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## Message from the Head of Learning

### **This week**

Key stage 2 children enjoyed an exciting science assembly this week. Thank you to Miss Bailey for organising this inspiring event. We love to bring learning alive at Holy Cross!



Upper key stage 2 were fortunate enough to attend an author event with the inspirational author Emma Carroll today. This trip was part of their World War Two topic. They also enjoyed a visit to the 'Museum on Tour'. Pictures to follow next week!

Hergé class enjoyed a wonderful PE lesson as part of their 'Toys' topic. Their dances were full of rhythm.

Simon James class impressed me with their understanding of fractions this week. I particularly enjoyed seeing them using playdough to find fractions in their outside classroom.

### **Next week**

The staff have brought many concerns to me recently about packed lunches. Please support us to be a healthy school by providing your children with a balanced packed lunch. A sandwich, yoghurt/cheese, and fruit is a perfect combination. We are happy for the children to have a biscuit or a cake as a treat, but please do not send more

than one. Please remember that your child can order a school meal if you would prefer not to provide a packed lunch. School meals are provided at no cost for Foundation and key stage one classes. Please also remember that break time snacks must be fruit. Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Potterton  
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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 next week is:**

## **Good News**



**Thank you, Jesus, for being such a great teacher and for healing so many people. Thank you for all the teachers, doctors, nurses and other people who look after me.**

**Amen.**



Thank you to everyone who gave so very generously to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) Advent Appeal. We have now heard back from the Fundraising Officer that we raised an amazing **£427.03** by filling our crib shaped boxes. Your amazing donations have helped three families as they struggle to provide for their children: a washing machine for a mother struggling with mental health issues, a fridge freezer for a family of six children who were found to have no means of cooking or storing food at their home and finally some warm clothes for a little boy whose dad is struggling to look after him.

We also raised **£174.38** from the Toy, Book and Cake Sale that was held at school before Christmas. Those monies raised will help to provide shoes and warm clothes for the winter months for an asylum family.

All very individual cases, all very sad but they will benefit from the children's generous donations. Let us pray that they can be happier, healthier and more secure.





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## Wonders of the Week



JD (F) – Aya and Nefeli  
SJ(Y1) – Lily-Rose  
EC (Y1/2) - Kevins  
H (Y2) - Tiago  
RD (Y3) - Yashvee  
DKS (3) – Henry  
MM (Y4) - Adam  
JKR (Y5) - Caleb  
RMK (Y6) – Lea



1<sup>st</sup> St Teresa

2<sup>nd</sup> St Julie

3<sup>rd</sup> St Judes

4<sup>th</sup> St Andrew

We are also still looking for a volunteer to become our secretary. The role will consist of taking minutes at meetings and helping to produce general letters. If you think this may be something you are interested in please contact Justine: [hc.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:hc.ptfa@gmail.com)

## On Time Heroes



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

'Simon James (Y1)'

## PTFA News



Helpers are needed for the forthcoming school discos. Please let us know if you are able to help by e-mailing [hc.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:hc.ptfa@gmail.com)

## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

For a full list of clubs available, including details of how to pay for any of them, please either contact the School Office for more information or see the Notice Board in the playground. We will keep you updated as to when you will be able to book clubs for next term.

## Top Table Award



EC (Y1/2) - Bobby  
H (Y2) - Jessica  
RD (Y3) - Maja  
DKS (3) - Lacey  
MM (Y4) - Hassan  
JKR (Y5) - Isaac  
RMK (Y6) – Carmen

THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

# DISCO

KS1 PLUS FD 4:30 TILL 5.30  
KS2 5:45 TILL 7:00

£2 ON THE DOOR TUCK SHOP EXTRA  
ENTRANCE AT RED SIDE DOOR.  
COLLECTION FROM USUAL AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP POINTS.

## What's On .....

**mum 2 mum market**  
nearly new sales

**Baby & Children's Nearly New Sale!**

Saturday 27th January  
10am - 12 noon  
Harewood House, Ridgeway, PLYMPTON, PL7 2AS

BUY top quality preloved baby and children's toys, clothes, books and equipment for a fraction of the price, at our indoor markets!

Admission is £2 on the door or download our 2 for 1 voucher found on our website. (Free entry 11.30am onwards!)

Mum2mum Market Devon and Cornwall  
[www.mum2mummarket.co.uk](http://www.mum2mummarket.co.uk)



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## Plymouth's Titanic Exhibition 27<sup>th</sup>

– 31<sup>st</sup> January

Duke of Cornwall Hotel

For more information go to

[www.plymouthandtitanic.weebly.com](http://www.plymouthandtitanic.weebly.com)

## Ten Minute Tall Stories -

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Wrap up in your winter woollies and celebrate National Storytelling Week. For more information go to:

<https://plymhearts.org/whats-on/family-fun-ten-minute-tall-stories/>

## Twilight Tales - 2<sup>nd</sup> February

A fun evening for children up to the age of 10 years who love stories. Children enjoy a before bedtime supper of warm milk or juice and toast and jam, before

Cuddling up to a storytelling performance from the in-house storyteller. For more information go to:

<http://www.stiltskin.org.uk/>



**Remember your account is to remain up to date and in credit at all times.** If you are having trouble making payment on your ParentPay account please contact the School Office. Your co-operation would be very much appreciated.

## Dates for your Diary



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

- **8<sup>th</sup> February**  
**School Disco**  
**4:30pm – 5:30pm**  
**– FS and KS1**  
**5:45pm – 7.00pm – KS2**
- **9<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Non-pupil day**
- **12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Half Term**
- **1<sup>st</sup> March**  
**World Book Day & Roald Dahl Themed Lunch**
- **20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March**  
**Parent Evenings**
- **Tempest Photography – Class photos**
- **13<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Summer Fair**
- **19<sup>th</sup> July**  
**School Talent Show**
- **20<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Year 6 Leaver's Assembly**

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

Mrs Potterton and Mr Cotter