



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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Message from the Head of Learning

A huge well done to all our children for the exceptional standard of performance during our recent Christmas productions. We are so proud of our talented children.

Mr Cotter, Mrs Schroeder and I were particularly proud earlier this week when we took some children from years 4, 5 and 6 to sing to the elderly. They performed carols at Nazareth House, Mount Gould hospital, and the William and Patricia Venton day centre. They brought such happiness to the people they visited. It was very moving to see the residents singing along, some with tears in their eyes.



This event was part of the children's chosen project this year: 'Care of the elderly'. We also welcomed elderly guests here for a Christmas meal which was very well received. We are very grateful to Councillor Sue McDonald and CATERed for their support of this special event.



We have come to the end of a very busy term. There have been so many wonderful moments to treasure - achievements to celebrate; visitors to learn from; lessons to enjoy; trips to remember - we are grateful for it all.

Sadly, we say farewell to Mrs Schroeder and her family as they move to Minnesota. We are hugely grateful to her for the music she has brought to Holy Cross over the years. She will be much missed. We also say a sad goodbye to Paul, Ethan, Michael, Euan and Mackenzie. We wish them every happiness in their new homes and schools.



Thank you to each and every one of you for your support this term. We value working together to support your children. Thank you as well for your generous contributions to our fundraising and charity events.

On behalf of the whole team here at Holy Cross I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas, full of peace and goodwill. We hope you enjoy the time together.

We look forward to welcoming you and the children back to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.



Mrs Potterton
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Liturgy in School



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

A Christmas Reflection by Pope Francis

God and loving Father, your child changed the world like no other.

Through the mystery of the incarnation he reunited Creator and mankind, healing the rift caused by Adam's sin. Children continue to change the world, though on a smaller scale. Every child is unique and special, adding something wonderful to creation and bringing something new – a deeper understanding of love.

As the Father loves the Son, may we love each other and all our children, seeing them as unique, as wonderful and as the miracle they are.

Amen



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IMPORTANT NEWS **ADMISSIONS 2018-2019**



The closing date for new admissions to Holy Cross Primary School for next year's Foundation Stage intake is 15th January 2018.

If you have not yet made your application for a new entrant, or indeed if you know of someone who has still to apply, please get in touch with the Local Authority either by calling them on 01752 307166 or through their website www.plymouth.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Wonders of the Week



JD (F) – Ella and Sunni
SJ(Y1) – Ruslan and Olivia
EC (Y1/2) – Annie, Lena

H (Y2)- Jackson and Esme
RD (Y3) – Mackenzie and Holly
DKS (Y3) – Callum and Maxim
MM (Y4) – Elika and Jake
JKR (Y5) – Ibrahim and Ariana
RMK (Y6) – Stanley

On Time Heroes



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

Yr 3 – Dick King-Smith

Congratulations everyone!

NEWS from your P.T.F.A



The Holy Cross PTFA are pleased to announce that they have raised a significant amount of monies from their latest events:

“Christmas prize raffle draw
For this year's Christmas prize raffle draw we raised a record £733.00!!

We would like to thank all the businesses and kind people that donated prizes to our draw. Thank you to all of you who purchased the new look draw tickets. Special thanks also go to Irene, Sharon and Angela for organising & accepting the envelopes back in at this extremely busy time of year.

The Nativity and Christmas production refreshments and cake sales raised £146.00. We would like to thank Karen and her team and CATERed for their generous contribution of



1st St Teresa

2nd St Julie

2nd St Judes

3rd St Andrew



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decorated biscuits. We also wish to thank the kind volunteers who gave up their spare time to help with selling these items and baking and decorating the fabulous looking buns. The silent auction prints raised £200.00.

All the money raised from each of these events will be used for the benefit of all children, and in particular the improvement of playground spaces. If you are unsure whether you have been successful in the raffle, please find the successful raffle ticket numbers below:

01198	01028
01352	01109
01019	01370
01334	01492
01363	00590
00265	01110
00469	00169
01317	01318
00191	01275
00489	01122
00706	01290
01163	00514
00739	01145
00892	01156
01269	01029
00035	00350
00085	00886
00722	01169
01306	01291
01232	00822
01395	00281

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Booking is now open online for both Plymouth Argyle and Premier Sports After School Clubs. Please follow the links below should you wish to book any classes for next term:

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

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

For a full list of clubs available, including details of how to pay for both Martial Arts and

Spanish Amigos, please contact the School Office for more information.

Childcare Vouchers



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

We also accept payment under the new Government Tax-Free Childcare Scheme. For more information go to <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs>.

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

Thank you all for your support as always. Have a wonderful Christmas.

Mrs Potterton and Mr Cotter

Dates for your Diary



20th December 2017
Last day of term

3rd January 2018
First day of term

8th January 2018
After School Clubs commence

9th February 2018
Non-pupil day

12th – 16th February 2018
Half Term