

The Cathedral School of St Mary Newsletter

18th October 2019

We have made it to the end of our first half term. I am delighted to announce that Mrs Gleed and her husband are expecting their second baby. They made the decision to find out the gender, and they will welcome a baby boy to the world in March. Whereas we are really excited for Mrs Gleed, we now start the process of finding a successor who can continue the excellent work that she has started with our youngest children. I will inform you when an appointment is made.

Class 1 have been busy, visiting Victoria Park and holding a Cake Sale to help raise funds for an upcoming school trip. They were delighted to raise £70 which is more than they had hoped for so thank you to everyone for supporting this.

The work has started on our new Foundation play area outside. It will continue into the half term so will be ready for its opening launch on our first day back. To officially open the play area, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress will visit the school so we are looking forward to welcoming them.

On Tuesday 29th at 2pm, the FOS will be holding a Christmas fayre planning meeting. The school will be joining forces this year with the parish and we are looking for anyone who can help organise and support this event. Please do come and support us.

On Friday 1st November, the FOS are hosting a 'FIREWORKS DISCO'. A flyer will be sent home with further information.

Our sports teams have been busy. Last week, three children attended the Boccia tournament and competed against other schools and yesterday, we took our athletes to Staddiscombe to take part in the Plymouth Schools' Cross Country event. Our children did exceptionally well to complete the gruelling course and we were proud of the way they represented our school. Well done everyone.

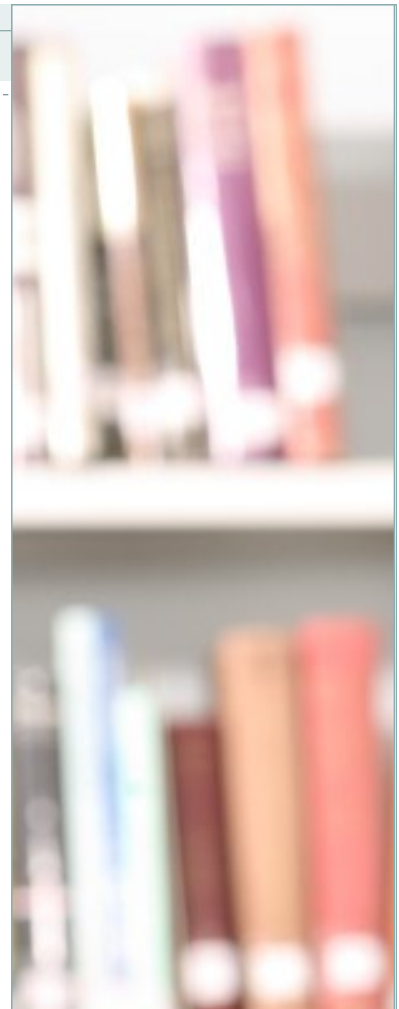
And finally, Bishop Mark will be celebrating Mass in the Cathedral this Sunday to mark World Mission Sunday and the Extraordinary Month of Mission 2019. It would be really great to see as many of our school family to join in with this Mass. It starts at 10am.

Remember on Monday 28th, school is shut for staff training so we will see everyone for the first day back on Tuesday 29th October. Have a wonderful week.

God Bless,

Mr M Dyson

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FLU IMMUNISATION



Virgin Care Ltd are carrying out this year's Flu Immunisation programme taking place in school on Monday 4th November.

So far 54 children have been signed up.

Virgin Care have kindly increased the deadline to registering your child to the 27th October.

To register please follow the instructions on <https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/devon> or alternatively you can contact a team member at Virgin Care on 0300 247 0082 .

DIARY DATES

Friday 18th October	Last day of term
Monday 21st—Friday 25th October	Half Term
Monday 28th October	Non pupil day
Tuesday 29th October	Start of term, 8:30am
Friday 1st November	FoS disco
Wednesday 6th November	Flu immunisations
Thursday 14th November	Fire talk with year 2 and 5
Friday 15th November	Foundation trip to central library
Monday 18th November—Friday 6th December	
	Year 4 swimming lessons
Friday 22nd November	Year 5 , Widening Horizons trip to the National Aquarium
Wednesday 27th November	Year 5/6 Football Competition
Thursday 12th December	Christmas lunch
Friday 13th December	FoS Christmas Fair

**God of justice
and wisdom,
help us to keep
on praying and
never to doubt
that you will be
with us always.
Amen.**

Mrs Futchter has a 9KG Indesit washing machine going free. If you would like it please see Mrs Futchter or the office staff.





CATERed is the schools led local authority trading cooperative jointly owned by your child's school and the Council.

Our aim and objective is to buy fresh, seasonal, locally sourced produce and ingredients and to cook them from scratch each day in your child's school to produce great tasting, freshly prepared hot food which meets and exceeds the Governments Standards for School Food so that every child, regardless of the school they attend, gets the right food and nutrients to grow and learn.

To ensure we're doing the very best, we need your help & for you to tell us what you think!

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KDNPHQH>

The survey should take no more than a few minutes to complete and your views are very important. **The survey will close on Friday 25 October 2019.**

The survey link will also be posted across our social media Twitter and Facebook so if parents/carers prefer they can complete in this way: -

[facebook.com/plymouthcatered](https://www.facebook.com/plymouthcatered)



ATTENDANCE

Every lesson in every day of school counts. It is important that your child attends regularly. Falling behind affects their emotional well-being and confidence and being off school should be avoided as often as possible.

Class 1	88.13%
Class 2	95.49%
Class 3	89.26%
Class 4	96.47%



**PLEASE RETURN ORDERS BY
FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER**

Please can we kindly remind parents/carers that all medical appointments should be made outside of the school day wherever possible.

Your child's attendance can be greatly affected by taking them out of school for such reasons



Emotional Health and Wellbeing Drop In

For children aged 5 to 18 and
their families

If you're worried about something that's happening in your life, need some space to talk or want some advice on how you're feeling, drop in and have a chat to a trained professional.

You can come on your own or with someone else; you will always be made to feel welcome.

When? Friday 25th October 2019
1030-1230

Where? Tavy Lodge Scout Hut,
Tavy Place, PL4 7DJ

