

# NEWSLETTER



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**22nd March 2019**

## Message from Mr Dyson

It would be wrong of me to not start this newsletter with my own take on the letter you received earlier this week. On Monday, I was delighted to have been appointed as Head Teacher of this school. I was asked to lead the school on a short-term basis but once I had been here for just two weeks, I was eager to lead this school on a permanent basis. There are many reason for this:

- Our Staff Team - this team is incredibly dedicated and show a huge amount of love to this school. They have been incredibly supportive towards me and I feel that with a team who is desperate to do well for this school, we can achieve great things.
- Our pupils - they are wonderful. They are well-mannered and want to succeed. The number of pupils that have made the effort to share their insights has wowed me.
- Our parents - with your continued support, I am excited that we can work together so our children leave us ready for Secondary School.

If any of you go to Mass this Sunday - listen carefully to Luke's gospel reading where Jesus tells a parable about the Fig Tree. The fig tree does not grow after three years so the gardener wanted to cut it down. He was encouraged to give it another chance to grow - which is exactly what we do at our school with the children. We try to let our children grow in God's presence. Our new behaviour policy will be shared with you all very soon and we would encourage you all to discuss the new rewards and sanctions with your children when you receive it.

Parents Evenings are taking place on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd April. Mrs Williams, SENDCo will be available for appointments on Wednesday 3rd April. Please speak to reception to make an appointment.

On Saturday, our choir are singing at Mutley Baptist Church at 5:30pm. We are really looking forward to showcasing our children's talents - a huge thank you to Mrs Sheikh for making this happen and to our staff who will be accompanying the children at the event. Please come along if you have time.

I have been away this week and listened to some inspirational speakers. One speaker was from CAFOD, who helped us understand the Laudato Si' and how we can use the Pope's letter to improve our world. We will be looking to implement some ideas through our school council about how we can spread the Pope's word to improve our school, our community and our world.

Have a lovely weekend with your loved ones.

Mark Dyson

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<b>Julia Donaldson</b>	<b>78.70%</b>
<b>Roald Dahl</b>	<b>85.53%</b>
<b>Michael Morpurgo</b>	<b>86.07%</b>
<b>David Walliams</b>	<b>90.91%</b>

## EveryMinute 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

**Argyle Soccer Roadshows**

**EASTER HOLIDAY 2019**

@ASFCCommunityTrv | argylecommunitytrust | [www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk](http://www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk)

**Book our courses online**

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

**Additional activities available**

Reduced rates available by booking online for all courses over £10

**Sibling Discount \*half price for additional siblings**  
(\*phone bookings only/online price not applicable)

**Prices from £5 - £30**

**Registration opens at 9.40am**

All courses for boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 - 15 years

New membership reward cards available

Courses run from 10am to 3pm with the exception of Tiny Tots 10am to 12pm

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

## Diary Dates

*Wednesday 27th March*

*Michael Morpurgo class going to Manadon Football grounds*

*Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd April*

*Parents Evening*

*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*

## 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: **Jesus is tempted**

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me so much. Please help me to bring good fruit into the world this week as I try to keep my Lenten promises. Amen.



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**9-12YRS, LIMITED PLACES,  
ONLY £3 BOOKING FEE,  
FREE LUNCH!**  
HQ BUILDING, 237 UNION STREET,  
STONEHOUSE, PL1 3HQ

## Fun for Kids at Dogs Trust!

### 'Doggy Tales' @ Plymouth Central Library

For children aged 4+

Come and join us for some 'Doggy Tales' and activities with Stacey Prosser, Dogs Trust Education & Community Officer.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April - 3pm**

Other activities will include:

- A mini Be Dog Smart workshop – where we learn all about how to keep safe with dogs.
- The opportunity to enter our FREE Easter competition – prizes include Dogs Trust t-shirts!

**See you there!**

### Booking is essential

To book your child(ren) a place,  
please contact Central Library on  
(01752) 305901 or Stacey on 07436162109 or  
[Stacey.prosser@dogstrust.org.uk](mailto:Stacey.prosser@dogstrust.org.uk)

Thank you.



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## SHORT BREAKS

**Football and activities for children with autism or ADHD aged 7-14 years old.**

Every school half term and summer  
Monday and Tuesday  
10am - 1pm  
£5 per session

Home Park, Plymouth, PL2 3DQ  
[www.bookwhen.com/shortbreaks](http://www.bookwhen.com/shortbreaks)  
01752 300 700

in partnership with 



## Parent / Carer SEND Conference

**Wednesday 08 May 9.30 am - 2.30 pm**

Plymouth Guildhall, City Centre, Plymouth  
Choose 4 talks from the 8 offered  
A light lunch will be provided  
Drop-in 1:1 sessions with professionals and stalls

Booking is essential – please see Facebook for further information – **Plymouthpcv**

The booking fee is refundable upon request when you bookin.





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## The Cathedral School of St Mary

### 2018-2019 School Calendar

March 2019						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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April 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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November 2019						
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December 2019						
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Occasional Days	INSET Days (Non-Pupil Days)	Bank Holidays	School holidays
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