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Friday 6th December 2019



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Planting with Kier

Our gardening club children had a wonderful morning on Tuesday as they were invited by Kier Living, and Plymouth Community Homes, to visit their Briarwood development site, in North Prospect for a planting project. With the help of representatives from New Leaf (local landscape company), children worked together to create a lovely area to brighten up the site and the community. They were given top tips on planting and learnt how to arrange and group plants together to achieve an effective display. The morning had a very festive feel, children were given Christmas hats to keep them warm as they worked and were rewarded with Christmas nibbles. The children also had the opportunity to look out over the site and discuss how the houses were being built with the Site Manager.

The children would like to say a huge thank you to Sarah and all the companies involved for making their morning so much fun and for their generous gifts of gardening tools, gloves and plants to develop our gardening area.



Community Art Challenge

Gifted and talented art pupils have created a Christmas window display for Barclays bank in town. We were one of six schools selected, the art work will be on display in Barclays Bank in the City Centre until the end of the Christmas period.



Christmas Cards

I spoke to the school council last week. The School Council voted and would like to propose that this year instead of sending individual Christmas cards children send one card to the whole class. These would then be read out by the teacher and displayed in the classroom. Children could send a card to another class, if they wish and not just their own class.

Thank you
Mr Wilkins
Assistant Head



Christmas Jumper Day -

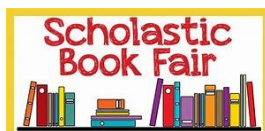
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Christmas Jumper Day is £1 per child. This is to raise money for the national event. Please wear your Christmas Jumper on the top half and school uniform on the bottom half.



Book Fair & Accelerated Reading

We would like to thank everyone for coming to the book fair and purchasing books. We raised a total of £74 to spend in school.



Thank you also to the parents who came along to our Accelerated Reader information sessions that we held recently.



If you take pictures of your child reading in unusual places or reading something different then please can you send your pictures to:-

westomill.office@discoverymat.co.uk

NO DOGS ALLOWED!

Dear Parents/Carers, please can we remind you that dogs are not allowed on school premises at any time, this also includes dogs that are being carried.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Christmas Lunch -

Tuesday 17th December

Please return your Christmas Lunch slips to school by



Tuesday 10th December. Please can you also top up your lunch account via ParentPay. All meals are to be paid for IN ADVANCE if in Year 3 to Year 6.

Thank you.

Important Dates



- 17/12/19 Christmas Lunch (please return your slips by Tuesday 10th Dec.)
- 17/12/19 Foundation Nativity 2.00pm
- 18/12/19 Foundation Nativity 2.00pm
- 19/12/19 Christmas Fair 3.15- 4.30pm
- 20/12/19 Christmas Jumper Day £1.00
- 20/12/19 Last day of term
- 23/12/19 - 05/01/20 Christmas Holiday
- 06/01/20 Return to school 8.45am
- 17/02/20 - 21/02/19 Half Term
- 13/02/20 London Visit
- 24/02/20 - Return to school 8.45am
- 6/03/20 Nethercott Visit
- 30/03/20 - 13/04/19 Easter Holidays
- 14/04/20 Return to school 8.45am
- 4/05/20 Non-Pupil Day
- 8/05/20 VE Day Bank Holiday
- 25/05/20 - 29/05/19 Half Term
- 23/07/20 Summer Holidays begin

LATENESS

We would like to emphasise the importance of arriving at school on time. The doors open at 8.45am daily to allow children to be in class and settled ready for lessons which begin at 8.55am. Any child who is late will miss key elements which can have a negative impact on their learning.



Thank you.

Plymouth City Council

Height and Weight Measurements

Reception and Year 6 children

Letters have been sent home this week.

Please **ONLY** return the completed form if you do not wish your child to participate.



School Admissions

Please be reminded that applications for

Primary School Admission places need to be completed by 15th January 2020. Please see more information on

primary.admissions@plymouth.gov.uk.

Thank you

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dinners and Breakfast Club Payments

We currently have several people now in debt, please can you check your child's account and add credit before Monday if you have a debt or will be using the account next week.

Advanced payments secure your child's place at Breakfast Club and ALL school meals should be paid in ADVANCE.

Texts only get sent to parents with a dinner and breakfast club debt, so if you receive a text, please check your child's Parent Pay account.

Please contact the office if you need any assistance.



Child Absence (including Nursery)

If your child is poorly or won't be attending school for any reason, please remember to call the school to inform us by 9.00am.



Thank you.

Attendance for w/c 011/2019

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%.

Please see below the current class attendance data.

David McKee	91.5%
Beatrix Potter	88.2%
Anthony Browne	90.4%
David Walliams	96.6%
Roald Dahl	94.8%
C.S. Lewis	91.1%
Michael Morpurgo	85.6%
Abi Longstaff	91.7%
Tom Fletcher	93.9%
J.K.Rowling	93.3%

FACEBOOK & WEBSITE

Please follow us on our new Facebook page - Discovery Multi Academy Trust.



You can also check our website for latest news and term dates.

Message from the Premises Manager

Important message for all parents. Please ensure when walking into the school grounds that all adults and children stick to the main path and do not go up near the Forest School area or Dome until further notice. This is to keep everyone safe at all times.

Thank you.