

AUSTIN FARM

Academy

Newsletter 4/10/2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are over halfway through the term now and I can't believe time is flying by so fast! The children are working hard in their units of learning , please see below for what they have been doing in class this week.

KS2 children - fresh fruit and vegetables are the only playtime snacks allowed in school, please do not send in yoghurts, sugary snacks etc. It has crept in, particularly with some year 4 children,

and as soon as one does it the others want to do the same, we encourage healthy eating at school.

Pokémon cards - please do not send these into school, there have been arguments about swapping and then minds being changed. Toys are not supposed to be brought into school unless by prior arrangement with the class teacher for specific children. We have equipment that we get out at lunchtimes for the children to enjoy and school council are looking into increasing this provision. On that note, if you shop at ASDA there is an app: Cash Pot for schools ([For Parents | Parentkind](#)). Each time you shop this leads to a donation for schools - our PTA has signed up and we will hope to donate money raised towards new playtime equipment.

Uniform reminder - please remember no jewellery is allowed to be worn in school, especially on PE days. Children will be asked to remove any jewellery they wear as per the school uniform policy.

TT Rockstars - we are no longer using TT Rockstars for homework, as we have noticed it hasn't made any difference to our children's times table learning or recall. Your teachers will send a link on Class Dojo to some free online times tables games on [Mathsframe.co.uk](https://www.mathsframe.co.uk) which you can access instead. Please practise as much as possible until your child is fluent in these.

Helping others... At Austin Farm Academy we are always very generous when thinking of others; this term we have two charity activities:

On Monday 14th October we will be having a mufti day to raise money for Kidney Care UK- as you may be aware, one of our children has recently had a kidney transplant and has been receiving support from this organisation for a while. This would form part of a series of fundraising activities that the Cater family are doing for Kidney care UK. Please bring a donation to school and wear something green to show your support.

On Monday 21st October we will be hosting Andrew from the Foodbank to collect our food donations for our harvest collections please start donating any of the following items:

Long-life Fruit Juice

UHT Milk

Tinned Meat

Tinned Fish

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Custard / Rice Pudding

Tinned Tomatoes

Pasta Sauces

Cereal

Biscuits

Jams / Choc Spread / Peanut Butter

Coffee/Teabags

Toiletries (Toothpaste, Shower Gel, Deodorants, Shampoo etc).

Thank you!

Next week, Year 6 will have Bikeability training sessions Mon - Weds and Year 3 will have them on Tues and Weds please complete the consent forms online so that your children can take part in this. Please send them in with bikes and helmets if you have one, they can provide some, but we need to know how many before Monday, so completing the online form is vital.

I hope you all have a great weekend,

Mrs Baptiste



PLYMOUTH
LIFE COLLEGE

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!

Foundation & Year 1: We have been learning to compare numbers and developing a deep understanding of numbers to 5. During our Science lessons we have been looking at animal body parts and labelling pictures. In Art we are exploring how to use split pins when making our animals.

Draw a circle around each total

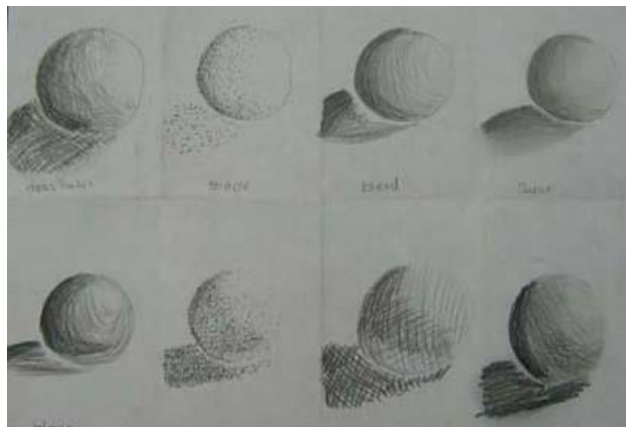
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Year 2: For our art this week, Year 2/3 completed 'autumn floor drawings'. We warmed up with a 5-minute continuous line drawing which we have looked at previously. Each group then had a 'tile' of autumn objects which they had to draw on their large sheet of paper. Children were

provided with a range of media to choose from, including charcoal, sketch pencils, handwriting pens and graphite; they took their time looking at the textures, shapes, sizes and shadows.



















Year 3: In our art lessons, we've been using continuous line drawings to draw objects we have found in and around the school. This week, we have started our floor drawings using the objects we found. We've used different media types such as various shades of pencil and charcoal to show depth using tone. In music, we have been using the glockenspiel to perform music to a song. We know the difference between a crotchet and a quaver.



Year 4: This week year 4 have been observing the effects of sugary drinks on our eggs. Some children noted how the eggs started to float and how the shells are starting to appear damaged as the sugars attack the shell. Remind your children about the importance of brushing teeth twice daily for 2 minutes to keep their teeth strong and health

Year 5/6: This week, we have been writing a class fiction story together titled 'How the Elephant Became'. This is based on our English text 'How the Whale Became'; we have had a big focus on using speech and punctuation accurately. In PE, we have finished our training as playleaders and are looking forward to taking on this role during lunchtimes.

 comma	 semicolon	 colon	 fullstop
 exclamation mark	 question mark	 apostrophe	 quotes
 double quotes	 hyphen	 dash	 stroke or slash
 parentheses or round brackets	 square brackets	 ellipsis	 asterix

Attendance winners: Year 4 & Year 6 with 99%!!!



Learners of the week, well done everyone!!



Foundation: G.Palnikova

Year 1: S.Tippett

Year 2: E.McGowan-Metters

Year 3: E.Cordner

Year 4: A.Cruickshank

Year 5: F.Peet

Year 6: I.Danbury

Dates to remember!!!



07/10/2024 - Bikeability Y3 & Yr6.

08/10/2024 - Foundation and Year 1 fluoride varnish application.

14/10/2024 - Mufti day. Wear something green for Kidney Care UK - cash donations to the school office please.

21/10/2024 - Harvest festival - food donations for food bank.

25/10/2024 - PTA Halloween dress up day - £1 entry - prize winner for best dressed in each class.

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

06/11/2024 - Flu Vaccinations

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 2

Week One					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Homemade Margarita Pizza	Norse Beef Burger in a Bag	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Salmon & Broccoli Pasta in Tomato Sauce	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Quorn Burger in a Bag	Veggie Roast Wellington	Freshly Prepared Mac & Cheese	Vegetable Fingers
Sides	Sweetcorn & Pasta	Baked Beans Salad Sticks Potato Wedges	Seasonal Vegetables Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Green Beans Sliced Carrots	Baked Beans or Crunchy Vegetable Sticks & Chips
And for pudding	Strawberry Mousse	Chocolate Surprise Brownie	Organic Pip Ice Lolly	Flagjack with Apple Wedges	Chocolate Shortbread
Jacket Potato	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo
Sandwich Lunch	Egg Mayo Sandwich	Cheese & Salad Wrap	Tuna Mayo Sandwich	Ham & Salad Sandwich	Cheese Mayo & Cucumber Baguette
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Bread and Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternatives *Sandwich lunch served with salad sticks & yoghurt & piece of fruit				
Week starting:	15/04/24 - 07/05/24 - 03/06/24 - 29/06/24 - 15/07/24 - 09/08/24 - 30/09/24 - 21/10/24				

Week Two					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Homemade Margarita Pizza	Sausage Roll	Roast Gammon	Chicken & Vegetable Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Quorn & Vegetable Fajita	Vegan Sausage Roll	Cheese, Potato & Leek Parcel	Veggie Balls in Tomato Sauce	Cheese Omelette
Sides	Sweetcorn & Pasta	Baked Beans or Crunchy Salad Sticks & Diced Potatoes	Seasonal Vegetables Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Pasta & Country Mixed Veg	Baked Beans or Crunchy Vegetable Sticks & Chips
And for pudding	Chocolate Arctic Roll	Sticky Toffee Cake	Organic Pip Ice Lolly	Mandarin Orange Jelly	Oat & Sultana Cookie
Jacket Potato	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo
Sandwich Lunch	Egg Mayo Sandwich	Cheese & Salad Wrap	Tuna Mayo Sandwich	Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	Ham Mayo & Cucumber Baguette
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Bread and Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternatives *Sandwich lunch served with salad sticks & yoghurt & piece of fruit				
Week starting:	22/04/24 - 13/05/24 - 10/06/24 - 01/07/24 - 22/07/24 - 16/09/24 - 07/10/24				

Week Three					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Homemade Margarita Pizza	Sticky Soy & Honey Chicken	Butchers Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding	Beef Bolognese	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake	Homemade Cheese Wheels	Quorn Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Quorn Bolognese	Quorn Dippers
Sides	Sweetcorn & Pasta	Baked Beans Pasta & Diced Potatoes	Seasonal Vegetables Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Green Beans Sweetcorn & Spaghetti	Baked Beans or Crunchy Vegetable Sticks & Chips
And for pudding	Orange & Mango Iced Smoothie	Rice Krispie Cake	Organic Pip Ice Lolly	Only Apple Crunch	Homemade Jammy Dodger
Jacket Potato	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo	Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo
Sandwich Lunch	Egg Mayo Sandwich	Cheese & salad Wrap	Tuna Mayo Sandwich	Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	Ham Mayo & Cucumber Baguette
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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.

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE
10 IN 10 **5**

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



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160
4 children & 1 parent = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

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	3RD TIME
2 parents and 1 child = £320	A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.
2 children = 640	A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child
3 children = 960	1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
4 children = 1280	2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

No discount for early payment



Term dates

WeST Term Dates 2024 to 2025

Agreed for wider distribution

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Key: Peach - holiday periods; light green - weekends; blue - Trust NPD; 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)

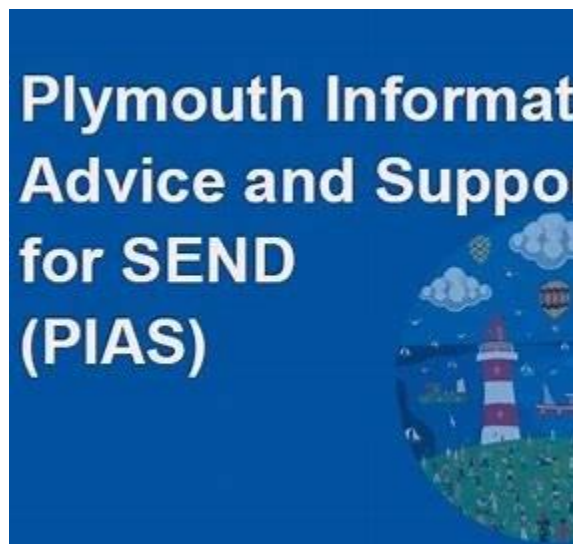
Term 4: 30 days

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

disaggregated 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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