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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a very busy time of the year and the children are very busy preparing for the school performances.

### **School Trip - Year 5 and 6 - Houses of Parliament**

Year 5 and 6 from the School Parliament went to London on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November with Mrs Nettleship and Mrs Clark. They got the train to Paddington and then walked past Buckingham Palace, the Cabinet Office and Downing Street. When they got to Westminster they had a tour of the Houses of Parliament, which included the House of Commons and the House of Lords and then a workshop on democracy and government. They were lucky enough to see the Prime Minister in the House of Commons and our local MP Johnny Mercer came to talk to them. It was a long day but was very exciting.



### **Foundation – Tag Rugby**

On 30<sup>th</sup> November the foundation children had fun playing tag rugby with the Neighbourhood Focus Plymouth Community Support Officers. They thoroughly enjoyed running around and learning about this game.



### **Got a question? Ask the POD?**

Need to find a child minder? Need some help understanding your child tax credit? Want to find out about support for children with special educational needs or disabilities.

You can find the answers to all these questions and loads more on the Plymouth Online Directory (POD) for families.

The POD has been reviewed and refreshed making it more accessible than ever. It's full of local organisations that can provide information about local services. There are easy to access information and guidance sections with background information and links to helpful websites.

The new look POD can be found here [www.plymouthonlinedirectory.com](http://www.plymouthonlinedirectory.com)

### **Collecting Stamps**

We are collecting stamps for the Lily Foundation to help children with incurable, Mitochondrial diseases. Please put your stamps in the box office in the office leaving a 1cm border around the stamp. Thank you

### **School Fair**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
**3.00pm – 4.30pm**  
**Stalls still available contact the PTFA if interested.**

## **TEXT SANTA/FESTIVE FRIDAY**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**Wear a Christmas jumper to school**

**Donations £1.**

**(raising money for Make a Wish,  
Save the Children, Macmillan,  
St Lukes)**

If you have any spare clothes like socks,  
knickers or tights, please pass to the office. ☺

## **Christmas Lunch – 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**For Christmas Lunch Day only**, parents whose children do not normally have school meals can pay by cash. Please send your £2 to the School Office in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class, by 11.12.15. All other parents, please pay via Parent Pay as normal.

## **Headteacher Reward**

Well done to Sonny Gregory gaining enough reward money to have tea and cakes with Mrs Nettleship. He is the first to obtain this reward and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



## **Classic Author Mufti**

Thank you to the PTFA who kindly donated the book tokens as prizes and thank you to the children and parents for all your effort.



## **Important Dates**

04/12/15 – Disco  
**11/12/15 – School Closed**  
**17/12/15 – Text Santa Christmas Jumper**  
**17/12/15 – School Fair**  
**18/12/15 – School Closed**  
21/12/15 – 31/12/15 Christmas  
Holiday, Term 2  
01/01/16 – Bank Holiday  
04/01/16 – First Day Back  
12/02/16 – School Closed  
15/02/16 – 19/02/16 – Half term, Term 3  
18/03/16 – School Closed  
25/03/16 – Bank Holiday  
28/03/16 – Bank Holiday  
29/03/16 – 08/04/16 – Half term, Term 4  
11/04/16 – First Day Back  
15/04/16 – Disco  
02/05/16 – Bank Holiday  
30/05/16 – Bank Holiday  
31/05/16 – 03/06/16 – Half term, Term 4  
06/06/16 – First Day Back  
08/07/16 – School Closed  
20/07/16 – Year 6 Leavers Prom  
22/07/16 – Last Day of summer term

## **Gateway Lines Go Live**

The Gateway programme aims to ensure that when a request for help that concerns a child or family comes into Plymouth City Council that it is given the appropriate response. Ensuring services work together to tackle all the issues to help resolve your query as quickly and efficiently as possible.

They can be contacted on 668000 or via email on [gateway@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:gateway@plymouth.gov.uk) if you feel you need any help.

## **Asthma**

Winter is well on the way could parents/carers ensure that if their child has been diagnosed with asthma and requires an inhaler that it has a prescription label on it, a consent form has been completed and that it is in school for the teacher to store.

Many thanks – Mrs Powney

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