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Dear Parents and Carers,
Autumn has arrived and the weather has become much colder. We need to make sure that everyone comes to school in the right uniform for the weather to help ensure that the whole school stays fit and healthy!

Planet Watch

Last Friday, Year 4/5 got to experience the mobile planetarium which came in to school to help them with their current theme of Egyptians. Amongst other things, they looked at how the constellations were important to life in ancient Egypt.



New School Menu

We are currently in the process of revamping the menu we offer for school meals and tailoring it as much as possible to the tastes of our children. Letters went out to every child last week to ask what they would like to see on offer in the dining hall.

Today is the closing day for getting your suggestions in and we would like to thank everyone who took part and returned their form. We will now compile the results and, working within the Plymouth City Council guidelines, add some of the top choices to the list of current favourites and hopefully put together a menu that will appeal to a much wider percentage of school!

Sainsbury's School Games

Our school has achieved the Sainsbury's School Games Bronze Mark for all the amazing sports and PE work we have done throughout the school. Now we have achieved this we will be focussing on working towards the Silver Mark!



Tricky Treats

During the last week of this half term (week starting 20 October), the kitchen will be offering Halloween themed desserts with school meals! There will be a different spooky treat to finish your meal every day. Make sure you try them all! (Fruit and yoghurts will still be available also.)





Star Learners

Congratulations to all of the star learners for the past two weeks!

Lexi Crossley	Bib Zhen
Mandy Andress	Kaci Hutchinson
Isabelle Caldicott	Henley Webb
Maison Matthews	Erin Calvert
Aminata Fofana	Liam Williams
Charlie Crunden	Angel Ava
Phoebe Coverdale	Jennifer Anstis
Lola Shattock	Lenny Gawron
Logan Essery	Erin Howlett
Ellie Medway	Kaci Hutchinson
Sam Connell	Jack Swaine
Milly Carroll	Tyler Jarman
Emily Williams	Fabian Ward
Oliver Crunden	



Attendance

We would just like to remind all parents and carers how important it is that everyone is in school EVERY day. Obviously, we understand there are times when your child is too unwell to come to school, but as the cold and flu season approaches we would like to ask that if you are unsure, you send your child. We will keep an eye on them and if they do seem to unwell to be here, we will call you immediately to collect them. However, coughs and colds often seem worse first thing in the morning when children are tired and by mid-morning are much less severe. You will always be the best judge of how well or unwell your child is, we just ask that you do everything you can to get them to school, if at all possible to do so.



School Photos

A photographer will be in school on **October 23rd** to take school photos, so make sure your child is looking their best on that day!



Harvest

To celebrate harvest this year we will be holding a mufti day on **Friday 24th October**. In order to wear their own clothes, children need to bring in either a bottle or a tin of something edible – please check to make sure your product is in date! We will then donate the items to the local food bank, helping raise the children's community awareness and understanding of the message behind harvest celebrations.



Important Dates

26/9-14 – School Disco
15-17/10 – PGL
23/10/14 – School Photos
24/10/14 – Harvest mufti
24/10/14 – Last day of term 1
3/11/14 – Start of term 2
5-12/12 – Nethercott Farm
11/12/14 – School Disco
12/12/14 – School CLOSED
19/12/14 – Last day of term 2
5/1/15 – Start of term 3
6/2/15 – School Disco
12/2/15 – last day of term 3
13/2/15 – School CLOSED
23/2/15 – Start of term 4
20/3/15 – School CLOSED
27/3/15 – Last day of term 4
13/4/15 – Start of term 5
17/4/15 – School disco
4/5/15 – Bank holiday, school CLOSED
22/5/15 – Last day of term 5
1/6/15 – Start of term 6
26/6/15 – School CLOSED
17/7/15 – Year 6 leavers' disco
19/7/15 – School disco
22/7/15 – Last day of term 6



Autumn Watch

Now summer has gone for another year, the weather has turned very autumnal. Please can all parents and carers ensure that their children are dressed appropriately for the cold and wet weather that we are having. Jumpers or cardigans are essential, along with a coat (waterproof if possible). We want to make sure everyone stays warm and dry!



Marine Academy Half Term Activities

MAP will be running age specific football clubs this half term.

4-6 – can sign up for Football Fundays on Monday 27th and Friday 1st October, 10:30-3:30pm. £12 per day or £20 for both.

6-11 – Football Fantasia is a 3-day course from Tuesday 28th-Thursday 30th October 10-4pm. £12 per day or £30 for the full course.

To sign up, or for more information call 213951 or email

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Places for both courses are limited.

A colour version of this newsletter is available on our website.

