:30—12:00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">27/07, 03/08, 10/08, 17/08, 24/08</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">No need to book</p>	<p>Early Years Music sessions at Plymouth Music Zone</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:00—11:00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">04/08, 11/08, 18/08, 25/08</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children aged 2—5 years.</p> <p>Latch on at Green Ark</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:00 - 11:00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">No need to book.</p> <p>Universal group at Devonport park</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0—5 years</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13:00—14:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">28/07, 05/08, 12/08, 19/08, 26/08</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">No need to book</p> <p style="text-align: center;">★</p>	<p>Step By Step at Green Ark</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:00 am - 11:00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">29/07, 05/08, 12/08, 19/08, 26/08</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">★</p> <p>Science kitchen at Green Ark</p> <p style="text-align: center;">★ 13.00—15:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Commencing 22/07 for 3 weeks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Slime making, experiments and messy fun!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Book for all 3 sessions to claim your certificate!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children aged 3—5 years</p>

All groups are free! Booking is essential and can be done via email Plymouthgroupbookings@actionforchildren.org.uk unless stated otherwise above.

Please follow our Facebook page for up to date changes that may occur due to COVID 19 restrictions.



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Free ALL STARS Cricket at Central Park

Due to the high amount of interest from the last free Cricket session we are able to offer another 32 spaces for FREE at Central Park Hub by Plymouth Argyle Football Club.

We would like to offer your pupils within year 2 & 3 the opportunity to engage in a FREE Cricket provision at Central Park Hub on a Thursday night from 5pm-6pm. Children will be able to gain a FREE Bat, Ball, Bag and T-Shirt as part of signing up to the project.

This is available for year 2 & 3 pupils. We do have limited spaces to 32 therefore once these have been booked up we will be unable to offer any further spaces.

<https://ecb.clubs.park.uk/AllStars/BookCourse/8d5a4e3b-8f2e-42b6-92dd-4beb859942ed>

A Heart-felt Plea from Roald Dahl Class – Thank you for donations to date. Please contact Miss Mooney regarding any further help you can provide.



Please help us!

Roald Dahl class have been working on a community project where we would like to help the homeless in our local area. We are asking for donations of blankets and socks that we feel would make life a little bit more comfortable for those in need.

Please send in any donations before the end of term via your child's teacher or to the office and they can then pass them to us in Roald Dahl.

At the end of term we would love to pass our donations onto local charities that support the homeless in Plymouth.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Mooney and Roald Dahl Class.

Fresh Ice-Cream 20th July after school in the playground!



We have booked an ice cream van to come to the school on the afternoon of the 20th July. The van will be parked in the top playground. Ice creams can be purchased at a special price of £2 after school. There will be a one way queuing system in place with cones to help us to social distance. Please follow the directions so that we can keep everyone safe.



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Summer Camps at Holy Cross

Don't forget to book your places at the Holy Cross Holiday camps this summer. Places are filling up fast!

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:
Nerf, Football, Basketball, Tennis, Cricket, Rounders and many more Activities

Please bring

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing for weather
- Loads of energy!

Taking every precaution

Our Activity Professionals have been undergoing additional training in order to provide the best care to the children under their supervision, specifically the Transcend Level 2 Award in infection Prevention, Mitigation and Management.

Premier Education promise

In the event these courses are cancelled, we will issue a full refund within 7 days.

To book now, visit premier-education.com/holiday-camps

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★★★★★
Based on over 6,000 reviews

Uniform Buying

We haven't yet broken up for the summer but I am sure many of you will be thinking about uniform and shoes for the autumn term. Please refer to our Uniform policy on the website.

[Welcome to Holy Cross Catholic Primary School](#)

TESCO COMMUNITY GRANTS

I'm delighted to confirm that the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) is in the customer vote for a Tesco Community Grant, which is a scheme that gives community projects and charities like ours, grants of up to £1,500.

From today until the end of September, shoppers in 7 stores across Plymouth are being asked to use their tokens each time they shop, to vote for the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) in a bid for a cash boost from the Tesco Community Grants initiative.

Please support the CCS!





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New content for the summer holidays and Autumn term

Help for parents over the summer

If parents are asking how they can help their children over the summer, why not suggest they look at the CBeebies Storytime App and our episodes of Bitesize Daily on the BBC iPlayer.

Early Years Teaching resources - CBeebies Storytime App



Our colleagues at CBeebies have given their **Storytime app a brand-new look!** It is now even easier for children to use and the Storytime library has been refreshed with **new stories for children** to enjoy.

The CBeebies collection of apps are all free to download. [Read more](#) about how the apps can **inspire children's imaginations** and **provide fun ways to develop learning**.

[More info about the Storytime App](#)

Bitesize Daily episodes for all Primary children



All episodes of Bitesize Daily will be **available on the BBC iPlayer** to help children **catch up over the summer**.

Why not share the series links below with parents to **encourage children to watch**:

[Bitesize: 5-7 year olds](#), [Bitesize: 7-9 year olds](#) and [Bitesize: 9-11 year olds](#)

We think kids will love [our genius new teaching assistant CLOGS](#).

[Watch Bitesize Daily](#)



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Plymouth Christian Centre Kidz Klub



Kidz Klub Holiday Club

Tues 3, 10, 17 and 24 August
10.30am-12.30pm (includes lunch)

Games, crafts, activities and a Biblical teaching.

Refreshments for grown ups and under 4s play space in upstairs hall.

PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL:
WWW.PLYMOUTHCHRISTIANCENTRE.ORG/EVENTS





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Did You Know...

PGL Now Welcomes Parents Too!





GAME ON

Let the kids show
you the ropes!

**NOW
WELCOMING
FAMILIES**

20% off now on!

Summer availability on 1 to 7 night breaks.
20%* off means a two-night stay for a family of four (2 adults/2 children) is now just £604.
Offer available until 23 July 2021.

**Book online using offer code:
'PARENT21'**

**Call us on 0333 321 2114
and quote 'PARENT21'**

Pssst!...don't keep the best-kept secret to yourselves, please feel free to share this Family
Adventures offer with parents with [this link](#).



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ROCKSTEADY LESSONS

If you would like your child to take part in these lessons over the summer, you can ring our Customer Service team on 0330 113 0330 or click this link: <https://eu.jotform.com/RocksteadyMusic/summer-holiday-live-online-lesson-->

Summer Holiday Live Online Lesson - BOOKING FORM

Please click the link to complete this form.

eu.jotform.com

ROCKSTEADY

SUMMER HOLIDAY

LIVE ONLINE LESSONS

26TH JULY – 27TH AUGUST 2021

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"We loved it! Thank you. It gave James so much to look forward to and we also enjoyed the fun games and interaction with other children."

WEEKLY LESSONS

To help your child continue to enjoy fun and musical progression all through the summer break!

CHOOSE FROM

Group instrument lessons or personalised one-to-one lessons with a Rocksteady Band Leader. Use your own instrument or join in a songmaking group (no instrument required).

TO RESERVE YOUR CHILD'S PLACE OR TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT LESSON TIMES

Call: 0330 113 0330 Visit: <https://bit.ly/RSLiveOnline>

FUN WEEKLY INTERACTIVE LESSONS

A 30-minute online musical lesson every week for five weeks from week commencing Monday 26th July to week ending Friday 27th August 2021. Your child will:

- Learn a new song
- Improve their musical techniques
- Perform a virtual concert to friends and family
- Plus, they will receive a personalized certificate to celebrate their achievements!
- Your child can even dress up like a rock star if they want to!

Signing up is easy and hassle free!

Lessons are simply charged to your regular Rocksteady account with your next direct debit payment.

Team up with other musicians on the same instrument, or go solo!

Group instrument lessons are perfect for giving children the chance to play and learn alongside other children on the same instrument. Or pick a personalized one-to-one lesson for a lesson tailored to your child's needs.

Group instrument lessons (Max 5 children per lesson) are £34.85 for 5 lessons or one-to-one lessons are £17 each (£85 for 5 lessons).

Choose from:

- Guitar (instrument required)
- Drums (instrument required)
- Keyboards (instrument required)
- Vocals (no instrument required)
- Songmaking (no instrument required)



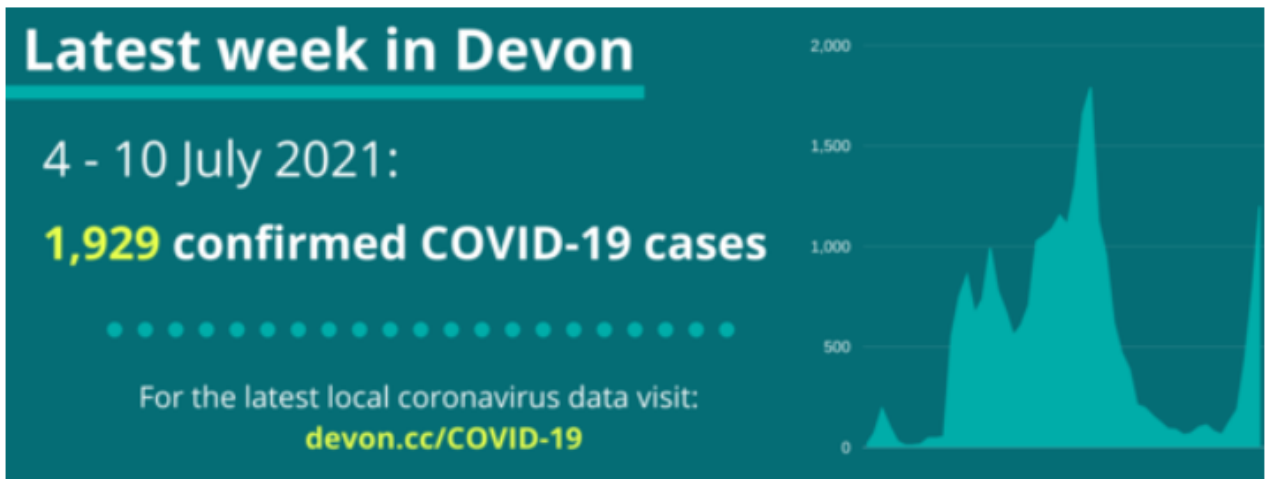
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COVID19 Update

Friday 16 July 2021



COVID-19 cases across Devon are increasing, which is to be expected given the easing of restrictions and greater freedom for people to socialise.

The highest rates remain in young age groups, mostly within younger working-age adults. This is reflected in Teignbridge which has a younger age population profile than the rest of Devon.

The weekly rate in Devon is now 240 per 100,000 of the population. Most areas are still below the national average (350), except Teignbridge, which is just above (352).

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.

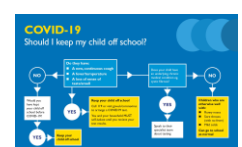
Please note that this applies to anyone in your household as well.

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.



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Breakfast Club/After School Club

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WILL FINISH AT THE EARLIER TIME OF 5PM ON THURSDAY 22ND JULY.

HUGE THANKS TO OUR BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FOR KEEPING THIS GOING THIS YEAR DESPITE ALL THE CHALLENGES, PROVIDING OUR PARENTS WITH THIS MUCH NEEDED SUPPORT.



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. Please ring 01752 225420 between 9am and 3.15pm to book a space.**

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.

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

Have a lovely weekend!

