



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Our Catholic Life

#### Our theme next week is **Actions, not words**

A man had two sons. He asked one son to go and work in his vineyard. This son refused but later changed his mind and went. The man also asked his second son who said he would help, but didn't actually go. Jesus said it was the first son who was doing what his father wanted. **Doing the right thing is far more important than looking or sounding as though we are good.** Jesus says we may be surprised by some of the unlikely people who are living as he asks. What we do is much more important than what we say.



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#### *Let us Pray*

Dear Jesus, sometimes I am like the second son and don't help out. Help me to do what I know is right and help out when I am asked. Amen



Dear Parents/Carers,

The school has now settled down into the new routines and I have been impressed by the children's resilience and their wonderful attitudes to their learning. The teachers and staff have been working very hard to deliver a curriculum which engages the children whilst at the same time allows them to identify the gaps in their understanding and knowledge so that they can plan to fill the gaps and help the children to move forward.

Last week, I had the pleasure of visiting each class. The children were all enthusiastic and keen to tell me what they were learning. The gentle encouragement and support they were receiving from their teachers and teaching assistants meant they were keen to try and to have a go even when things were a bit tricky. One child explained that in fact this meant she was learning as if the work is too easy, she wouldn't learn anything new!

This week we had a visit from our Education Standards Manager from Plymouth CAST. He was impressed by the safety measures we have put in place and with the vigilance shown by all staff in order to keep everyone safe. He was also impressed by how settled the children were and with their excellent behaviour and the quality of the learning taking place right across the school.

Hopefully you have all received the letter I sent out by email yesterday regarding the change in trust policy regarding the wearing of **face coverings**. From Monday, staff will wear a face covering when outside their classrooms. We will also wear them at drop off and pick up times and would ask that parents who come onto the playground also wear a face covering. The policy remains unchanged for the children who should not wear face coverings at school.

Lastly, I would like to thank Mr Foster who arranged for the sheds in the top playground to be moved to a more secure position on a more level surface.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support during these difficult times.

Stay safe,

**Mrs F Gill**

**Headteacher**



**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



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### **School Dinners**

I would like to remind you that if your child has moved into Year 3, they are no longer entitled to **Universal Free School Meals** and their school dinners need to be paid for via **Parent Pay**. If you think you are entitled to Free School Meals, please complete the form sent on the 11th September or visit Plymouth City Council website to check your eligibility. Due to circumstances beyond our control we have been unable to issue Parent Pay codes to those of you who have just joined us. However that is now in hand and you should receive this information next week. I apologise for the inconvenience this has caused.



### **Children who display symptoms**

If your child should display any one of the three key symptoms of COVID-19, we will contact you and request that you come and collect your child (and siblings) and have your child tested. We would ask that when you collect your child(ren), you come to the **back gate** (Friary Housing estate) and we will bring your child(ren) to you.

### **Breakfast Club/After School Club**

Please remember to book your place for **Breakfast Club/After School Club** via [holy.cross.rc.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:holy.cross.rc.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk) one week in advance.



We will be writing to you next week with information about how to book and pay for both using Parent Pay.

### **Uniform**

Well done for sending the children back looking so smart. We have had a few missing items however so I would just like to remind you to make sure your child's jumper/coats are all clearly marked with their names. It is now becoming a little chillier and due to the need to keep the school ventilated by keeping doors and windows open, this means that it is quite chilly indoors also. Please ensure your child has enough layers so that they stay warm.

**Have a lovely weekend!** 