



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Our Catholic Life



This Week's Liturgy

Our theme this week is **Keep on Forgiving**

Peter wanted to know how often he needed to forgive someone who hurt him. He generously suggested that perhaps he should forgive someone seven times. Imagine Peter's surprise when Jesus tells him he must forgive seventy-seven times!

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving and forgiving me. Please help me to love and forgive other people. Amen.

**Talk to
JESUS**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received since we opened on the 3rd September. It has been lovely to meet so many of you at the gate and I look forward to getting to know you all as time goes on. It has been a busy ten days, not without its challenges but with plenty of joyous moments too. You will be delighted to hear that last night, the carpet tiles were laid in Foundation Stage and today staff have been busy preparing the classroom for our wonderful Foundation Stage children. Our newest learners have been absolutely fantastic this week; full of smiles and excitement and so happy to be at 'big school'. Being in the library while waiting for the room to be repaired didn't bother them in the slightest as their teachers had done such a fabulous job of creating a wonderful learning space. The children in Year 1 and 2 were able to start back again this week and have bounced into school everyday, ready to learn and to re-connect with one another and with their teachers; and our KS2 children have settled back brilliantly too, enjoying their learning and settling quickly into new routines and habits. The staff have been fantastic too and I am very excited to have the opportunity to work with such a dedicated and hard-working team. We all want the best for your children and will work hard together to provide a safe, happy and enriching environment where each child can flourish. What is important now, after such a long spell away from school, is that your children once again feel secure and are ready to learn. Our Recovery Curriculum is very much a layered approach focusing simultaneously on the children's emotional needs and mental wellbeing; identifying and addressing the gaps in their learning and engaging and challenging them with new learning.

During the course of the week, I had the pleasure of meeting with each class as we celebrated a short liturgy together. I was impressed by their beautiful manners, their engagement and with their ability to be still and to reflect. They also set me the challenge of learning 100 names by the end of the week! A little unfair, I felt, when they only had to learn one name!



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



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Thank you for your support with the drop off and pick up arrangements. We are extremely grateful for the help provided by our governors and as the week has progressed, it is clear that you are becoming more familiar with the arrangements. It is so important to keep the children, staff and yourselves safe by following the safety measures we have put in place.

Please help us to keep everyone safe by not parking around the side of the school. The parking spaces are only for the residents of the housing estate and for staff who park there on a rota basis. Many staff members, like you, must park away from the school and come the rest of the way on foot. Whilst waiting, it is important that you socially distance and leave enough space between you and the person in front. If we all do our bit and think of one another, we will keep each other safe.

Mrs F Gill
Headteacher

Tuesday 23/02/21
Term recommences

02/04/21—18/04/21
Easter Holidays



Please find attached several letters and forms. Due to COVID-19, we would like you to complete these electronically if possible and return them to holy.cross.rc.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk by Friday 18th September.

If this is difficult or impractical for you, please let us know.

- Absence Request Letter
- General Consent Form
- FSM letter
- Emergency Inhaler Form
- Medication Form
- Photographic images permission form

Please try to stick to your allocated drop off time in the morning. On average we have between 4 and 7 children arriving late every day. As the children need to remain in their bubbles, they cannot enter by reception and it means staff need to be called out of class to collect them. This takes away valuable learning time and makes it more difficult for the children to settle to their learning.

If your child is unwell, please ring and let us know by 9.1 0am that day. Please tell us what their symptoms are and whether you are requesting a COVID test. This helps us to monitor the situation as a school.



Have a lovely weekend!

