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26th April 2019

Message from Mr Dyson

Welcome back!!

I hope you had a happy Easter break. The children have come back extremely positive and looking very smart. The staff have also had a lovely break and we are all ready for a successful term ahead.

This Sunday's reading from John's gospel is all about believing. When Jesus had risen from the dead, one disciple (Thomas) did not believe it. He wanted proof! When he got the proof he needed, he believed. The reading teaches us to have belief even when we can not see it. Jesus says, "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." - he is talking about us! For any of you who wondered where the phrase 'doubting Thomas' came from, now you know.

We had our class photographs on Thursday. We are hoping we will be able to share these with you soon and you will be able to purchase your own copies should you wish to.

We were really pleased to introduce our 'rewards and sanctions' part of our new behaviour policy with the children this week. I speak on behalf of the staff and children that the previous systems were not effective enough. We have taken children's ideas to come up with various rewards and sanctions that we feel will be an effective means of ensuring behaviour at our school is something to be proud of. The policy (not 100% finished yet) is available on our website. Please take the time to read it.

As we approach the hot weather, please can I remind you to look at the school's uniform policy which is available on our website or on the back page of your child's homework diary. We will encourage our children to seek some shade when the sun is strongest. In the UK, this is between 11am and 3pm from March to October.

Please help your child stay safe in the sun by :

- Seeking shade between 11am and 3pm
- make sure they never burn
- cover up with suitable clothing and sunglasses
- take extra care with children, use at least factor 30 sunscreen.

Have wonderful weekend.

Warm Wishes

Mark Dyson

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: WE NEED JESUS

Jesus, sometimes it is hard to believe in you. You helped Thomas when he was unsure. Help me to believe too. Amen.



Join us at Plymouth Cathedral (Wyndham Street West, PL1 5HW) on the second Saturday of each month, from 4pm to 5pm, for making arts, crafts and new friends. Refreshments will be available and the church will be open. Children and families all welcome. **Starting 11 May at 4pm.**

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Y6 SATs

Our Year 6 children will be taking the 'End of KS2 (SATs) Tests' in May, so we are doing everything we can to ensure that all children achieve their full potential. More details to follow via Mr Driscoll.



Julia Donaldson	94.57%
Roald Dahl	97.91%
Michael Morpurgo	98.15%
David Walliams	95.45%

Free School Meals

If you have a child attending a school and you receive certain benefits, you may be entitled to claim free school meals. Plymouth City Council is able to check your eligibility online, therefore minimising the need to provide proof of your entitlement.

It is of great benefit for your child's school if you are entitled to free school meals as they receive extra school funding for all children who qualify. The link for the application form is :

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schoolseducationchildcareskillsandemployability/freeschoolmeals>

Plymouth City Council have a 5 day turn around for all free school meals applications, and will advise your child's school of the date the free school meals start.

Here is a list of some important dates confirmed for this year.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 1st May Junior Ten
Tors team going to Lipson,
4:00pm

Thursday 2nd May Learning
afternoon for Foundation parents,
2:15pm

Monday 6th May Bank Holiday,
school closed

Wednesday 8th May Educational
Welfare Officer visiting school

Monday 13th - Friday 17th May
Year 6 SATs

Tuesday 14th May Warburtons
visiting Julia Donaldson class

Monday 20th May David Walliams
Ancient Greek Day

Tuesday 21st May Year 5/6 Tag
Rugby Festival, letter to follow

Friday 24th May Super 6 Golf
Tournament, letter to follow

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May
Half Term

Wednesday 5th June Year 6 Junior
Life Skills, letter to follow

Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th
June David Walliams Residential
Trip

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Plymouth Annual SEND Conference

This year's SEND conference organised by Plymouth Parent Carer Voice (PPCV) in partnership with PCC and PIAS, is being held on Wednesday May 8th at the Plymouth Guildhall from 9.30am to 3.00pm

Stalls:

We have 30+ stall holders attending from various SEND related organisations such as Horizons sailing, PIAS, Friends and Family, Routeways, Special Olympics (plus many more) and for the first time this year for our young people thinking of next steps, the University of Plymouth, Plymouth College of Art, City College and Achievement training will be attending. We strongly encourage parents AND young people to come and talk to them in a relaxed atmosphere, away from the usual hustle and bustle of busy open days, to explore your options, access student information, find out about courses and what support prospective students can expect.

All stalls will be available from 9.30am until 3.00pm

Professional Drop-in:

There is the usual professional drop-in. Come and speak with:

- Educational Psychologist,
- PIAS,
- Plymouth City Council 0-25 team,
- Preparing for Adulthood team,
- Careers South West,
- Short Breaks.

Workshops/Talks:

There is time in the day to choose up to four of our ten workshops/talks running throughout the day, covering the following subjects:

1. SEN Support
2. EHCPs
3. Annual Reviews
4. Dyslexia
5. ACCESS (the new route for service referral i.e. CDC, CAMHS, ASD pathway etc.)
6. Parent Carer Participation – how to get involved and make a difference
7. Plymouth Autism Amplified Project (PPCV & Routeways partnership)
8. CAMHS Secondary (Anxiety and development understanding and responding to anxiety in secondary aged children with autism)
9. CDC – Primary (Anxiety and development understanding and responding to anxiety in primary aged children with a developmental condition)
10. New Plymouth Free School for AUTISM

Lunch:

A light cold lunch is provided at 12 noon if your place and food preference is booked via the ticket option (below). We need to know numbers for catering purposes. All ticket fees for parent/carers (and any purchased by/for young people) are fully refundable on the day. Each ticket entitles you to a lunch-pass wrist band, issued on arrival to exchange for your lunch plate. Tea and coffee will be available all day.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ppcv-parent-carer-send-conference-080519-tickets-56588074454?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

The PPCV team look forward to welcoming you on the day.

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The Cathedral School of St Mary

2018-2019 School Calendar

March 2019						
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School holidays

Bank Holidays

Occasional days

Professional development days (Non Pupil Days)

The Cathedral School of St Mary Academic Calendar 2019/20

September 2019						
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October 2019						
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Occasional Days	INSET Days (Non-Pupil Days)	Bank Holidays	School holidays
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