

The Cathedral School of St Mary

Newsletter

4th October 2019

It has been a busy couple of weeks but it was lovely to see so many parents this week meeting the teachers. The feedback I have received has been positive and it is really pleasing that school and home are working hard together to ensure we give our children the very best opportunities. If you missed your appointment or were unable to make one in the first place, please do rearrange.

We were delighted to raise £75 for Macmillan. Our thanks to Mrs Cook and our Pupil Chaplaincy team for organising the event and to all of you who dug deep to buy our cakes.

Mrs Cook is hoping to recruit new members to the PTFA. We need a team of volunteers who are keen to organise events that can help raise funds for our school. If you think you can spare some time to meet for a coffee and help us out, please come along next Tuesday.

On a similar theme, we are looking to recruit a parent governor to our governing body. If you think you have the skills to help drive our school forward, and can commit to six meetings per year, please let me or Mrs Chong know. Our governors do a lot of work behind the scenes that benefit our school and your children. It was clear when analysing the questionnaires that you completed in the summer that you are not aware of who our governors are. We are in the process of updating this section on our website and our display in our reception area. Please take a look!

We are still collecting Aldi stickers. We have collected about 50 so far but need 300. We do have another six weeks left and I really think we can do this. Please spread the word to your co-workers, family members and friends. Tell them to shop at Aldi. If their shopping comes to £29, tell them to spend one more pound to get the sticker. Keep sending them in - hopefully we will collect 300 and get ourselves a brand new free kit and enter the draw for winning £20,000.

And if you have nothing to do tonight or tomorrow, why not book yourself a ticket to see Madagascar at Devonport Playhouse tonight or tomorrow. Four of our children are starring in the show and I for one am looking forward to it!

Have a lovely weekend and thank you once again for all of your support this week.

Mr Dyson

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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

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| 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 |
| Monday 21st—Friday 25th October | Half Term |
| Monday 28th October | Non-pupil day |
| Friday 1st November | FoS disco |
| Wednesday 6th November | Flu immunisations |
| Thursday 14th November | Fire talk with Year 2 and 5 |

God of light, help us to see that even with the smallest amount of faith, we can do anything you ask of us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Are you entitled to Free School Meals? Plymouth City Council now offer an online service to apply for Free School Meals. Please follow the link:-

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schoolseducationchildcareskill-sandemployability/freeschoolmeals>



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.

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| Class 1 | 96.88% |
| Class 2 | 96.00% |
| Class 3 | 96.30% |
| Class 4 | 94.41% |

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

@cateredplymouth



Reporting absences

Please can we kindly remind all parents/carers to report your child's absence by calling the office on 01752 265270. The office staff do not have access to class Dojo's and don't normally check the school email account until later in the morning. If you call the school before 8:30am there is an option to leave an answer phone message. Please also give a full reason to the nature of your child's absence. Thank you

Year 6 parents

Just a reminder that applications for secondary school places need to be received by 31st October 2019 at Plymouth City Council. If you need any help, please contact Mrs Cook psa@marofthecross.co.uk

MOBILE FREE PLAYGROUND

PLEASE PUT YOUR MOBILE PHONE AWAY.

SMILE... AND GREET YOUR CHILD.



PLEASE SUPPORT US IN OUR QUEST TO PROMOTE OUR CHILDREN'S ORACY SKILLS BY PUTTING YOUR PHONE AWAY AT THE SCHOOL GATE AND GREETING YOUR CHILD WITHOUT ANY DISTRACTIONS.

WE HAVE THOUGHT OF SOME LOVELY CONVERSATION STARTERS FOR YOU TO TRY....

- **DID YOU LEARN A NEW WORD TODAY?**
- **WHAT MADE YOU SMILE TODAY?**
- **WHO DID YOU PLAY WITH AT LUNCHTIME AND WHAT DID YOU PLAY?**
- **CAN YOU TELL ME AN EXAMPLE OF KINDNESS YOU SAW/SHOWED?**
- **DID YOU TRY SOMETHING NEW TODAY?**
- **WHAT WAS THE BEST PART OF YOUR DAY?**

