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Newsletter

It has been a pleasure to see the children continue to engage in school life with the routines that we have in place. I want to also thank all of you, our parents, for continuing to work with us each day with bringing and collecting your children at school.

We continue to ask that only one parent brings/collects a child from an entrance to minimise the number of adults that we have on the site at one time, and remain socially distanced from one another.

To ensure the wellbeing and safety of our school community, we remind you to refer to the latest letter emailed out, this week, from Judith Harwood (Service Director for Education), who shared the following information

- If your child has been in close contact with a confirmed case, they will be asked to self-isolate at home. Please DO NOT try to get your child tested unless they have developed the symptoms of COVID19. A negative test result does not mean that they can go back to school; it simply means that they had not fully developed the illness at the time of the test, and they could develop the illness at any point in the 14 days (and therefore isolate for the 14 days)
- It remains extremely important that any child with symptoms of Covid stays away from school, to avoid the risk of spreading infection to others, including the more vulnerable. It is crucial that you contact the school, as you would if your child was unwell, so we are very clear about why your child is absent from school.
- If you cannot book a test immediately, we ask that you try again as the system is currently very busy and your patience is appreciated.

If you are not able to secure a test, it is important that your child remains away from school for the 10 day isolation period. As part of creating a Covid safe school, children must not return before the isolation period is over. Please work with our school to keep all children and young people safe.

It is vital that we all work together to ensure the safety of all the children and adults in our community. If you feel you have symptoms of COVID, it is important that you self-isolate along with your family until you are able to get tested.

SCHOOL UNIFORM - Reminder

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct footwear as stated in our uniform policy which can be found on our school website.



CONTACT DETAILS

Would you please update the school with any new telephone numbers or changes of address. Thank you.



SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

For your safety, please cross the road using the school crossing patrol lady when crossing to and from the Oak Villa car park.



INHALERS REMINDER

If your child requires an inhaler during the school day, please ensure a form has been completed. Please mark the inhaler with your child's name and class. Thank you.



Important Dates

2020/2021

26/10/20 - 30/10/20 Half Term

27/11/20 - Non Pupil Day

18/12/20 - Last Day of Term

21/12/20 - 1/01/21 Christmas Holiday

4/01/21 - School Opens 8.45am

15/02/21 - 19/02/21 Half Term

2/04/21 - 16/04/21 Easter Holidays

3/05/21 - May Bank Holiday

31/05/21 - 4/06/21 Half Term

23/07/21 - School finishes 3.00pm

26/07/21 - 03/09/21 Summer Holidays

Dates
for your



BREAKFAST CLUB BOOKING

REMINDER

If you would like your child to attend our Breakfast club there is a new booking system on ParentPay.



Please log onto ParentPay and select the breakfast club option, select the **booking option first**, this will allow you to enter the days that you want to book and then make your payment. You will be able to book spaces up to 100 days in advance.

It is not currently our intention to limit breakfast club numbers as based upon last year we would be able to provide a safe environment for all of the children who wish to attend. Any queries please contact the office.



WATER BOTTLES

Children may bring a water bottle into school. Please ensure all bottles are filled from home and have your child's name on them.



PE KIT

Please **DO NOT** bring any PE kit into school. We will update you with more information next week.



SPEECH & LANGUAGE

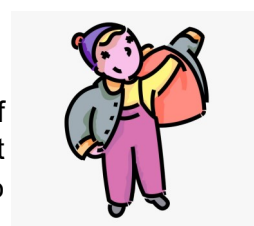
We are pleased to say that we have a Speech & Language Therapist working across our schools from Plymouth Learning Partnership and she is called Nicola Blundell. She will be working in our schools on a Monday and will be working with children and giving work for the school staff to carry out so they can

practice it regularly. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's communication skills please speak to their class teacher or the INCo.



COATS - LOST PROPERTY

We have a number of coats that were left from last term with no names in them.



If your child has lost their coat, can you please contact the office with a description.

Please make sure that all coats and uniform are named.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dinners

Please can you check your child's account and add credit before **Monday** if you have an amount owing.

ALL LUNCHES MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE PLEASE.

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

Please contact the office if you need any assistance.



FLU Vaccinations - Electronic Consent

Remember to book your child's on-line flu vaccination:-

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of access (SPA)

Telephone : 0300 247 0082 Email : vcl.immunisations@nhs.net



Our Family Support Advisor, Claire, would like to offer parents/carers time to talk. Whilst your child is at school we can offer Zoom or phone calls.

You may just want to just chat or to receive some advice. If you would like to arrange a time to talk please email: c.wilkinson@discoverymat.co.uk or call 01752 365250.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS FREE SCHOOL MEALS CRITERIA

You may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child/ren if you receive Universal Credit, Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Income Related Element of Employment and Support Allowance, Guaranteed Credit element of Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of £16,190 or less.



We would urge parents who may be eligible for Free School Meals for the children to contact the school office for a form as soon as possible. This is very important, even if your child does not wish to take up the free meal. The register of FSM entitlement affects our overall school budget and we may be missing out on funding as a result.

Please do not confuse this with Universal Free School Meal entitlement for children in Years Reception to Year Two.

PARENTPAY



All letters and emails from school are sent out via ParentPay.

Can you please make sure you have activated your child's ParentPay account in order to receive this information.

If you need an activation letter or any help with ParentPay please contact the office on 365250. Thank you

YEAR 6 CHILDREN & PARENTS

Important

Remember it's that time of year to make your Secondary School choice.

Please check out the link on the Plymouth City Councils website for further information.

www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Mellow Mums Group

Being a mum can be tough and Home-Start's aim is to be there for parents when they need us.

Mellow Mums is an informal, one hour session, via Zoom, each week to give Mums a chance to meet others and feel less isolated. It is an opportunity to chat but with no pressure to share anything that you don't want to.

We want the group to be led by Mums and so each week you will have a chance to tell us what you would like. It could be videos, guest speakers, information or just to chat with other people who know what you are going through.

It will be facilitated by a Home Start Co-ordinator and there will be no more than 10 attendees each week.

The group starts on Thursday 1st October at 11.30am

If you are interested in attending or would like to know more contact us at homestart.shpt@gmail.com and we will send you a link to access the group via Zoom using your phone, tablet, laptop or computer.



TRY HOCKEY

PLYMOUTH HOCKEY CLUB

Are you aged 5 - 14 years?

Fancy trying something new?

Do you want to be part of a team?

Turn up & play on any Sunday. (September - March)

Training for all ages 10 am to 12 noon

Bull Point ATP, Kinterbury Road, St Budeaux, PL5 1ER

Get your first 6 weeks FREE

www.plymouthhockeyclub.org.uk

For further information, please contact us
 committee@plymouthhockeyclub.org.uk

The graphic is a promotional poster for Plymouth Hockey Club. It features a background image of a hockey player in action, with a green and white striped stick hitting a yellow ball on a green field. The text is arranged in a dynamic, overlapping layout. At the top, 'TRY HOCKEY' is in a red, bold, sans-serif font. Below it, 'PLYMOUTH HOCKEY CLUB' is in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font. A series of red and green banners contain questions and information: 'Are you aged 5 - 14 years?', 'Fancy trying something new?', 'Do you want to be part of a team?', 'Turn up & play on any Sunday. (September - March)', 'Training for all ages 10 am to 12 noon', and 'Bull Point ATP, Kinterbury Road, St Budeaux, PL5 1ER'. At the bottom, a red banner says 'Get your first 6 weeks FREE' and a green banner provides the website 'www.plymouthhockeyclub.org.uk'. The very bottom has a green banner with a Facebook icon and the text 'For further information, please contact us' followed by an email icon and the email address 'committee@plymouthhockeyclub.org.uk'. A shield-shaped crest with a green and white design is also visible on the right side of the graphic.