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Dear Parents and Carers,
We hope you are all wrapping up warm in this cold weather, to stay fit and healthy to come to school. One thing that would brighten up our outside area on these grey mornings is a Sunfish – and it just so happens that we could win one for our school! See the details of how you can help below.

School Sunfish

The Evening Herald is running a competition to win one of the fish that were on display around Plymouth last summer for your school. To help our school win the fish you need to fill in the voting slip (which can be found in every day's Evening Herald) and drop your completed form into the school Reception. The school with the most votes by the closing date, **23rd February**, will win the fish. The competition started in early January, so we are already a bit behind, so every form **you** can bring in will really help! You can also vote online, details of which can be found in the Herald. We think the fish would be a wonderful addition to our school grounds and would brighten up our outdoor area! Please get clipping and voting!



Buy a Nose!

Comic relief is on 13th March this year. In case your nose isn't red enough with the cold weather we have been having, from Monday you will be able to buy a 'Nose in a Bag' from Reception, and from the PTFA on Fridays after school. The noses will cost £1 each, and there are 9 to collect. Make sure you get yours and you, too, could look as cool as some of our staff!



Fire Safety

The Year 2 and Year 5s had a visit from some firemen this week, who spoke to them about fire safety. They were given information of what to do and who to call in the event of a fire.



Stock Market Challenge

On Thursday, some of our Year 5s took part in the Stock Market Challenge. They re-enacted a typical week on a stock market floor, taking on different roles and buying and selling shares. Everyone who participated really enjoyed it and learned a lot!



Parent's questionnaire results Autumn 2014

Following the completion of parents' questionnaires at Parents' evening, I have compiled a summary of responses. It is wonderful to see that the vast majority of our parents remain happy with the school and feel that the school keeps their child safe and is taught well. These responses have now been shared with the leadership team and Governors. In total there were 147 responses, which represent the vast majority of our parents. Any parent who has a concern that has not been resolved, or wishes to discuss their responses, may contact the school office to make an appointment to meet with Mrs Nettleship.

Question	Percentage agree or strongly agree
My child is happy at this school.	95%
My child feels safe at this school.	98%
My child makes good progress at this school.	98%
My child is well looked after at this school.	95%
My child is taught well at this school.	99%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	96%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	90%
This school deals effectively with bullying.	86%
This school is well led and managed.	93%
This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	91%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	93%
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	97%

As part of our 'Safety' week in February we will be covering bullying and there will be an opportunity for parents to come into school and meet the team from 'Stay Safe Cornwall' who will be delivering some of our workshops.

Plymouth University Children's Lectures

Plymouth University are running a series of lectures for children. If anyone is interested in attending an of the sessions, please contact Linda barrette for more details on 307489 or by emailing Linda.Barretto@plymouth.gov.uk

Lecture	Organisation & Lecturer	Date	Time	Venue
Woodland Explorers: life in the deadwood (mini-beasts)	Plymouth Woodland Project Alison Smith	14 th February	Saturday 10am-12:30pm	Plymbridge Woods (meet National Trust car park 9:50am)
Peninsula Medical School Two workshops	Teddy Bear Hospital Workshop Asthma/Respiratory Medicine Workshop	26 th February	4.15pm-5.15pm 5.20pm-6.20pm	John Bull Building, Peninsula Medical School
Plymouth & West Devon Records Office Tour	PCC PWDRO Tony Davey	7 th March	First Tour 10.00am Second Tour 12.00	PWDRO Clare Place
Survive and Adapt - the extinction of the dinosaurs & the rise of mammals.	Plymouth University Peter Smithers & Colleagues	9 th March Week before Science Week.	- time tbc	Plymouth University Lecture theatre tbc

Important Dates

6/2/15 – School Disco - **CANCELLED**
 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
 19/6/15 – School disco
 26/6/15 – School CLOSED
 17/7/15 – Year 6 leavers' disco
 22/7/15 – Last day of term 6

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

Spirit of Discovery

Well done to Kacey Southworth who has been shortlisted for the chance to win a trip to Finland in this year's Spirit of Discovery competition. Everyone at Weston Mill would like to offer Kacey our congratulations and wish her the best of luck for the next stage!

Disco Cancelled

Please note that, due to unforeseen circumstances, the disco on 6th February has had to be cancelled.

Spare Uniform/Clothes

Any spare clothes uniform or non-uniform for Nursery and Reception would be hugely appreciated. Please can you bring this to the school Reception. Many thanks.