

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF LEARNING

Welcome back - we hope you all enjoyed a happy holiday with your children. We have enjoyed a wonderful first week back. A warm welcome to our new families. You are all part of our lovely Holy Cross family.

New staff - we have also welcomed new members of staff to our team this week. Miss McCalley is our new KS2 lead and year 6 teacher. Miss Palarm and Mrs Spencer join Mrs Shaw and our Foundation team. Mrs Dyson joins the Eric Carle team and will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful teaching team.

Home learning - our parent forum made some excellent suggestions about ways to improve our home learning provision. All classes have now simplified their home learning grids. There are plenty of practical tasks for you to enjoy together. All classes have clear rewards and there will be a celebration of home learning each half term so that all children's efforts are recognised.

RWInc - all staff have been trained in our new phonics programme. We are excited to launch lessons on Monday. Miss Heaton, our RWInc leader, will be inviting you to an information meeting shortly.

Clubs - these start next week - more details on this newsletter. Additionally, Miss Riley is offering a homework club on Monday lunch times. Miss McCalley will also be running a lunchtime club - more details to follow!

Punctuality and attendance - we have been delighted at the number of children arriving at school promptly. Please ensure your child attends school every day and arrives between 8.30 and 8.50. Thank you for your support.

Reading challenge - children still have time to finish the library summer reading challenge! The last day is tomorrow so make sure you visit your library to receive your medal.

Online safety - the internet is a wonderful thing, but please check what your children have access to. We have reports that musical.ly is being used inappropriately by some children. We will be running a parent information session later this term - more details to follow.

Uniform - we are very proud of our smart uniform here at Holy Cross. It is important to us all that we continue to maintain the standard of this. Please check the policy and ensure that your child is meeting our expectations. We are particularly concerned that children are wearing the correct shoes. Mr Cotter and I will be monitoring this closely.

Healthy snacks - we are very proud of our bronze Healthy Child Quality Mark. It is important that only healthy snacks are brought into school. KS1 and Foundation class receive free fruit and KS2 are welcome to bring in their own fruit. No chocolate bars and crisps please.

Mrs Potterton

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LITURGY IN SCHOOL

*Parents and
parishioners are
invited to join us for
liturgy, 9am,
Monday mornings.*

The theme for our prayer and worship next week is:

MAKE FRIENDS



Dear Jesus, you know it is hard to forgive people.
However, you tell us that if we ask, you will be there and
you will help us forgive. Thank you.

Amen

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Dates for your Diary

Here are a list of some



important dates confirmed for next term. [All information is available on our website calendar.](#)



Meet and Greet your child's new Teacher

- Monday 11th September
- Tuesday 12th September
- Wednesday 13th September

We would like to offer you the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and to enable you to see their new classrooms. Please do come along and visit. The classrooms will be open between 3.30pm and 4.30pm on the dates listed above.



Feast of Holy Cross Mass

We welcome everyone to attend our mass next Thursday at 2.15pm



Christmas Production

This year we will be holding our school Christmas production on:

Tuesday 12th December
Wednesday 13th December

Time soon to be confirmed.

After School Clubs

We are delighted to offer a range of clubs this term: -

Tag Rugby

Mondays 3.15pm - 4.30pm
(Years 1 - 6)

Football

Tuesdays 3.15pm - 4.30pm
(Foundation & Years 1 & 2)

Thursdays 3.15 - 4.30pm
(Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Martial Arts

Mondays 3.15pm - 4.30pm
(Years 1 - 6)

Spanish Club

Thursdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm
(Foundation & Years 1 & 2)
Fridays 3.30pm - 4.30pm
(Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Saxophone

Fridays 4pm - 5pm
(Years 4,5 & 6)

Multi-Skills

Tuesdays 3.15pm - 4.30pm
(Foundation & upto age 7)

Multi-sports

Wednesdays 3.15pm -
4.30pm
(Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Fitness

Thursdays 3.15pm - 4.30pm
(All Year Groups)

Gymnastics

Fridays 3.15pm - 4.30pm
(All Year Groups)

This is now fully booked

More Information on each club can be found below: -



Plymouth Argyle Trust now only accept payments online:

they will no longer accept cheque or cash. If you wish to pay for one of the clubs being run by Plymouth Argyle please log on to:

<https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/courses/holy-cross-school-club>

and select the club you require and follow the payment details. Any questions please speak to the office.

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South Coast Martial Arts has great pleasure in offering an afterschool club to our school starting this term. The club will commence on Monday 11th September and will run from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. The cost for the course is £15.00 payable to the following bank account:
South Coast Martial Arts
Sort Code: 30-98-46
Account No: 31584460.

A form will need to be completed prior to the commencement of the course. If you are interested in joining the club, please collect a form from the school office.

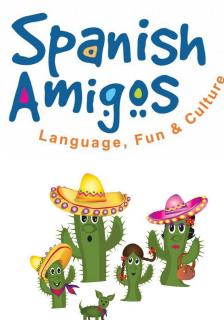


Please visit the following website:

<https://www.premier-education.com/for-families/search-for-activities-near-you>

and enter the school postcode PL4 9BE.

This will then show you what clubs are available and you will be able to book and pay online on this website.



Fun and interactive Spanish club.
Just £32.50 per child for a 5 week term (£6.50 per class)

Foundation to year 2:

Thursdays

3:30 – 4:30pm (14th September to the 12th October)

Year 3 to year 6: Fridays

3:30 – 4:30pm (Friday - 15th September to the 13th October)

Visit:

www.spanishamigos.co.uk for more information.

Email: Plymouth@spanishamigos.co.uk to confirm the payment with:

- Full Name of Student.
- Age
- Class/year
- Food Allergies
- Special needs
- Name of Responsible Adult
- Emergency phone number

ONLINE PAYMENTS:

Spanish Amigos Plymouth Branch sort code: 30-96-68

Account Number: 86169460

Ref: HC+ Name of Student

Saxophone Club



We are running a saxophone club on Friday's between 3.15pm - 4.15pm. The cost is £2.50 per week and is available for those in Years 4, 5 and 6. This club only has 4 spaces so book early to avoid disappointment.

Other Information

School Uniform

Girls

Navy skirt, pinafore or trousers
Pale blue blouse
Navy Cardigan or jumper with school badge
School Tie (not required for Foundation Class)
White socks or navy blue tights
Sensible black shoes

Summer only:

Pale Blue and white checked dress
Navy Cardigan or jumper with school badge
White socks
Hair accessories - blue or black hairbands, bobbles and clips only.

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Pale blue shirt
Navy jumper with school badge
School Tie (not required for Foundation Class)
Sensible black shoes

*Summer only: Pale blue open collar polo shirt with school badge to replace shirt and tie
Dark grey or navy shorts
Navy jumper with school badge
Sensible black shoes*



IMPORTANT NOTICE

We can only administer medicines that are prescribed by a doctor and a medical form has been completed, signed and dated by parent/guardian. If you wish to give your child Calpol/Nurofen, then please give this to them before they come into school. This should hopefully last for the school day. However, if you wish to give them more throughout the day we are happy that you come into the school office to do this.

Thank you all for your support as always. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Potterton and Mr Cotter



Please remember that your ParentPay account is to remain **in credit at all times**. Your co-operation would be very much appreciated. If you are having trouble paying, please contact the school office.



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The date for the next PTFA Meeting is Tuesday 19th September at 5pm in the school staff room.
All Welcome.