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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. The children have settled really well back into school and are looking forward to the busy weeks ahead.

### School Parliament

Year 6 School Parliament children attended the Plymouth Youth Council at the Plymouth City Council Chambers in December. Pupils enjoyed listening to different speakers from across the city talking about topical issues for children and young people. They found out about health issues, sustainability, safeguarding young people and an art project at St Andrews Church. Pupils are looking forward to the next meeting in March - although they hope that the lunch which was provided will be better!

### School Football Team News

The school football team took part in their first tournament on the last day of term. Ten children represented Weston Mill in the event, which took place at Plymstock School, and saw them play against three other Plymouth primary schools. The year 5 and 6 children were proudly wearing their new kit, which have been kindly sponsored by Pattison Electrics. Despite their best efforts, the team did not qualify for the next round but they are already ready and raring to go for their next match this month. Well done everyone.

### Year 4 STEM Centre Visit

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, Year 4 visited the STEM centre (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) for their Wow Day. We had a great day to begin our new unit of work 'How Humans Work'.



### Camels Head Fire Station Visit

Nursery and Reception children went to Camels Head Fire Station in December as part of their topic on transport. We learnt what firefighters do and got to try on their uniform. We were shown around the different parts of a fire engine and got to sit inside it. We really enjoyed squirting water with their hose.



## Christmas Nativity Whoops-a-Daisy Angel Production

The nursery and foundation children had a lovely time showing their nativity to parents. Well done to the children and staff for all their hard work.



### Wedding News

Congratulations to Miss Usborne, Year 3 who got married over Christmas and is now called Mrs Butson.

### Chinese New Year Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February

All children need to come into school in red to help celebrate this, the traditional New Year colour – meaning joy and good fortune.

### Important Dates

15/01/16 – Class Assembly – Mrs Popplewell/Mrs Clark (New York)  
29/01/16 – Class Assembly – Mrs Bailey (California)  
21/01/16 – Robert Burns Day  
01/02/16 – Safety Week  
08/02/16 – Chinese New Year  
11/02/16 – School Disco  
12/02/16 – School Closed  
15/02/16 – 19/02/16 – Half term, Term 3  
03/03/16 – World Book Day dress up  
18/03/16 – School Closed  
21/03/16 – Art and Music Week performance on 24<sup>th</sup> pm.  
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

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### Scholastic Books

Scholastic books are now available to order from their website on [www.scholastic.co.uk/parents](http://www.scholastic.co.uk/parents). They currently have a January sale, so grab a bargain.

### Olympic Athlete

An Olympic Athlete will be coming into school. We are helping to raise money for PE equipment and will be supporting him in 2016.

Details to follow shortly.

### Christmas Jumper

Thank you to everyone who wore a Christmas Jumper we raised over £200 for St Lukes, Macmillan Cancer, Make a Wish, Save the Children.

### Baby News

Congratulations to Mrs K Rose (Yr 1) who gave birth to a baby girl called Ophelia Rose weighing 7lb 2oz. Congratulations to you and your family.

We would also like to say congratulations to Mrs Popplewell (Year 5) who is expecting a baby.

### PTFA – School Fair

We would like to thank the PTFA for all their help in organising the school fair. It was very successful. Well done.