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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF LEARNING

Be Bright, Be Seen Day - I needed sunglasses when I opened the door to the children this morning! Thank you for supporting our 'Be Bright, Be Seen' day with such enthusiasm. Our KS1 children gained plenty from the Stop, Look and Listen show this afternoon. We hope the whole school will put their learning into practice when they are walking to and from school each day.

Thank you to those of you who have expressed an interest in our walking bus initiative. We are working with Plymotion to introduce this provision. More news to follow...

Poppy Wave - The children have created a beautiful poppy wave in the school hall. Thank you to Mrs Duthie for organising this symbolic focal point.

*They shall grow not old, as
we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Kidz Klub - We welcomed Emma and Neil from Plymouth Christian Centre to Holy Cross yesterday. The children enjoyed an entertaining assembly and were introduced to 'Kidz Klub' - a free Friday evening club for 5-11 year olds, 5.45pm - 7.15pm, every Friday during term-time. Join them for games, competitions, music, prizes and a Christian teaching each week.



Lego Science Electric workshop -

Lower Key Stage Two enjoyed a wonderful day of science earlier this week. Here is a report from Miss Cairns:

'In years 3 and 4 we were lucky enough to have visitors in to deliver a Lego science workshop. First the children were asked to build a Lego village in teams. They were then taught how to make an electrical circuit to illuminate their village using elements such as batteries and bulbs. They discussed lots of interesting things such as why the bulbs become dimmer when more than one is connected to a single battery. They then added a motorised railway track to their village and discussed how it works. We all had an amazing time and we can't wait to learn more about electricity in our science lessons.'

Thank you to Miss Bailey, Miss Cairns and Miss Mooney for organising this memorable experience.



Punctuality - Well done to the many children who arrive promptly each morning. You should be very proud of yourselves. The school day starts promptly at 8.50. Doors open at 8.30 for early learning time.

Parent forum - Thank you to those of you who have contacted me to express an interest in attending our next parent forum. I can confirm that we are going ahead with Monday 13th November at 2.15pm. Do join us! Please contact me by email or via the school office to add items to the agenda.

Children In Need - We are inviting the children to support Children in Need by dressing in yellow or spots next Friday 17th November.



Catholic Children's Society

(Plymouth) Advent project - Don't forget to start gathering good condition toys and books for our sale on Friday 1st December. Please send cakes in on the day. All children will have the opportunity to visit the sale so your child is invited to bring spending money in a named envelope on the day. The love you share by supporting this event will make a difference to children living in poverty in the Diocese of Plymouth.

Have a lovely weekend!

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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 this week is:

Be Prepared



Remembrance Day prayer

Thank you, Jesus, for all the people who have died so that we can all be safe. Please help us all to work for peace in the world. Help me to spread your peace by speaking kindly to my family and friends. Amen

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Plymouth City Council's Fit and Fed project has been shortlisted for Tesco 'Bags of Help' funding. Fit and Fed aims to fight holiday hunger, isolation

and inactivity by providing young people with affordable holiday provision. This year Tesco have engaged with 266 different students from all across the city, many of whom access free school meals during term time.

Each time you make a purchase at any Tesco store you will receive a token. If you could place the token in the right hand voting box marked "Plymouth City Council - Fit and Fed Project" on exit of the store, your vote will be counted towards securing further funding.

Voting is open from 1 November 2017 until 1 January 2018 in all Plymouth Stores.

Wonders of the Week



- JD (F) – Nikola & Anna
 - SJ(Y1) – Pison
 - EC (Y1/2) - Joseph
 - H (Y2)- Emily
 - RD (Y3)- Kiana
 - DKS (3) - Nyla
 - MM (Y4) - Matthew
 - JKR (Y5) - Emmanuel
 - RMK (Y6) – Ema
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On Time Heroes



Being on time for school is crucial for learning. Our 'On Time Heroes' this week are: -

'Ross McKenzie'

Well done everyone!

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Top Table Awards



- JD (F) – Aya
 - SJ(Y1) – Sarah
 - EC (Y1/2) - Luca
 - H (Y2)- Benjamin
 - RD (Y3) - Dylan and Holly
 - DKS (Y3) - Henry
 - MM (Y4) - Gracjan
 - JKR (Y5) - Emmanuel
 - RMK (Y6) – Zachary
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Dates for your Diary



Here is a list of some important dates confirmed for this term.

All information is available on our website calendar.

- **13th November**
Parents Forum Meeting - 2.15pm
- **14th November**
Tempest Photography
- **17th November**
Children in Need
- **1st December**
Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)
Advent Project Sale
- **6th December**
Foundation Christmas Production - 1.30pm
- **7th December**
Foundation Christmas Production - 1.30pm
- **12th December**
Christmas Production (1.30pm & 6pm)

(Please note change of time for evening performance)

- **13th December**
Christmas Production (6pm) (Please note change of time)
- **14th December**
Christmas Jumper Mufti Day

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

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

- Tag Rugby**
(Years 1 - 6)
Monday 3.15pm - 4.30pm
- Martial Arts**
(Years 1 - 6)
Monday 3.15pm - 4.30pm

- Football**
(Foundation & Years 1 & 2)
Tuesday 3.15pm - 4.30pm

- Football**
(Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Thursday 3.15pm - 4.30pm

- Gymnastics**
(Foundation & Years 1 & 2)
Thursday 3.15 - 4.30pm
- Gymnastics**
(Years 3 - 6)
Tuesday 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Multi-sports
(Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Wednesday 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Spanish Club
(Foundation & Years 1 & 2)
Thursday 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Spanish Club
(Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Friday 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Fitness
(All Year Groups)
Friday 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Saxophone
Friday (Years 4, 5 & 6)
3.15pm – 4.15pm

After School Homework Club
Fridays 3.15pm – 4.30pm

For more information on each club please see the Noticeboard in the top playground or pick up a leaflet from the school office.

What's On

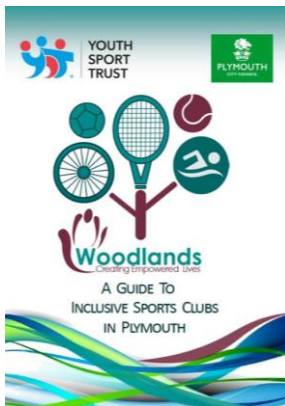
Plymouth Youth Sports Trust would like to invite you to an information morning at Plymouth Life Centre on Wednesday 22nd November between 10am – 12pm.

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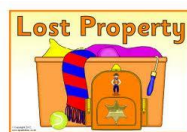


The morning will be aimed at providing information on supporting young people who are transitioning from school to college/adult life. There will also be focus on providing information to parents of all young people across the city with additional needs whether that be learning, behavioural, physical, sensory or emotional needs.

Plymouth, Anxiety, Depression Support are a local support group who try and help and support adults struggling with mental health difficulties. They regularly run coffee meets where adults struggling with mental health can all get together with others, hopefully helping them to feel less alone.

For more information contact Kerry on 07599-996389

Important Information



We have a very full Lost Property Box containing lots of school uniform and even winter coats! If you are missing any items of clothing, please can you come into the School Office and check the box. Please remember that all uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name.



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

It is possible to set up reminders on your ParentPay account to notify you when your balance is low. For more information on receiving notifications from

ParentPay to help you manage your account, please ask the School Office team who will be happy to help you set up this service.



We accept the following Childcare Vouchers:
Edenred ref - **P21102440**
Fideliti ref - **HOL357C**
Allsave/Sodexo/p&mm/salary plus ref – **872743**
Computershare ref – **0024415526**

If you have any questions regarding childcare vouchers please contact the school.

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

Mrs Potterton and Mr Cotter