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3rd May 2019

Message from Mr Dyson

It is always pleasing to start the newsletter celebrating success. On Wednesday, our Year 5 football team took part in a competition at GOALS against other schools within the city. Not only were our budding footballers commended for their attitude and sportsmanship, they played together as a team and won the tournament. Each child returned to school rightly proud of their achievements which we celebrated as a school during this afternoon's assembly.

Our new behaviour policy is in full swing. The children are working hard to gain golden time and extra play time and there is currently a really good feel about the school. Golden time started today. Children had a choice of activities to choose from. Sadly, there are one or two individuals whose behaviour has not met our high expectations. Sanctions are in place as a consequence for negative behaviour and I encourage you to reinforce this message to your children at home. When everyone follows the school rules, it can be a wonderful place for everyone.

We are still on the hunt for a staff governor. If this is something that you think you have the skills to do, please let either myself or Mrs N Chong know.

On a similar note, Mrs Cook has arranged a Friends Of School meeting. I am aware that we have not held many fundraising activities this year and we are really keen for parents to help us in raising funds that can be spent on your children and the school. If you can offer some help, please come to an informal meeting on Tuesday 7th May at 2:30pm.

Remember school is closed on Monday! It is Bank Holiday. Enjoy your three day weekend and we will see everyone on Tuesday morning.

Warm Wishes

Mark Dyson

Liturgy in School

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

The disciples didn't recognise you first, Jesus. They knew it was you when you helped them catch fish and ate with them. Help me to see you in the ordinary, everyday events of life. 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.**

Plymouth Cathedral is part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Plymouth, Registered Charity 213227

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Julia Donaldson	93.48%
Roald Dahl	96.35%
Michael Morpurgo	97.22%
David Walliams	96.02%



It has come to our attention that children are bringing in fidget spinners and exchanging them with, or selling them to, each other. It would avoid upset and disruption if children can keep their own toys at home. Thank you for your support with this.



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

Diary Dates

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

Thursday 23rd May Foundation
Parents afternoon, 2:30 - 3:00pm

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

Friday 5th July Sports Day,
Brickfields

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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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November 2019						
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