

# The Cathedral School of St Mary

## Newsletter

20th September 2019



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.

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 <https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies/schoolseducationskillsandemployability/schooladmissions/applyschoolplace/applysecondaryyear7schoolplacenextacademicyear> or the school office can print an application off for you.

And finally, please join Mrs Cook on Tuesday 24th September, for a Macmillan coffee afternoon from 2pm. She is determined 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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## 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	Class 2 Parents Lunch
Wednesday 25th September	Class 2 Mass
Tuesday 1st October	Parents Evening
Wednesday 2nd October	Class 1 & 4 Mass
Wednesday 2nd October	Parents Evening
Friday 4th October	Healthy Smiles, Foundation, Year 1 and 3
Monday 7th October	Library Reading Challenge Assembly
Tuesday 8th October	Boccia Event
Wednesday 9th October	Class 3 Mass
Wednesday 9th October	Class 3 Parents Lunch
Wednesday 16th October	Class 2 Mass
Thursday 17th October	Tempest Photography, Portraits/Families
Friday 14th October	Healthy Smiles, Foundation and year 1
Friday 18th October	Last day of term

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.



*Our  
Breakfast  
Club runs  
from  
7:30am,  
Monday  
to Friday  
And best  
of all*

**IT'S FREE**

## 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/carers 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 [schoolorganisation@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:schoolorganisation@plymouth.gov.uk)**

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

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

**THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER**

**UNTIL**

**TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER**

**FROM 3PM EVERYDAY**



**Tuesday 24th September  
from 2pm**



# COMING SOON CHILDREN'S SOFT PLAY

**STARTING THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER**

**MANADON SPORTS HUB PL5 3FD**

Join us and discover a great way to make new friends and try our new soft play activities in a fun, safe and controlled environment.

For ages 1 - 6 years old of all abilities.

-  Soft mats, ball pits, tunnels and more
-  Hot and cold refreshments available
-  Every Thursday 1.00pm - 2.30pm
-  Turn up and play, £2 per session.



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**TOGETHER  
FOR  
CHILDHOOD**

**Let's celebrate the launch of  
PANTS in Plymouth!**





**Where:** Plymouth Life Centre/ Central Park (inside or outside, depending on the weather)

**When:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1-3 pm

**Why:** We're launching a city-wide Talk PANTS campaign to help keep children safe

**Please come along and join us at our free event.**

**What's on:**

-  Guest appearance by Pantosaurus
-  Beat the Keeper with Plymouth Argyle Community Trust
-  Basketball with Plymouth Raiders
-  Craft activities for children
-  Storytime

