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Newsletter



Parent Update:

Our staff had an interesting time last week, refreshing their Read Write Inc skills and learning more strategies to support children within school. The TA's also practiced their interactive white board skills. Thank you to all staff involved in organizing this and for taking part.

Children in Year 6 have been continuing to share their understanding about why the Mayflower left Plymouth in 1620. This week, they have researched and created a powerpoint sharing all of their knowledge. They have also created a diary entry based on sharing what they feel the journey's experience would have been like.

In Kiely class this week we have been started to look at poetry, we explored lots of poems found rhyming words in some of them, we then used the primary colours to mix paints to create the background for our own animal poems which we'll start writing next week.

Carle class have been finding different objects, and practicing their sounds to music.

In Year 5 this week, we have been continuing our art learning by making 3D planets from papier-mâché. We have also begun the process of designing and making our own website page about our planets; looking at the features of webpages and the information we would expect to see on a webpage, so we can include similar when we start putting our webpages together next week.

In Goldsworthy, our theme this week has been comparing transport from the past and the present, looking at similarities and differences between them. In Maths, we have been finding one more and one less than a given number.

Y3/4 English – information texts – working towards writing a text on the great rivers of N America. Maths group SM – multiplying numbers using standard short multiplication. Science – investigation water and the processes of changing state (water cycle) Music – playing the Ukulele

A message from our CEO Mrs Alison Nettleship:

Sadly, due to the updated COVID restrictions, parents will not be able to come in to watch their foundation stage children in their Christmas play. However, this will be recorded and shared with parents by Wednesday 15th Dec.

Over the last few days the Government, as well as other organisations, have made some changes to support our community during the recent finding of a new Covid 19 strain – Omicron.

As a result, we have made some changes in our schools **with immediate effect**. Some of these will affect parents and we wanted to make you aware of these as soon as possible. They are as follows:

- Adults in school will be wearing masks in all shared spaces – and visors only as an option for staff in classrooms.
- We will be reminding children of the importance of hand washing regularly and using tissues where needed.
- We will be asking all parents NOT to bring in gifts / cakes or any other items from home for the rest of this term. If children wish to bring in Christmas cards, they must be for their class only and your Head of School will let you know the date that these must be in school.
- Parents will no longer be able to come in for assemblies and these will be recorded and shared on our websites.
- Parents will still be able to attend meetings but must wear a mask in school and follow our visitor's protocol.

We would encourage you to wear a mask in our school grounds as much as possible and to maintain social distancing.

I am so sorry that we have needed to make these changes and I hope that in doing so we will be able to make sure that as many of our staff, pupils and community remain well over the upcoming holidays

TURN
UP &
PLAY

KEYHAM CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL SESSION

Come along and engage with Argyle's Premier League Kicks coaches and take part in some Christmas themed football fun.

WEDNESDAY 22 DECEMBER

1-3PM

BARTON AVENUE /

KEYHAM GREEN PLACES

PL2 2DT

Christmas Football Session

Free sessions being held at Keyham Green.

Places on Wednesday 22nd December 1-3pm with Argyle's Premier League Kicks coaches

All welcome, just 'turn up on the day and play'

DIARY DATES

(these dates may be subject to change)

Thurs 16th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 17th Dec	Christmas jumper day
Mon 20th Dec—Mon 3rd Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Tues 4th Jan	SCHOOL STARTS 8.45 AM
Mon 21st Feb—Fri 25th Feb	HALF TERM
Mon 28th Feb	Non Pupil Day
Fri 8th Apr	Non Pupil Day
Mon 11th Apr—Fri 22nd Apr	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Mon 2nd May	May Bank Holiday
Mon 30th May—Fri 3rd Jun	HALF TERM
Mon 27th June	Non Pupil day
Weds 27th Jul—31st Aug	SUMMER HOLIDAYS

QUEENS JUBILEE

Following the decision for the country to have an additional Bank holiday for the Queen's jubilee the Board have agreed that as this falls at half term, that they will be allocating 27th June as a closure day. I hope that you will all be able to take the opportunity to plan something nice, on what I hope will be a sunny day.

MORNING DROP OFF

Please can you ensure you do not park on double yellow lines, or block the traffic by dropping off children on the hill. You are welcome to park in Oak Villa .

WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure your child has a sports capped water bottle for school every day. This should be taken home and washed daily too.

Thank you

RECEPTION SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Please be reminded that applications for Primary School Admission places are now open. Applications need to be made by Saturday January 15th 2022

The website can be found:

School Admissions / PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK

Thank you

LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost something, our Lost Property Box is overflowing with clothes etc! Please come and have a look. It's located just inside the door to reception, coming through from the playground.



Staying Healthy Illness Feelings Getting Help

A fun and interactive resource for learning about health



Psst! Parents!
As well as enjoying the content with your child, you can get advice on supporting their health and wellbeing.

www.healthforkids.co.uk

Follow us: [livewellsouthwest](#) [@livewellsw](#)

ChatHealth
Text a school nurse for confidential advice and support

07480 635189



HEALTH FOR TEENS

TEXT YOUR SCHOOL NURSE FOR
CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH ADVICE AND SUPPORT:
07480 635198

GET HELP WITH ALL KINDS OF THINGS LIKE...

HEALTHY EATING RELATIONSHIPS SMOKING
EMOTIONAL HEALTH BULLYING SELF HARM
ALCOHOL & DRUGS ANXIETY SLEEP PUBERTY

YOU CAN ALSO VISIT:
WWW.HEALTHFORTEENS.CO.UK

SEE VIDEOS, FIND HEALTH INFORMATION, TAKE QUIZZES,
AND FIND OUT THE TRUTH BEHIND THE RUMOURS



The Mental Health and Emotional Health & Wellbeing Services in Plymouth are working to deliver services to parents, children and young people in schools and in the community.

Livewell South West have set up a 24/7 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) telephone line to support parents of children with available via freephone tel: 0800 9232323. Text messaging advice service is available via ChatHealth as well as online information for children and young people:

- Livewell ChatHealth 0-5 years Parents Service – 07480 635188
- Livewell ChatHealth 5-10 years Parents Service – 07480 635189



ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 29TH NOV—3RD DEC 2021

The expected percentage is 96%.

Well done to this week's winning class: **GAUDI 98.48%**

Goldsworthy	97.79%	Monet	95.19%
Matisse	89.63%	Picasso	94.80%
Mondrian	92.61%	Gaudi	98.48%
Kiely	95.38%	Hadid	94.44%
Kahlo	95.00%	Hockney	96.47%
Da Vinci	83.00%		

BARTON HALL

Please remember to complete and return the permission slip if your child wishes to go on this PGL adventure trip.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



14th Dec is the last date for Christmas cards to be brought in to school. Children will only be able to send cards to their own class mates, not to other classes.



Year 5 children had an energetic morning, competing in some activities with PSSP.



Children were excited to have a go at racing on the rowing machines and also took part in games of Benchball.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our school Christmas lunch will take place on Thursday 16th December. This is a traditional school event where we get to celebrate some of the food linked to Christmas. The menu will be:

Roast Turkey

Vegetarian Option

Both served with seasonal vegetables

Festive Desserts

If you would like your son/daughter to have a Christmas lunch, please complete the slip sent out with the letter on Friday 3rd Dec. All slips need to be returned by Friday 10th December and the meal paid for through parent pay by Monday 13th December, if you currently pay for a school meal. It will be the usual cost of £2.20.

Due to the high number of Christmas dinners on this day, this will be the only option available on the day. If your child is not having a Christmas dinner, they will require a packed lunch on that day.



Christmas Science Camps

Plymouth Science

LEGO Robotics



Scan here to book your place or visit PlymouthScienceCIC.co.uk or click the link [Christmas Booking Form - Google](#)

FREE for children who are eligible for Free School Meals*

or

£20 per day
(bring your own lunch)

£23 per day
(lunch provided)

Venue: St Peters Primary School, Brentford Ave, Plymouth PL5 4HD

Days: Mon 20th - Thurs 23rd December

Timings: 9am-3pm

Age: 6-11 years



Design Make Programme Create

To book your place visit our website. For any questions, please email us.
Web: www.plymouthsciencecic.co.uk Email: plymouthscienceteam@gmail.com
Tel: 07933 055 506

* Eligibility for free places is for children who receive Free School Meals. This **DOES NOT** include children in Foundation/Key Stage 1 who receive Universal Free School Meals. If you are unsure of your status, enquire with your school office. Eligibility will be checked by Plymouth City Council, and full payment will need to be made for sessions if your child is ineligible for Free School Meals.

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