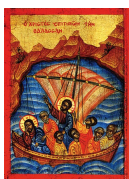




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Worship and Liturgy -

In the Gospel on Sunday Jesus shows us his power by calming the wind and sea when he and his friends were caught in a storm on a boat. He told the wind and the sea, "Quiet now, be calm."

Sometimes in our lives we face times when it feels like we are in a storm. Jesus's commands to the sea and wind can be good advice for us at those times too.

Mr Gill is retiring! He hasn't seen this newsletter!

Mr Gill is retiring after many many years of service to the school and families it serves. We would like to plant a tree for him to recognise the service he has given. If you feel you would like to contribute to this please place your donation in a sealed envelope and hand it to Mrs Hawken in reception by the **12th July 2021**. If you would like to send or make a card please also bring this to Mrs Hawken.

Class photos

There has been a deadline set of Wednesday 23rd June for parents to order class photos with free delivery to school. Any orders made after this date will incur postage charges for delivery to your own address.




Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club price has stayed the same since we first started offering the service a few years ago. Our aim is not

to make a profit out of the service but we need to break even financially. We cannot use school funds to subsidise a 'care' facility which is only used by a minority of parents. We have not broken even financially this year, even though there were no costs during lockdown, and so need to look at our pricing structure. The most likely scenario is that the daily rate will increase from £2.50 to £3 from the start of next year. To avoid hitting our 'best' customers hardest we are suggesting that a child who attends all week will just be charged £12.50 which is the equivalent of the daily rate staying the same. If you have strong opinions

about the proposed change please let us know. Any changes will be confirmed before the end of term.

Celebrations this week

Whole School Attendance 93%	Top Class Attendance Foundation Class 97%
Crew Member of the Week F- Rudairo- Commander Kim- Great problem solving in Maths. 1- Martyna- Sailor Sam for persevering with her maths test. 2 Sebastian - Admiral Anne Creativity for science questions. 3- Hunter- Admiral Anne for excellent creative writing. 4- Vincenzo - Commander Kim for perseverance in angle problem solvings. 5 - Livy - Commodore Chris for super teamwork on our school trip 6 - Maci - Commander Kim - solving rounding problems	
Witness of the Week - Humility  F- Ezra 1- Alivia and Marina 2 - Rupert 3- Ella and Mimi 4 - Maja and Josie 5 - Rebecca 6 - Chloe	

Covid Restrictions

As expected the hoped for freedom from Covid restrictions did not materialise. Events in schools this week are pointing to that being a sensible decision. I know at least one of our CAST schools in Plymouth has had positive cases and has had to send a bubble home. Nationally the age range with the highest number of cases is under 12s. It seems so hard when the taste of freedom was within our grasp but it is so important now to keep up all of our safety measures. I am sure nobody wants to return to remote learning during this last stretch of the





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year, or self isolate in the holidays, so please keep up the hand washing, social distancing, mask wearing and all other measures.

One aspect that has crept back into school has been children bringing personal items into school. One of the reasons that we have PE kits worn on PE days is to prevent children bringing extra home items into school. One example is that a child brought a squeezey toy into class 4 and it split and spread the inside material everywhere. Another example is birthday sweets. It is very kind to send in sweets to share on your child's birthday but we cannot take the risk of the virus being shared too. If your child displays any Covid symptoms please do not send them to school but do arrange for a PCR test as soon as possible. Although the official symptoms remain the same, evidence suggests that the Delta Strain of the virus causes runny noses and common cold type symptoms. If you or your child suffer from any of these it would be sensible to arrange a PCR test.

Sports Day

Unfortunately we will definitely not be having our traditional Sports Day this year. We will arrange some kind of event where children will be able to compete for their houses within their own bubbles. There has been contradictory advice this week about parents being allowed to attend sports days. As soon as we are able to make a decision we will let you know.



Secondary School Taster Days

Another casualty of the Covid restrictions extension will be the cancellation of induction days for year six children going to their new schools. The inevitable mixing of children from many primary schools at a secondary school, followed by the return of those children to their primary schools could mean one case would close bubbles in plenty of primary schools. It is expected that children who had enhanced transition arrangements planned will still be able to go ahead because far fewer children would be involved.

Brickfields

The long awaited Brickfields Championships took place this week. Year 6 competed on Wednesday.

We had many great performances with clear wins in the boys 90m and both boys and girls 200m races. There was great misfortune in the boys relay race when we dropped the baton. Despite this, the quick reaction and speed of our last two runners meant that we made up a deficit of about



20m in the last 160m to still win the race. The girls relay team worked like clockwork and they came in with almost exactly the same time as the boys. There were good performances in all of the field events too.

Year 4 competed today. They also had success with victories on the track and in field events. Lamara made the longest long jump of the day out of all the year 4 boys and girls throughout Plymouth who competed. Our relay changeovers were complimented by one of the coaches as we were leaving the arena. We still have to wait to see if our trophies are coming home but what is really important is that the children tried their best which was undoubtedly the case. I walked away from the track for the last time feeling very proud of the children.