

# NEWSLETTER



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1st February 2019

## Message from the Head of School

Driving home on Thursday night I thought that we may well have a repeat of last year's snow days but it did not settle in Plymouth as it did in other parts of Devon and Cornwall. However, as the cold weather continues, please make sure your child(ren) are wrapped up warm with coats, hats, scarves and gloves. In the event that we did have to shut the school, we would inform parents via our website, dojo and Facebook pages and through the local media channels.

On Monday I visited all of the classrooms to talk with children about their learning. Yet again, the children 'wowed' me with their ability to speak confidently about what they think they are good at and what they think they need to get better at. I read a Year 5 child's writing and it would give any author a run for their money!

Tuesday saw our rowing team travel to Plymstock (by coach - not by rowing boat) and compete against other schools within the city. They did really well showing tremendous perseverance and resilience. Despite not getting into the medal positions, all of the team showed great sportsmanship and we are proud of them.

On Wednesday all children had a story-telling session with Malou Evans. They have met Malou before and she always serves up a real treat for them - making learning come to life by linking stories and drama to their current topic.

It has been another action-packed week that has seen some real successes. Next week we will be teaching children about online safety. They may even have some questions or information to share with you too!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mark Dyson

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## 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 Brave**

Dear Jesus, you were very brave and always spoke the truth. Help me to be truthful too, even if it makes me unpopular. Amen

## School Masses

**Wednesday 6th February—Julia Donaldson class & Roald Dahl class, 10am**

**Wednesday 6th March—Whole School Mass at The Cathedral, 10am. Everyone welcome**

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<b>Julia Donaldson</b>	<b>75.45%</b>
<b>Roald Dahl</b>	<b>92.00%</b>
<b>Michael Morpurgo</b>	<b>91.85%</b>
<b>David Walliams</b>	<b>93.53%</b>

## EveryMinute 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

## Chinese New Year 2019!



### Menu Change

**Tuesday 5th February 2019**

Sweet & Sour Chicken or  
Vegetable Stir Fry with Vegetable  
Spring Rolls  
and Egg Fried Rice

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

### Diary Dates

**Wednesday 6th February**

**Healthy Smiles assembly with Year 3 and Year 6**

**Friday 15th February**

**Non pupil day**

**Monday 18th-Friday 22nd February**

**Half term holiday**

**Monday 25th February**

**First day of term, 8:30am**

**Friday 5th April**

**Last day of term, 3:15pm**

**Monday 8th - Thursday 18th April**

**Half term holiday**

**Friday 19th April**

**Good Friday**

**Monday 22nd April**

**Easter Monday**

**Tuesday 23rd April**

**First day of term, 8:30am**