

# NEWSLETTER



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16th November 2018

## Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents/Carers

We have enjoyed another busy week of learning.

This week we launched the Read Write Inc. programme which is a whole school programme for teaching phonics and spelling. Thank you to Mrs Fitcher for leading this—it will make a huge difference to standards of reading and writing at our school.

Arriving at school on time is even more important than it was. Sadly, some of our children are missing 10-15 minutes of phonics and spelling teaching each morning. From Monday, parents of children arriving late for school will need to complete a late arrival log. Please work with us to give your children the best possible start in life.

Thank you for supporting 'Children in Need' today. All money raised goes to make the world a better place for all children.

**Have a lovely weekend.**

**Mrs D Potterton**

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## A Vision for Excellence

**Plymouth CAST has recently published its vision, values and principles. As our school is part of the Plymouth CAST Multi Academy Trust, we have published this on our website. You can find this document on the home screen of our website:**

**<https://cathedral-school.eschools.co.uk>**



*Mrs Duggan is starting a gardening club.*

***Any donations of trowels, gloves and winter plants/bulbs would be greatly appreciated.***



## 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 COMING**



Dear Jesus, I know that I cannot see you now; but that one day I will. Until that day, I promise to follow all that you teach me. Amen

## 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

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<b>Julia Donaldson</b>	<b>93.20%</b>
<b>Roald Dahl</b>	<b>93.33%</b>
<b>Michael Morpurgo</b>	<b>95.33%</b>
<b>David Walliams</b>	<b>94.64%</b>

## Bronze Ambassadors



The bronze ambassadors have been busy surveying the children for what sports and games activities they would like - so watch this space for play leader details and upcoming activities.



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

All information is available on our website calendar.



*Tuesday 27th November*

*Donkey Roadshow for Key Stage 1*

*Thursday 29th November*

*Key Stage 1 Disco: 3:30-4:30pm*

*Key Stage 2: 4:45-5:45pm*

*Thursday 6th December*

*Christmas lunch*

*Friday 7th December*

*FoS Christmas Fair*

*Tuesday 11th December*

*Christmas Productions at the Cathedral, 1:30 & 6:00pm performances*

*Friday 21st December*

*Last day of term, 3:15pm*

*Monday 7th January*

*First day of term, 8:30am*

*Friday 15th February*

*Non pupil day*