

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

#### CAFOD Harvest Fast Day -

Friday 6th October is CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Our Holy Cross family will join together on that day to give up morning snack and donate the money to CAFOD. Please send donations in using the green CAFOD envelope. The very first Family Fast Day was held on Friday 11 March 1960, when volunteer members of the National Board of Catholic Women raised funds for a Dominica mother and baby clinic. Please join us in praying the Harvest prayer in the week leading up to the fast.



*The Romero Prayer: A step along the way*  
*"This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities. ...It is a beginning, a*

*step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but we are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own."*

#### Harvest Mass-

We will celebrate Harvest Mass on Wednesday 11th October. Please join us for this wonderful event in the school hall at 2.15. The children are invited to bring contributions of food that we can offer up in Mass. We will distribute these contributions to our community and Plymouth Foodbank following Mass. Please send in non perishable food items from Monday next week. Mrs Kirk and Mrs Jarvis will be working with groups of children to make food parcels.

#### Parent consultation evenings -

the booking system is now open on eSchools. Please make an appointment soon. The school hall will be open with refreshments from our PTFA. There will be a range of information stands for you to browse - more details to follow.

CATERed food panel - Ethan (year 5) represented our school on the Food Panel earlier this week. We are very proud of the

contribution he made. Here is his report: *On Monday I was picked to go and test the new menu for our school dinners.*

*First we tried a new slushy called cherry. Next we tried three types of fish. Then we made our own burgers. Finally, we tasted the other slushy which was called swamp juice. After that we ate the burgers for lunch.*

*So, look out for the new slushy flavour, cherry, coming out soon!*

Brian Pollard - KS1 enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of painting with the local artist Brian Pollard yesterday afternoon! He showed the children how to create colourful paintings of local landmarks. We are privileged that he visited us to share his expertise. Thank you to Mrs Dyson for organising this inspiring event. Please visit our website to see the photos!

#### STEM day –

a report by Sofia and Isaac:  
HMS Bulkwark Trip 2017  
*On the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2017 year five and year six went on a trip to the dockyard and went on a navy ship. We did lots of fun experiments such as mini snorkelling, building marshmallow towers and making Lego boats. We made a tower which was two metres and ten centimetres but we did not win.*



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*Lance won a prize for the best individual contribution from all fourteen schools! We had a great time.*

**Water bottles** - we have provided all children with a Holy Cross water bottle. Please ensure that these are washed and refilled and brought back to school each morning. It is important that these bottles are only used for water. Please support us to be a healthy school.

**Playground safety** - it is very busy at the beginning and end of the school day. Please support us to keep your children safe by keeping the entrance/exit and the pavement outside free from congestion. Please park away from school and walk to school. Please also support us by **not** bringing dogs into school grounds. Many thanks for your understanding.

Mrs Potterton  
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### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Earlier this week, you received a letter from Sandy Anderson, Chair of Plymouth CAST, our Multi-Academy Trust to which The Cathedral School of St Mary belongs, along with 35 other schools stretching from Penzance to Poole.

Sandy's letter is in response to a Financial Notice to Improve which was issued to Plymouth CAST by the ESFA last week. I would like to reassure you that Holy Cross's particular financial situation remains strong, as we have been saving in anticipation of the impact of our expansion across the school.

**Holy Cross has set a balanced budget and we successfully meet national benchmarks for staffing and spending. The Financial Notice to Improve is imposed on the system for central management of CAST funds, rather than on any particular school. The letter from CAST notes that in the medium term there may be an impact on staffing levels across the Trust, where there is already overstaffing in schools.**

Mr Cotter  
[pcotter@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:pcotter@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:

**Action, not words!**



**Dear Jesus, thank you for always giving us the chance to change. I am sorry for anything I have done wrong and I promise that I will do my best to do what's right from now on.**

**Amen**

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### Wonders of the Week



SJ(Y1) - Darcey  
EC (Y1/2) - Abadee  
H (Y2) – Jessica  
DKS (Y3) - Maja  
RD (Y3) - Jaydon  
MM (Y4) - Mohanned  
JKR (Y5) - Martyna  
RMK (Y6) – Victoria

DKS (Y3)- Sasha  
RD (Y3) - Kiana  
MM (Y4) - Jada  
JKR (Y5) - Ibrahim  
RMK (Y6) – Niah



- 10th November  
**'Be Bright Be Seen'**  
**Mufti Day**
- 10<sup>th</sup> November  
**School Disco**  
KS1 - 4pm - 5pm  
KS2 – 5.15pm – 6.30pm
- 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 & 7pm)**
- 13th December  
**Christmas Production (7pm)**
- 14th December  
**Christmas Jumper Mufti Day**

### On Time Heroes



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

**Dick King-Smith Class (Yr3)**

### Top Table Awards



JD (F) - Sonny  
SJ(Y1) - Anne  
EC (Y1/2) - Isabelle  
H (Y2)- Tillie

1<sup>st</sup> - St Teresa  
2<sup>nd</sup> - St Judes  
3<sup>rd</sup> - St Julie  
4<sup>th</sup> - St Andrew



### Dates for your Diary

Here is a list of some important dates confirmed for this term.  
[All information is available on our website calendar.](#)

- 16th October  
**Parents' Evening (3.45pm - 6.30pm)**
- 18th October  
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### After School Clubs



We have so many clubs running this term we have run out of room on the Newsletter! If you would like more information on any of the clubs please ask in the School Office

### Other Information and What's On

#### South West

#### Celebrate Weekend

*(We have moved to Plymouth!)*

A joyful and faith-filled event for young and old, where all are welcome.

(Children & young people follow their own programme)

14th/15th October

Notre Dame School, Looseleigh Lane, Plymouth PL6 5HN

*Main Speakers:* Rev. Oly Ryder, Pippa Baker,  
David Wells

Lively worship, drama, a variety of workshops, family Mass

Online booking available (Prior booking essential)

More details:

[www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org)

E: [southwest@celebrateconference.org](mailto:southwest@celebrateconference.org)

celebrateconference.org

T: Susanne 01803 606256



Plymouth College are hosting an Open Morning on Saturday 7th October 9.30am - 12.30pm.

You will need to call the College on 01752-505115 to book a place if you are interested in attending.



We would like to say a big thank you to all those who brought in cakes for our Macmillan Cake Sale and to all those that attended the sale. We are still receiving money into the office for this worthy cause and will let you know how much we have raised in next week's Newsletter.

Once again, a huge

## THANKYOU!



### COATS

Now that we are most definitely experiencing the Autumn weather, it is very important that your child brings a coat into school every day. As with all school uniform, please ensure that it is clearly labelled with their name.



We accept the following

Childcare Vouchers:

Edenred ref - **P21102440**

Fideliti ref - **HOL357C**

Allsave/Sodexo/p&mm/salar

y 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**