

# NEWSLETTER



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## Message from the Head Teacher

This week myself and Mrs Chong (our chair of governors) met with Raymond Friel, Plymouth CAST's CEO. He was pleased with what he saw when walking around our school. He visited classrooms and asked children questions about their learning and they responded with carefully thought-out answers.

Tuesday was Internet Safety Day. All children engaged with the title Together for a better internet. This was somewhat ironic as I believe our ICT resources are outdated and in need of replenishing so we are providing children with opportunities befitting of the 21st century. We are hoping our new ICT chromebooks will be up and running for the first week after half term.

I had a conversation with some children earlier in the week about uniform. One child told me that in Portugal they do not wear uniform. It was a healthy debate but it ended with us agreeing that uniform is smart and gives us a sense of pride. Can I remind parents of our uniform expectations. They can be found on our website and on the back page of your child's homework diary. Sensible black school shoes are compulsory. Children may wish to bring trainers to school and change into them during playtimes and lunchtimes. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

And finally - please follow us on TWITTER! We have set up our account to share all the wonderful things we do across the city, the nation and around the globe. Type into twitter our @cathedralplym and you will find us. Of course, all of this will also be shared via our facebook page and our website.

We are almost there! One more week. Please remember that school finishes on Thursday 14th February and we expect children back on Monday 25th February.

With warm wishes,

Mr M Dyson



<b>Julia Donaldson</b>	<b>94.09%</b>
<b>Roald Dahl</b>	<b>89.33%</b>
<b>Michael Morpurgo</b>	<b>88.55%</b>
<b>David Walliams</b>	<b>91.47%</b>

## Every Minute Counts

Minutes late per day	Equates to days of teaching lost in one year
5 mins	10 Days
10 mins	7 Days
15 mins	10.5 Days
20 mins	14 Days
30 mins	21 Days

### Liturgy in School

**Please join us for whole school liturgy on Monday at 9.00 am.**

**The theme for our prayer and worship next week is: Trust Jesus**

Dear Jesus, please help anyone who is suffering in anyway. Help them to trust you. Bless them with a deep understanding of your love and goodness.  
Amen

**Whole School Mass on  
Wednesday 6th March at The  
Cathedral, 10am. Everyone  
welcome**

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Mary  
of the Cross  
Federation

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## Diary Dates

*Friday 15th February*

*Non pupil day*

*Monday 18th-Friday 22nd  
February*

*Half term holiday*

*Monday 25th February*

*First day of term, 8:30am*

*Friday 5th April*

*Last day of term, 3:15pm*

*Monday 8th - Thursday  
18th April*

*Half term holiday*

*Friday 19th April*

*Good Friday*

*Monday 22nd April*

*Easter Monday*

*Tuesday 23rd April*

*First day of term, 8:30am*



TGS Coaching will be running our after school clubs from February half term. Further details will be sent out next week regarding spaces. We will have on offer:

Monday: Multi Skills for foundation, year 1 & 2

Wednesday: Multi Sports for year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Friday: Gymnastics for all years