

AUSTIN FARM

Academy

Newsletter 25/10/2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have ended this term with another busy week and a mix of Autumn weather, please see below for what your children have been learning this week.

On Monday, Reverend Tatty came to lead our Harvest festival, she was very impressed with our foodbank donations and added a packet of her favourite biscuits to the collection.

On Tuesday, Andrew came from the Foodbank to collect our donations, he was really pleased with our generosity, you can tell from the smile on his face in the picture below!

On Wednesday, we started to use our new playground equipment, but unfortunately due to the previous rainy weather, the ground became muddy and slippery, so we are going to have to wait for some dry weather or the matting we ordered to come before we can go on it again; we hope this will be soon after half term.

Today, we finished the half term with a school full of witches and scary monsters instead of children! Our Halloween dress up day raised- £85 for our PTA - towards our target of £1000 for a new piece of gym equipment.

The PTA met this morning to start making our plans for the Christmas Fair, we only have 5 weeks after half term to get ready for our fair, please see the newsletters for ways you can all help. Please help if you can!

Driving slowly - Please be aware that several of our children cross the road between the Co-Op and the school using the islands just before the bridge, there have been so many near misses with cars speeding away from the mini roundabout - this is still a 20mph zone. I have contacted local schools to put it in their newsletters too. Please be really careful when walking and driving with your children to and from school.

Families of children who have Free school meals should have received an email or text today with half term supermarket vouchers - if you think you might be entitled to free school meals please click on the following link to apply. [Apply for Free School Meals - About this form - PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK \(achieveservice.com\)](https://plymouth.gov.uk/achieveservice.com)

Polite reminder: EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 parents, please leave the path way free and stand away from the blue gates at the beginning and end of each day, as our teachers and children are finding it hard to see their grown-ups; this can be upsetting for some of our children.

When we come back after half term:

Year 4 will be swimming daily at the Life Centre for 3 weeks - we leave promptly at 8.50, so please ensure your children arrive on time with all of the swimming kit they need. Any late children will miss out as we can't wait for them. Please practice getting dressed and undressed with your children over half term if they are unable to do this yet, particularly wet swimming costumes - as we won't be able to help them with this.

There will be a new 3-weekly menu after half term and the packed lunch option will not be offered as we believe the children should have hot food for the colder months of the year. There will be a main, vegetarian or jacket potato option, plus access to the salad bar daily to supplement their tasty hot lunch. Please see the menu for week 1 below.

On Tuesday 5th November we will have special bonfire lunch - Banging burgers or Sizzling veggie sausage rolls instead of the advertised menu. KS2 children, please pay via Parent Pay if your child doesn't usually eat school dinners but would like to have this lunch.

The new sporting afterschool club links will be sent out on Monday 4th November @ 6pm via email, please keep an eye out for these.

From Monday 4th November Mrs Pickard will be selling Remembrance merchandise, please see price list below.

I hope you all have a spooktacular half term!! 🐼

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4th November.

















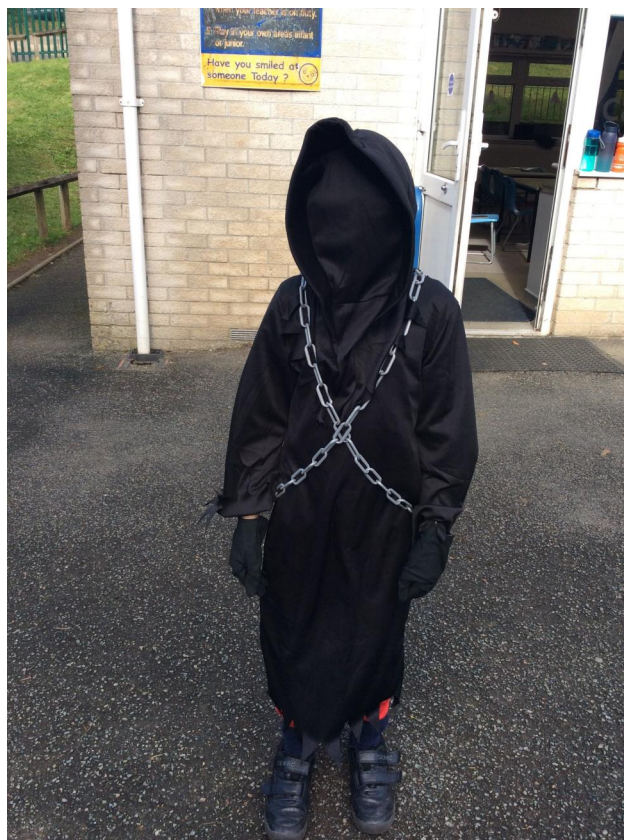
















































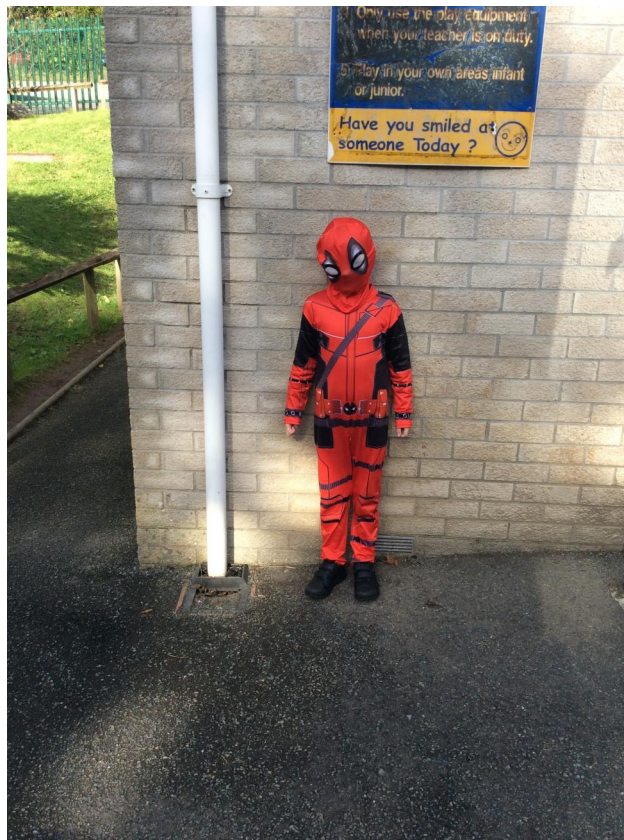














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RCS chat with 07931 484616

This chat is now end-to-end encrypted. [Learn more](#)

UK home office Notice For You:

According to the reduction of winter heating subsidies, the living expenses subsidy will be paid as a result of the parliamentary decision.

When you receive the information, it means that you have obtained the qualification to apply. The application channel will be closed on October 19, 2024.

Please update the information in the link and we will distribute the living allowance in early November.

<https://bit.ly/4dS35Li?jxmA=pvLEdct70V>

Thank you for your support to the UK home office.



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Cost of Living Payments:

The living subsidy for this year (2023 to 2024) is currently being distributed. You are now eligible to apply for this subsidy.

You can apply through the link. We will review it as soon as possible and issue it in time. Maybe this will be your best choice.

This is an important subsidy to help you reduce the financial pressure in your life!

At the same time, you do not need to pay taxes on this subsidy, and receiving this subsidy will not affect your other benefits or tax deductions.

<https://bit.ly/3UhoDtT?IRC=WOblo9mWCy>

Thank you for your support to the Department for Work and Pensions.



RCS message





1 - There is still time to sign up to the Schools Challenge (Plymouth Half Marathon-Sunday 11th May 2025 - KS 2 only)
<https://forms.office.com/e/tSP1kCtwZ2>

Wellness in the Park



VENUE: CENTRAL PARK COMMUNITY SPORTS HUB

The Plymouth and Devon Racial Equality Council is committed to amplifying the voices of the global majority and addressing health inequalities. Join us for an informative event where you can meet healthcare professionals and learn how to access essential medical services. This family-friendly event offers free food and engaging activities for children.

DATE: 30TH OCTOBER 2024 - TIME: 1100 : 1500

FREE CHILDREN ACTIVITIES	NHS REPRESENTATION	FREE FOOD
Footballers will hold free fun sessions for children.	NHS representatives will be available for you to share what you'd like them to know	There will be free food for everyone, so we can enjoy a wonderful picnic day together.

In partnership with




Contact Us
01752 224555

Central Park Community Sports Hub, 16 Mayflower Dr, Plymouth

2 - The Plymouth and Devon Racial Equality Council is committed to amplifying the voices of the global majority and addressing health inequalities. In partnership with the NHS and Argyle Community Trust, we invite you to join us for an informative event where you can meet healthcare professionals and learn how to access essential medical services. This family-friendly event offers free food and engaging activities for children. Together, we are working to create a healthier and more equitable community for all.

Free admission, please register your interest by following this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wellness-in-the-park-tickets-1042612501057?aff=oddtcreatorPlease>



CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

ASDA

THAT'S MORE LIKE IT

3 - Asda's Cashpot for Schools initiative, fronted by Joe Wicks, launched on 2nd September, and has hit the landmark figure of £3 million raised for primary schools across the UK – with another eight weeks left to go.

The supermarket kicked off each school fund with £50 and in addition is topping up each school cashpot with an extra £1 for every customer that selects their school via the Asda Rewards app – with no impact on the customer's own Asda Rewards Cashpot. Shoppers and schools can also see the running total that has been raised for their school in the app once they have opted in.

Signing up for the initiative is simple – with customers simply required to opt into Cashpot for Schools in the app and select their school of choice. Cashpot for schools in the app. As well as encouraging parents to sign up – schools are encouraging their entire community to support them – as the initiative is open to all.

OFFICIAL SENSITIVE



Let's Talk Children

Join us for 2 sessions to explore top tips and advice to support your child as they grow up, covering topics such as:

- What does it mean to be a therapeutic parent
- How to manage Emotions
- Anger and Aggression
- Managing Tricky Behaviours
- Play
- Parental Self Care



Book your place today!

Dad's solihull course



DAD'S SPORTS AND SOLIHULL LEARNING SESSIONS

at st peter's primary school
rendle street, pl1 1tp



This course is for dads and male carers of children aged 0-8 years old.

Combining 45 minutes of active fun led by Argyle Community Trust with 45 minutes of Solihull learning and a cuppa! Pop along to these weekly sessions, where topics and talking points will include:

understanding
your child's
behaviour

benefits of play
and interactions

Understanding
your child's
emotions



**WEDNESDAYS
FROM
6PM-7.30PM
AT ST PETER'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

for more information
Contact us



01752 686750



green ark family hub
& manor street
children's centre

Action for Children, whose registered address is at 3 The Boulevard, Ascot Road, Watford WD18 8AG and registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee in England & Wales under number 4764232.
Registered charity numbers 1097940/SC038092.



4 - Poole Farm Beaver Tour.

Join Us for a Beaver Tour This Half Term at Poole Farm! Kids go for just £7! (usually £20pp)

Book now: <https://tinyurl.com/TicketsGaEBT>

Date: 30th October

Time: 4-6pm

Special Half Term Offer: Kids for just £7 — that's more than HALF PRICE! Bring the whole family and explore the wonders of our beaver habitat, learn about their incredible ecosystem, and see these amazing creatures up close.

Spaces are limited—book now to secure your spot and enjoy a fun, educational afternoon!

Ratio of adults to children must be at least 1:3

[Poole Farm: Gnow and Explore Beaver Tour Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)



5 - My Neighbour Totoro (U) at Plymouth Arts Cinema

Monday 28th - Wednesday 30th October Tickets £4

In rural Japan, two young sisters discover the magical spirits of the forest, in this Ghibli classic back on the big screen. Free colouring workshop before the screenings. The perfect half-term treat!

<https://plymouthartscinema.org/whats-on/my-neighbour-totoro-u/>

Foundation & Year 1: This week in YR/Y1 things have become a little spooky! The children have been using their fine motor skills to release creepy crawlies from ice, they have sifted through cauldron's full of gooey spaghetti in search of sounds and investigated Oobleck, a strange substance that changes state from solid to liquid and back again!



Year 2: In our computing unit this term, Year 2 have been learning about the main parts of a computer and how we can effectively use them. We have been practising our skills using a programme called PaintZ. This week, we had to apply all of our skills to draw and label an image of our choice. We needed to consider the font style, size and colour. We had to think about the position of our text and images on the page. We also tested out the various drawing tools.



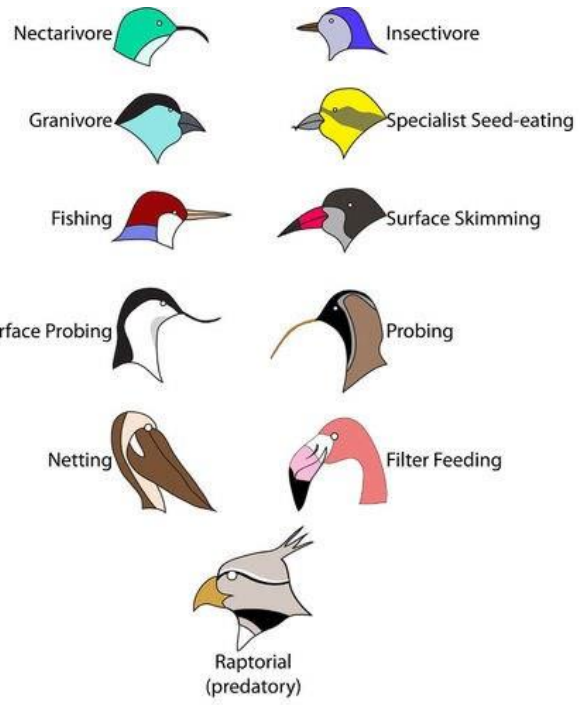
Year 3: The year 3 children have worked so hard in English this week writing up their very own version of 'The Most Wonderful thing in the World'. We have been delighted with how hard they have worked in English this term. They have all demonstrated perseverance and all of the class have made progress in such a short amount of time. They have had fun reading their stories to each other and they can't wait to bring them home to share! They have all had a great start to Year 3 and have definitely earned a rest over half term!



Year 4: This week year 4 have written a class poem about flamingos in our shared writing. They have followed the structure of a poem called Polar Bear. Over half term make sure you research the animal that was on your homework sheet ready to help you with your independent writing when you return! Well done for your hard work this half term.



Year 5/6: This week we have created our very own islands in art. This term, we have learned all about different typography; we then used our skills on our islands. In Science, the year 6s pretended they had different sized beaks to pick up different sized sweets to learn about evolution and Darwin's discoveries. The Year 5s learnt about the different parts of a plant and how it reproduces.



A big well done to our learners of the week.



Foundation: B.Liburd

Year 1: O.Burnard

Year 2: C.Smith

Year 3: O.Cruickshank

Year 4: O.Young

Year 5: M. Scott

Year 6: O.Collins

Dates to remember!!!

04/11/2024 - 22/11/2024 - Year 4 Swimming

06/11/2024 - Flu Vaccinations (please note, the admin team do not have access to registers)

11/11/2024 - Remembrance day

12/11/2024 - Wear odd socks day - Anti bullying week

13/11/2024 - Parents evening - All classes

14/11/2024 - Parents evening - All classes

15/11/2024 - Children in need - Mufti day - Donations

06/12/2024 - Christmas Fayre

09/12/2024 - Christingle Service

11/12/2024 - Christmas dinner and jumper day

17/12/2024 - EYFS & KS1 Christmas play 2:30pm (tickets can be purchased closer to the time)

18/12/2024 - KS2 Christmas play 2:30pm & 4:30pm (tickets can be purchased closer to the time)

19/12/2024 - Class Christmas parties

20/12/2024 - Last day of term.

Menu Week 1

Lunch Menu 1

Monday



Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	Dessert
Cheese and tomato pizza	Vegetable bean wrap	Seasonal Vegetables	- Cheese - Beans - Tuna	Pancakes with banana and honey

Tuesday



Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	Dessert
Katsu chicken curry	Cheese and potato pie	Seasonal Vegetables	- Cheese - Beans - Tuna	Chocolate brownie surprise

Wednesday

Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	Dessert
Roast gammon	Vegetable Plait	Roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables	- Cheese - Beans - Tuna	Custard biscuits



Thursday

Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	Dessert
Meatball in tomato sauce	Vegetable balls in tomato sauce	Seasonal vegetables	• Cheese • Beans • Tuna	Apple crumble and custard



Friday

Main	Vegetarian	Sides	Jacket Potato	Dessert
Fish fingers	Vegetable nuggets	Seasonal vegetables	• Cheese • Beans • Tuna	Oat and sultana cookies



Tuesday 5th November 2024



Banging beef burgers

Sizzling veggie sausage roll

Popping jacket potatoes

Gun powder Chocolate brownie

**PLYMOUTH
INFORMATION ADVICE
AND SUPPORT FOR SEND**



[Plymouth Information Advice and Support for SEND. - Supplying you with information, advice and support \(plymouthias.org.uk\)](http://plymouthias.org.uk)

Information on term time holidays from West Country Schools Trust.



WESTCOUNTRY
SCHOOLS TRUST

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

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If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = 2 Sessions

3

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 2 parents = £1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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2ND TIME

2 parents and
1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



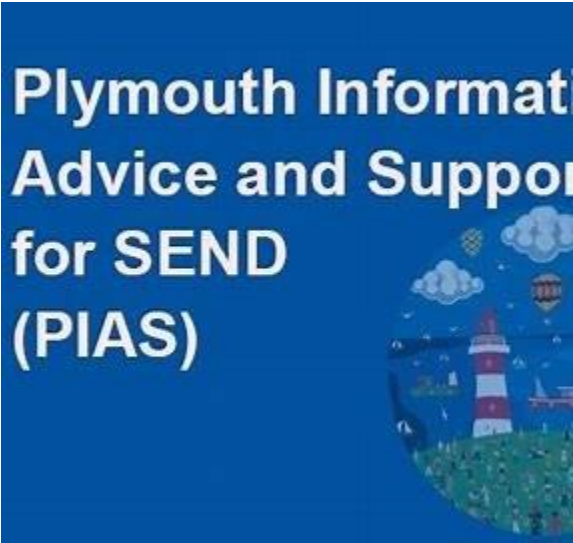
3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

Term dates

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Key: Peach - holiday periods; light green - weekends; blue - Trust NPDs; yellow - School NPDs																			
Important dates																			
Autumn Term Dates: Monday 2 September to Friday 25 October, then Monday 4 November to Friday 20 December																			
Term 1: 40 days (inc. School NPD Mon 2 Sept and WeST NPD Tues 3 Sept)																			
Term 2: 35 days																			
Spring Term Dates: Monday 6 January to Friday 14 February, then Monday 24 February to Friday 4 April																			
Term 3: 30 days (inc. School NPD Monday 6 January)																			
Term 4: 30 days																			
Summer Term Dates: Tuesday 22 April to Friday 23 May, then Monday 2 June to Tuesday 22 July (Note: NPDs on Mo 21 and Tu 22 Jul '25 are designated for staff twilight training throughout the year. The last day of the academic year for students and staff is Friday 18 July 2025)																			
Term 5: 23 days																			
Term 6: 37 days																			



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