



## Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back everyone and happy new year to you all! I hope that you and your families enjoyed the special time together.

We optimistically call this term, The Spring term. We certainly see it as a 'working' term and the children have already been given the message that our expectations over this term are very high. We hope to share more about this over the coming weeks.

Today we say farewell to Miss Heaton for a time as she begins her well-earned maternity! We all wish her the very best for the coming weeks, then beyond! Miss Goddard has been in class all this week as well so there has been an excellent handover. She is very much looking forward to teaching Eric Carle class and continuing the excellent work.

You should soon be receiving letters from your child's teacher about the coming term so that you are given information on what they are learning and anything specific to that year group. We look forward to what 2019 has in store for us.

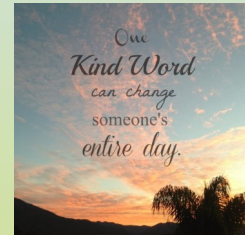
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## Liturgy in School

The theme for our prayer and worship next week is:

### Kindness



Dear Jesus, thank you for giving me your Holy Spirit to help me. I want to be more like you, help me today to share your love by being kind to everyone I meet. Amen.

## Meal Time Assistant Vacancy



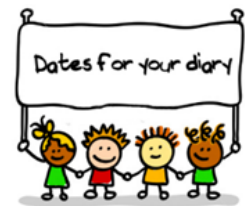
Are you interested in working as part of a team to provide the appropriate level of pupil care and supervision over the dinner hour throughout the school? We currently have a vacancy for a **casual position** to help cover lunchtimes from 11.50 to 1.20pm Monday to Friday **as and when required**.

If you are interested, please contact the school office for an application form.

## GENTLE REMINDER



If you have a filled HCPT Smartie Tube still at home, please could it be returned to school next week so that it may be passed to Miss Fennell. Thank you to all those who have already returned their tubes filled with 20p pieces.



Here is a list of some important dates confirmed for this year. All information is available on our website calendar.

**Monday 14/01/19**  
**Foundation trip to Theatre Royal**

**Friday 15/02/19**  
**Non-Pupil Day**

**Monday 16/02/19**  
**to Friday 24/02/19**  
**Half Term**

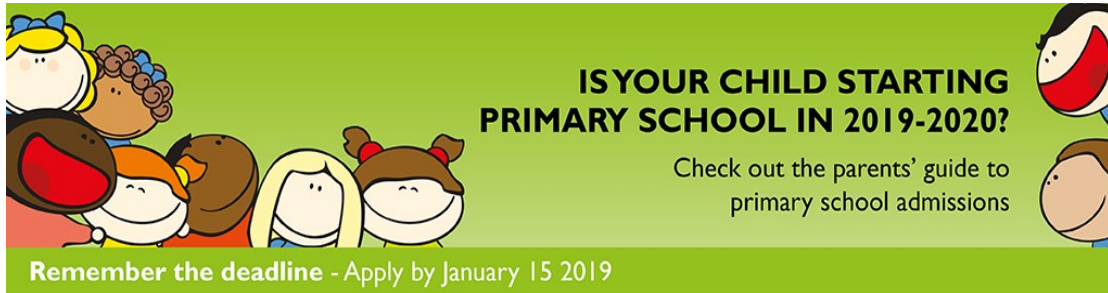
**Monday 03/06/19**  
**to Friday 07/06/19**  
**Year 6 Residential**

**CATER**ed

**MENU CHANGE NEWS**

**WEEK 2 - WEDNESDAYS**

Due to feedback and popular demand the meat choice for Wednesdays during week 2 of our fantastic CATERed Menu will now be **Beef Lasagne** and not Turkey Lasagne.



**IS YOUR CHILD STARTING  
PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2019-2020?**

Check out the parents' guide to  
primary school admissions

**Remember the deadline - Apply by January 15 2019**

**Do you have a child who is due to start school in September 2019?**

**The deadline for applications is next Tuesday January 15th 2019**

If you have not yet made your application and require more information, please go to the Plymouth City Council website: <https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies/schoolseducationskillsandemployability/schooladmissions/applyschoolplace>

## **Breakfast Club & After School Club**

**Have you tried our fantastic Before and After School care clubs?**



### **'Toasties' Breakfast Club**

Our breakfast club opens at 7.45am each day with breakfast being served from 7.45am to 8.20am. The cost is £2.50 per day with siblings being charged at £1.50 per day. A variety of breakfast cereals, toast with various toppings, fruit and yoghurts are all available to set your child up for a morning of learning. There are also games for children to play with their fellow 'Toastie'. Payment for this club is to be made via Parentpay and charges are applied on the day you use this club.



### **'Chipmunks' After School Club**

Our after school club runs from 3.15pm to 6pm daily. Children can choose from a range of play and planned activities, both indoors and outdoors depending on the weather. A range of activities are available including art, sports and games, board games and puzzles, listening to music, reading and storytelling, imaginative play and help with homework. The age of each child is considered so that activities are always age appropriate. A snack is also provided at this club between 4pm—4.30pm which includes a variety of sandwiches, vegetable sticks, fruit and biscuits. Juice also provided. Payment to be made via ParentPay.

***Booking is essential for this club***



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Unfortunately, we are having to take a harder approach with those who repeatedly have their ParentPay accounts in debt. If your accounts continuously remain in debt we will be unable to allow you to use the care clubs (Breakfast and After School Club) until the debts have cleared. We will also have to insist on a pack lunch being provided until any dinner debt is cleared. ALL school trips must also be paid for **in advance** of your child going on a school trip. If you are having difficulty in making payment, we can always arrange a payment plan, please contact Mr Cotter or Mrs Leach to discuss this further.

**Thank you for your support as always.**

**Have a wonderful weekend.**

**Mr Cotter and all of the staff at Holy Cross School**