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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to you all for your continued support through the past year. It was great to see the Year 6 Performance on Friday, showing how far they had come and we wish the well in their new schools.



Have a great summer break and we look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 5th September. Mrs Dinnis

### Tea & Cake



A huge well done to these children for saving enough money for the final "cake and squash" with Mrs Dinnis. We were lucky enough to go outside and enjoy the wonderful weather

### Ready Steady Read!

A big thank you to everyone who participated in our Ready, Steady Read. We have 372 new books for our school. We would also like to say a special thank you to Marie Brignull for all of her help and being our Usborne Book Representative.

Your support to our school is truly appreciated. We had some phenomenal sponsorships, whether it was £1 or £100 it has all helped us to achieve beyond our target for our first ever sponsored read. A huge thank you to Mrs Lock and the team for organising and to all of the children for participating and raising this money.

On Friday 13th September we will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day. The Book People will be bringing their big red bus to provide us with an opportunity to purchase new books (such as a traditional book fair) at their sale prices. More details in September.



**BookPeople**  
Inspiring your reading journey  
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## 100% Breakfast Bonanza with Bingo

For those children who have attended school for the entire year, we celebrated with breakfast and bingo.

This was enjoyed by all the children and there were prizes to be won.

Many thanks to all the parents for your continued support.

Mrs Dinnis



## Medication

All asthma inhalers and excema creams will be sent home on the last day via teacher/children. To ensure new consent forms are completed when returned to reception in September. All other medications **MUST** be collected from reception.

Please ensure any medication/ inhalers etc that are returned are in date and necessary with the new consent form completed.

If your child's medical condition has changed, please ensure their records are updated with the school office.

Thank you.



## ParentPay - Important Changes

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to advise you that ParentPay has made us aware of card data security standards which will affect our schools in the very near future. This relates to payments that are accepted by staff manually entering parent card details into the ParentPay system, perhaps while the parent is on the phone or at the front desk.

Upon investigation, it has become clear that this only affects a small number of parents and therefore, with regret, we will be unable to offer this service with immediate effect.

Thank you



## Attendance for w/c 8/07/19

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the current class attendance data.

Octopus	97.9%
Stingray	92.5%
Turtle	98.9%
Narwhal	96.4%
Dolphin	92.9%
Shark	90.0%
Orca	92.9%
Lobster	95.9%
Shrimp	99.1%
Seadragon	97.5%
Jellyfish	94.8%
Coral	98.1%



## Little Stars Toddler Group

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you that Little Stars will have their last session today at Weston Mill. The past year has seen a reduction in numbers and sadly this is not sustainable for September 2019.

In addition to this, the space where we currently hold Little Stars is also needed by the school, to support all children in their learning and emotional well-being.

## Space Chase

### Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Get ready for an out-of-this-world adventure at your local library - it's Space Chase,

the Summer Reading Challenge 2019!

[spacechase.org.uk](http://spacechase.org.uk)

Sign up for the challenge at any Plymouth Library

[www.plymouth.gov.uk/](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/)



## Important Dates

Dates  
for your  
DIARY

**23/07/19** Last day of term

**24/07/19** Non Pupil Day

**24/07- 4/09/19** SUMMER HOLIDAY

**5/09/19** Return to school 8.45am

**21/10 - 25/10/19** Half Term

**28/11/19** Non Pupil Day

**29/11/19** Non Pupil Day

**20/12/19** Last day of term

**23/12/19 - 05/01/20** Christmas Holiday

**06/01/20** Return to school 8.45am

## Dinner/Breakfast Club debts Reminder

Please ensure that **ALL** accounts are cleared TODAY for end of term close down.

All Year 2 pupils moving to Year 3 in September will now be charged for lunches at £2.20 per day. Please complete a form if you are entitled to free school meals.

Thank you.



## SUMMER HOLS = WHEELY WEDNESDAYS!

Find the **SUSTRANS AND PLYMOTION TEAM** at Victoria Park EVERY Wednesday of the summer holidays, from Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and join us for **FREE** activities!



# WHERE'S WHEELY?

Wednesdays, 10am - 2pm - bring a scooter or bike if you can!

Biking and scooting fun activities aimed at 4 - 11 year olds, adult supervision required.

Different activities each Wednesday, including treasure trail, Learn 2 Ride, iScoot Bikes, Dr Bike and much more...

Meet near The Park Pavilion Café



It has been 100 years since social housing began. Come celebrate with us!

**Tuesday 30th July/Beacon, North Prospect/  
10.00am -4.00pm**

**Fancy Dress competition/Free BBQ/Face painting and much more.**

**For more info contact 0808 230 6500**



## Staff Update

**We are sad to see the following people move on and we would like to wish them all the best for the future:**

Mrs Tamsin Bailey is leaving to be the Assistant Head of School at Beechwood.

Miss Amy Young is off to go travelling.

Miss Emma Byrom is leaving to be Headteacher of Princetown Primary School.

Miss Rebecca Sherrell is leaving to teach at Oakwood.

Miss Ruby Lovell is leaving to teach at St Matthews Primary Academy.

Miss Mott is leaving to teach at Beechwood.

Mr Jamie George is leaving to work at the Edison Centre and teach at Beechwood

Miss Ann Ward is going to work at Oakwood in her HLTA role.

Miss Maria Pellow is going to set up a Hut at Oakwood

Mrs Katy Dow will be leaving us to start a new job.

**We would like to welcome the following staff who will be joining us in September:**

Miss Aqualina will be a new teacher in Year1/2

Ms Marie Butler will be a teacher in Foundation

Mr Simon Wilkins will be joining Weston Mill as the Foundation Team Leader and Assistant Head of School.

Mrs Clare Burch will be taking on the INCO role in school.

Miss Kathryn Catherwood will be the new KS1 Team Leader.

Mrs Karen Rust will be joining us as the new KS2 Team Leader.

Mrs Carol Hammacott - TA going to work in Year 3

Mrs Michelle Reynolds - TA going to work in Year 4/5.

Mr Mick Holt - new site Manager

Good Luck...



...and best wishes!

*Welcome*

## FSA NEWS

Dear Parents



This letter is to regretfully let you all know that I will be resigning from my position as Family Support Advisor. I will be continuing my career path working with families in a different arena within the Plymouth area. I will miss all the families, children and staff here at Weston Mill but look forward to what this new adventure will have in store.

I have every confidence a new fantastic Family Support Advisor will be appointed, and will have the privilege to meet the fantastic families and children we have here at Weston Mill. I would like to reassure parents, projects such as the 'creating a community space' funded by the National Lottery will still continue, with works starting over the summer. So watch this space. ...

I would like to inform parents of a new service I have been made aware of running over the summer 'YMCA INCLUSIVE' this is a service for children and their families with additional needs. This also includes children who may have mental health issues such as anxiety etc. The child does not need to have a diagnoses for some of the activities and opportunities on offer. I have listed SOME of the activities they have to offer.

Every Sunday from 11am – 12.30pm is a Fun Day for the WHOLE Family, activities such as trampolining, climbing, laser shooting, table tennis, badminton, bouncy castles and more

Fun Bounce – Thursday 4.30 – 5.30pm Ages 5 – 18

Trampolining Thursday 5.30 – 6.30pm Ages 8 – 18

Indoor Climbing – Tuesday 4.45 – 5.45pm Ages 8- 18

The YMCA also hold an extensive programme of events for ALL children right across the summer, including a holiday club, and day activities.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact YMCA – T 01752 201918, this is based at YMCA Honicknowle Lane, PL5 3NG

Other activities on throughout the summer can be seen in your recent copy of the Primary Times. Don't forget the local libraries/ community centres and the Elmer Trail!

For Forces families, please contact 02392728777 Welfare Team who can provide information on ALL activities happening across Plymouth.

Below is a contact list of services open throughout the summer in Plymouth if you need any support.

**Food Bank – 01752 254981**

**Plymouth Domestic Advice Service – 01752 252033**

**Plymouth Children's Service – 01752 668000 ( out of hours – 346984)**

**Shelter – (For any advice needed regarding housing, including eviction) - 03445152399 ( or drop in ONE STOP in town)**

**Adult Services – 01752 668000**

**Friends and Families of special children - 01752204369**

I wish you all a fantastic summer holidays

Katy Dow