# The Cathedral School of St Mary Newsletter



What an interesting week we have had in school. Who knew what a mission we had on our hands to take one photo of 16 foundation children for the Herald newspaper. It took several staff members to organise and hundreds of 'look at me' but we finally have a winner! The photo will be published on Tuesday 24th September.

20th September 2019

Thank you to all parents who have returned the data collection sheets and consent forms, I'm aware there is a lot to complete but it's vital for the daily running in the school so we can have clear communication with our families and know what they are consented to participate in.

We had a visit from Mrs Williams on Thursday. She is making good progress in her recovery after having an operation on her ankle at the beginning of September. If you have any SEN concerns, Mrs Sargison is available Tuesdays and Wednesday. Alternatively, Mrs Cook is also on hand to answer any questions or concerns.

Note to Year 6 parents, the closing date for secondary school places is 31st October 2019. You can apply at <u>https://</u> <u>www.plymouth.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies/</u> <u>schoolseducationskillsandemployability/schooladmissions/</u> <u>applyschoolplace/applysecondaryyear7schoolplacenextacademicyear</u> or the school office can print an application off for you.

And finally, please join Mrs Cook on is Tuesday 24th September, for a Macmillan coffee afternoon from 2pm. She is determinded to make it the biggest produced in The Cathedral School history! Donation of cakes much needed and appreciated.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND.



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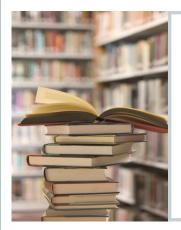


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## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**



The first class for this year's First Holy Communion will take place from January 2020. We intend to hold a meeting throughout November to provide essential information regarding the lessons.

Children need to be year 3 or above.

### It will be necessary for you to register your child with the school at the November's meeting.

Please also remember that we will need a copy of your child's **baptismal certificate**.

## **DIARY DATES**

| Tuesday 24th September   | Cl        |
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| Wednesday 25th September | Cl        |
| Tuesday 1st October      | Pa        |
| Wednesday 2nd October    | Cl        |
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| Wednesday 9th October    | Cl        |
| Wednesday 9th October    | Cl        |
| Wednesday 16th October   | Cl        |
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Generous God, in you we have all we need. Help us to put you first in all that we do and to trust that you will care for us always. Amen.



#### Statutory Consultation School Attendance Penalty Notice

**Code of Conduct** 



Penalty Notices can be used by schools to address unauthorised pupil absence. In order to issue a penalty notice the Local Authority must have a Code of Conduct that has been developed in consultation with Head Teachers/Principals, Governing Bodies and the Chief of Police. Plymouth City Council is conducting a statutory consultation in relation to changes to the Code of Conduct. The proposal is to increase the threshold set within the Code of Conduct, from 8 unauthorised sessions (4 days) to 11 unauthorised sessions (5.5 days) and also use the school's attendance policy as a threshold, before a penalty notice can be issued. The Education (Penalty Notices) (England) Regulations 2004 (as amended) require the Local Authority, to consult with governing bodies, Head Teachers and the Chief Officer of Police to develop the Code of Conduct.

In addition to a consultation for changes to the Code of Conduct, Plymouth City Council is seeking views from the public and other stakeholders regarding the following:

• Aligning INSET days to straddle a weekend outside of term dates to provide a potential week's holiday for families when holidays are less expensive.

• Shortening the six-week summer holiday as a way of creating an additional week of holiday at another point in the year, potentially the October and May break. This would then provide a potential two weeks of holiday for families when holidays are less expensive.

We are also seeking parent/carer views so I would be grateful if you can share the survey with parents and carers and encourage them to respond.

Please take the time to respond to this consultation survey, the deadline for response is 4:30pm on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Responses can be emailed to <u>schoolorganisation@plymouth.gov.uk</u>

# 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 | 96.88% |
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| Class 2 | 95.00% |
| Class 3 | 90.74% |
| Class 4 | 95.45% |

