

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF LEARNING



**Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)** – Bishop Mark tells us that children in our midst are going without food, clothes and a safe secure place to sleep. Throughout Dorset, Devon and Cornwall children are going without the basic necessities in life. 'The Catholic Children's Society is doing all it can to help families to climb towards a secure, stable and happy way of life.'

With Bishop Mark's words in mind we have decided to support the CCSP this Advent with their 'Make Love Our Aim' project.

On Friday 1st December we will be holding a toy, book and cake sale. We would be grateful for all donations of good condition toys and books. 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.

Each child will bring home a crib from the CCSP to collect 'Coins for Children' The love you share by supporting this event will make a difference to children living in poverty in the Diocese of Plymouth.

We will tell you about our plans to support Mission Together later in the year.

**Parent consultation evenings** - Thank you for joining us before half term. Several teachers have reported that the children have been busily working on their targets at home since

this information was shared with parents. Thank you for supporting us to support your children.

Please make an appointment if you were not available to attend the parent consultation evening.



**Parent forum** - Our parent forums have had huge impact already. We made changes to our home learning provision and introduced our October parent consultation evening in response to feedback from previous forums.

Please join us for our next meeting. Your opinion matters. I have two potential dates for the next parent forum: Monday 13th November at 2.15pm or Tuesday 21st November at 3.30pm. Please contact me by email to express your interest. If there is not a clear preference I will run both dates.

### **School Parliament**

**School Parliament** - We successfully elected the cabinet this week! Congratulations to Lilia, our new Chair. Well done Stanley for earning the position of Vice Chair. Caleb was successfully elected as Treasurer and Sofia is our new Secretary. Well done to all children who stood for cabinet positions. Mrs Confue and I were very impressed with your rousing speeches. The children had to make some difficult decisions when it came to the vote.



**Be Bright, Be Seen Day** - Don't forget to dress brightly next Friday!

Have a lovely long weekend!

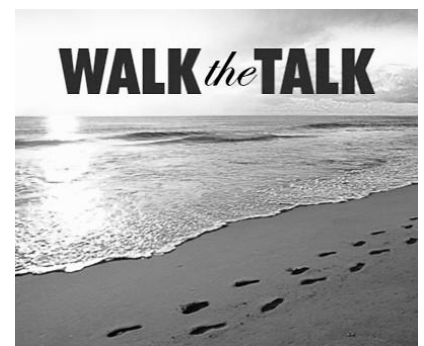
Mrs Potterton  
[dpotterton@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:dpotterton@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk)

### 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 Loving*



**Thank you, Jesus, for loving me so much and giving me a loving and generous heart. Help me to do what is right, even if no one will ever see what I am doing.**  
**Amen**

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### HCPT Smartie Tube Appeal



A letter has recently been sent home regarding the filling of Smartie tubes with 20p pieces for the charity HCPT (Hosanna House & Children's Pilgrimage Trust), an international charity who take disabled/disadvantaged children to Lourdes in France on a Pilgrimage/Holiday every Easter for one week. The cost for sending each child is £900. HCPT are asking if you are willing to fill Smartie tubes with 20p pieces to go towards the cost of sending a child to Lourdes next year. If you would be willing to help this appeal, please return the slip at the bottom of the letter and return it to the School Office as soon as possible as Mrs Fennell needs to know how many Smartie tubes are needed. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

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### Wonders of the Week



**As Friday is a Non-Pupil Day and there will be no Celebration Assembly, there will be no 'Wonder of**

**the Week' award this week. WOW will return next week!**

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### On Time Heroes



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

**Roald Dahl (Y3)  
&  
Ross McKenzie (Y6)**

100% on time -  
Well done everyone!

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### Top Table Awards



JD (F) – Stephen  
SJ(Y1) – Hollie  
EC (Y1/2) - Iris  
H (Y2)- Charlie  
(Y3)- Adam S  
MM (Y4) - Oliver

JKR (Y5) - Luke  
RMK (Y6) – Ema

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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.](#)

- **10th November**  
**'Be Bright Be Seen'**  
**Mufti Day**
- **10<sup>th</sup> November**  
**School Disco**  
KS1 – 4.30pm – 5.30pm  
KS2 – 5.45pm – 7.00pm
- **14<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Tempest Photography**
- **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**

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**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



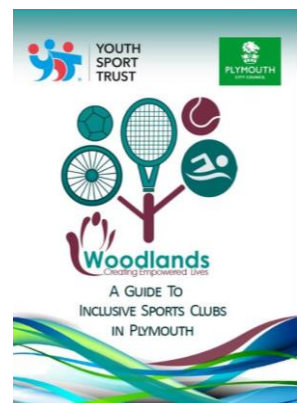
**School Disco**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**  
**KS1 - 4:30pm to 5:30pm**  
**KS2 - 5:45pm to 7.00pm**



The PTFA are looking for helpers for the forthcoming school discos. Help with door entry, tuck shop and general monitoring would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, please email: [hc.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:hc.ptfa@gmail.com)

Plymouth Youth Sports Trust would like to invite you to an information morning at Plymouth Life Centre on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

Kerry Mcmanus & Hayley Burbage  
Founder & Co-Founder  
Union Corner,  
96 Union Street,  
Stonehouse,  
Plymouth,  
PL1 3EZ



Are you like us and struggle day to day with your mental health. Do you feel alone, helpless or not understood? Why not come and join us for a cuppa and a chat, at an informal setting, with people who have similar issues. Drinks are cheap and donations are welcome.



Wednesday evenings  
7:00pm-8:30pm  
Thursday Mornings  
10:00am-12:30pm

Phone: 07599996389

E-mail: [P.A.D.S2017@outlook.com](mailto:P.A.D.S2017@outlook.com)

Facebook: P.A.D.S

Facebook selling page: P.A.D.S Selling Page

Twitter: @PADS63200870

Or Donate At: <https://www.gofundme.com/plymouth-anxiety-depression-support>

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

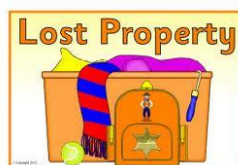
**mum2mum  
market**

Mum2mum Market  
are holding a  
Nearly New Sale on  
**Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**10am – 12pm**

at Harewood House in  
Plympton. The sale will  
have a variety of stalls  
selling a range of quality  
and lightly used baby and  
children's clothes and  
equipment. For more  
information visit their  
website at:

[www.mum2mummarket.co.uk](http://www.mum2mummarket.co.uk)

### 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.



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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.

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

**Mrs Potterton and Mr Cotter**