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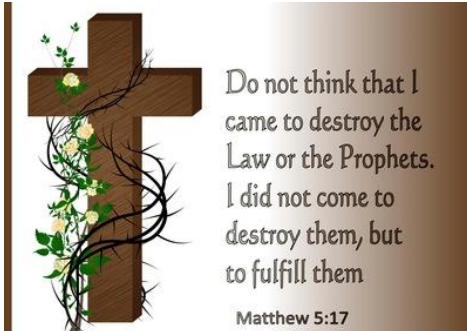
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Dear School Family,

Liturgy and Worship



Rules Matter

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about rules and there is a misunderstanding between Jesus and the religious leaders.

Jesus notices that although the letter of the law is being followed by religious leaders, the spirit sometimes is not. The religious leaders think that Jesus is saying their rules don't matter. However, Jesus says this is not the case. Rules do matter but we need to follow them in the right way.

Jesus points out that rules and laws should be about how people treat each other. They are about God wanting us to be loving, kind and honest in all things. By living the way God asks us to, we can find true happiness in supporting, loving and working with each other.

Faith in Action

How can we follow rules and work together over half term? You can make sure you follow safety rules when you are out and about - this could be when walking near roads, at the park, at the beach or at home. Keep safe this week by following the rules.

Who has put our Gospel Value of 'Kindness' into action this week?

Courage: Oscar for trying to help a friend when he had accidentally done something they didn't like.

Kindness: Tommy for caring and looking out for his friends and adults in the classroom.

Compassion: Sapphire for always being a great friend to everyone in the class.

Peace: Abigail for inviting someone to sit with her when they were struggling with their learning.

Integrity: Daniel, for always offering to help with classroom jobs such as tidying and turning off the lights

Justice: Evie because she always helps her friends when they're stuck and cheers them up when they're sad.

Who has put our Gospel Virtue of 'Prudence' into action this week?

Courage: Archie for working hard at showing ready, respect and safe behaviour in lessons.

Kindness: Harper for being consistently ready, respectful and safe despite the changes this week.

Compassion: Liby for using the learning wall during Maths, before she asks for help.

Peace: Ewen for independently choosing to use resources to support his learning in an area he finds tough.

Integrity: Sam, for choosing to ask for additional resources to support his home learning

Justice: Riley because he thought of the needs of others before his own this week

Each class is the guardian of our Values.

Next week's Value: Forgiveness

Next week's Virtue: Temperance

Keyham News!

It's been a busy and exciting week at Keyham Barton with lots of experiential activities taking place! We believe the experiences we can give the children are as important as their academic achievements.

Year 1 Theatre Trip

Y1 went to the Theatre Royal to see Room on the Broom on Monday and were brilliant representatives of our school. We had such an amazing experience and we even had a close encounter with the dragon!

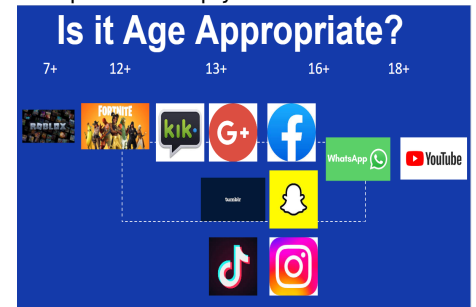


Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7th February was Safer Internet Day, where all classes talked about the importance of Online Safety. We also discussed age restrictions on different apps. Many of our children said they had access to TikTok and WhatsApp. TikTok is 13+ and WhatsApp is 16+. These age

restrictions apply to keep children safe.

WhatsApp in particular is a concern. Anyone can be added to a group which then means everyone in that group, including strangers, have access to your child's phone number. As a school, we strongly advise to follow the age restrictions and respect them as they are in place to keep your children safe.



Year 5 and 6 Rowing



PSSP came into school on Thursday and ran an Indoor Rowing workshop with UKS2. The children had a go at simulated racing and racked up some impressive distances!



The coaches commented on the children's excellent support of each other and their resilience. Well done, UKS2 - next step: the Primary Indoor Rowing Championships in March!





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Friendship Lunch



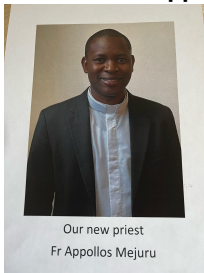
CATERed provided us with a Friendship Lunch this week and very special heart shaped biscuits. Thank you to our Kitchen Team for providing this special dinner.

Goodbye Father Petroc



We are very sad to share that Father Petroc will be leaving us this week to take up a new post in Exeter. He has been such an inspiration to staff and pupils alike that he will be very missed. He took the time to come in and say goodbye to all the children and staff on Wednesday afternoon. We wish him well and good luck in his new post.

Welcome Father Appollos



Our new priest
Fr Appollos Mejuru

As Father Petroc leaves, we welcome Father Appollos. Father Appollos has moved from Nigeria to Plymouth to work as part of our Diocese. He is currently based at the Cathedral and joins us as our school and parish priest next week. Apparently, he's pretty good at football and Father Petroc has suggested the children challenge him to a 'keepie-uppie' contest! We look forward to welcoming him into our Keyham Barton family!



HERE EVERYDAY, READY ON TIME

The class with the highest attendance this week was: **Integrity Class - Year 4-5 AGAIN! Well done!**

This Week's Keyham Keys



Courage: Ruby For being a **Persevering Parrot** with her lollipop sticks.

Kindness: Layton for being a **buddy-up-bear**, helping his classmates and adults.

Compassion: The Whole Class has been a **Go for it Gorilla** this week. Everyone did their very best and worked really hard on some extra assessments. They were focussed and produced some brilliant results.

Peace: Eliza for being a **choosing chimp** and using the working wall to support her amazing innovated writing based on the King of the Fishes.

Integrity: Max has been a **choosing chimp**, choosing to apply strategies that help him make ready, respectful and safe choices.

Justice: Libby-Rose was an **I Know Rhino** in her Maths Assessment this week, using her learning (and a BEAUTIFUL bar model) to help her make fantastic progress!



HOUSEPOINTS

This week's winners are **BUCKFAST**

TOP DOJO WINNERS THIS WEEK

Courage: Jayden

Kindness: Noah

Compassion: Daisy

Peace: Anna & David

Integrity: Michael

Justice: Ada

Writer of the Week



Courage	Emerald
Compassion	Liby
Peace	David
Integrity	Oliver M

Justice	Liliana and Isaac D
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Top Online Learners



Kindness	Tommy
Compassion	Jaden



Compassion	Penelope
Peace	Emmet (again)
Integrity	Michael
Justice	Isaac P



Kindness	Mikaela
Compassion	Penelope
Peace	Frankie
Integrity	Evelyn
Justice	Maryam

Accelerated Reader



Compassion	Oscar -3,836
Peace	Rhys (again) - 65,996
Justice	Maryam - 44,206



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Attendance

As you know, there is a local and national push to improve attendance following COVID. This is to enable schools to make sure all children have access to catch-up programmes so they make up that lost learning. We are seeing an impact on pupils' achievements and we are keen to give them the best start in life we can. If a child misses a few days, it does interrupt cumulative learning.

We fully appreciate when a child is sick they need to be at home and we do have to follow Public Health guidelines. We also follow Plymouth LA and Trust absence guidance and have a school attendance policy in place. This outlines set attendance triggers agreed by schools and the Local Authority. Where a child feels under the weather but is otherwise ok, we suggest you bring them in and we will monitor and call if we are worried or they seem unwell.

If a child's attendance drops **below 90%** **this is classed as persistent absence and triggers a request for medical evidence for the absence.** This can include texts or letters detailing appointments and pharmacy consultations. You can check your child's attendance with the office or by looking on the ParentPay app as this shows the most up-to-date percentages for your child.

If a family receives a medical letter we then have to log absences without medical evidence as unauthorised until evidence is received. **If there are 10 unauthorised absences - and these can include late starts after the register has closed at 9:30am - this triggers an EWO referral and a visit.** Repeated persistent absence can then trigger a fine of £60.

We are also unable to authorise holidays during term-time as this impacts learning.

I outline all the above so the process is clear and fair and so there are no surprises. It is a legal duty for parents to ensure children are in school if they are well enough to be there, and for school to follow up if children are not in or if they reach thresholds.

As a school we are very keen to support families with any barriers to getting into school as we know it can be hard sometimes. We can support transitions in, or support anxiety and worry around school, ill-health - whatever the presenting need is. We want to work with you to ensure your child has the best life chances. Attendance is a key factor in future life chances so please help us to help your child be in school.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your circumstances have changed, you may now be entitled to Free School Meals.

Now is the time to apply as it ensures a healthy hot meal that is free for your child, every school day, not just when they are in the younger classes.

If your child is in EYFS, Y1 or Y2, then we strongly encourage you to talk to us and click on the link below to apply for a Free School Meal. For every child who does, the School receives Pupil Premium Funding to the value of £1385.00 per child for this Academic Year which helps funding of the School.

Please apply if you may be entitled.

<https://new.plymouth.gov.uk/free-school-meals-0>

Our Parish



Catholic Parish
of the Holy Trinity
Plymouth



Mass Times

Saturday: 5:30pm St Paul's

Sunday: 9:00am Holy Family

Sunday: 10:30am Holy Redeemer

spring's prayer

Dear God, Thank you for the change of seasons. As I leave behind a winter that wore out its welcome, I step into spring with a fresh heart, ready for nature to take its course. May this season bring joy and light, peace and prosperity, and a spirit in full bloom.



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Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to welcoming all children back on Monday 20th February.

Miss Riley and the Keyham Barton Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
20th Feb - 31st March	Eat Them to Defeat Them 2023
3rd March	World Book Day Author visit from Nick accompanied by Luke Pollard MP
10th - 19th March	British Science Week
17th March	Red Nose Day
27th Feb - 12th March	Fairtrade Fortnight
28th March	Parents Evenings all week
31st March	Mufti Day Argyle Community Trust
31st March	END OF SPRING TERM
17th April	Staff INSET school closed
18th April	SUMMER TERM BEGINS
8th May	Coronation Bank Holiday
26th June - 14th July	Year 4 Daily Swimming Lessons and Plymouth Active