

AUSTIN FARM

Academy

Newsletter 13/09/2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of our first full week back with the children, Autumn has definitely set in and the summer holidays seem like a distant memory!!

The children have all started this year the calmest any of the teachers can remember; we are so proud of them and how they are upholding our school values, of being Proud, Resilient and Respectful. Please see below for details of what they have been learning this week.

Our new EYFS children have made a great start so far, they had their first school dinners this week and loved them! Please see below for photos of them enjoying their tasty food. Next week, they will be in full time, I bet they will sleep well as some of them already seem tired from half days!

Next week, the new EYFS children will be able to come to breakfast club and after school club, please book via the link sent today and pay in advance.

Yesterday, the links for the Argyle sporting after school clubs were sent out: EYFS, Yr1, Yr2 and Yr3 can do multi skills on Monday; Yrs 3-6 can do football on a Thursday. Both clubs run from 3.15 until 4.15. If you are entitled to Free School Meals, it is only £1 a week, and if not it is only £2 a week, these are much cheaper than any clubs in other schools. There are lots of spaces left so please sign up over the weekend if your child wants to do this.

On Wednesday after school, our teachers did a presentation to inform you about routines and expectations for this year in school, thank you to those of you who attended, I hope you found it useful; it is vital to show our children that we all support their education.

Website - it has come to our attention that the classes banner on the website is not working, we are trying to get this fixed; to see your child's class information and meet the teacher presentation go to the 'Our Learning' tab, click on 'Our classes' and then find the one you need. Please wait until next Friday to do this as some teacher will update them this week.

Our children have been enjoying playing on our garden area at lunchtimes and have been helping to dig out the weeds, it is hard to know sometimes which are wildflowers, and which are weeds!! Please see pictures below of them enjoying their time in the garden area.

School council elections - next week will be school council elections, if your child would like to be a school council member then a form will come home for them to prepare their speech. The younger children may need a bit of help to do this; it doesn't need to be very long!

PTA - I have had some more interest in parents joining the PTA!! Thank you! We will have a meeting to organise this term's events soon, please keep a look out in next week's newsletter for a date and time. Please speak to me or your child's class teacher if you would like to join.

Thank you to those of you who have donated good quality uniform to the school, we really appreciate it. If your child has grown out of their uniform we will gladly take it off your hands; for those of you who aren't aware, we do share this uniform with children in our school if they need it.

Next week, on Tuesday, TEMPEST will be in to take individual and family photos - if all of your children are in our school then they will be done together during the school day, if they have

brothers or sisters in secondary school or too young for school then you can come and have their photos taken from 8.15am.

Polite reminder: Punctuality.

School starts at 8.45, this is when the teachers collect the children and take the register - please aim to be on the school site by 8.40 at the latest, we want to promote good habits with our children and being on time is important for life.

Please see below for information about the Egguckland community show this Saturday.

I hope you all have a great weekend; it looks like it's going to be a sunny one!

Mrs Baptiste















Foundation & Year 1: Year 1 have quickly settled back into school routine and have been welcoming and supportive to the new foundation children that have joined us. Foundation have settled well and enjoyed trying school dinners this week. The children have been busy in our continuous provision engaging in fun activities such as using loose parts to create funny faces, using paint and collage techniques to make their own faces, and acting out Goldilocks and the 3 Bears.



Year 2: For our art lesson this week, Year 2/3 were learning about how artists are often collectors and explorers. We thought about places we spend time and generated ideas as to what may be collected in each location. We considered how both natural and man-made objects can be used to create art. We completed our work in our new garden area.





Year 3: What a super first full week the class have had! The class have settled in well to the new routines of the class and have shown how mature and responsible they can be. In history, we've started to discuss our new topic on Ancient Egypt and have talked about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and the riches that were found. In maths, we've started to learn about place value and partitioning numbers. The Year 3 team have been impressed with how well and quickly the children are learning the new information. Well done!



Year 4: This week year 4 have been getting used to their routines and impressing me with their incredible hard work. We have been learning about the difference between formal and informal language and looking at the organisational features of a non fiction text.

Informal	Formal
a lot of	numerous
anyways	nevertheless
better	improved
block	undermine
blow up	explode
break down	fail/collapse

Year 5/6: In Year 5/6 this week, we have enjoyed exploring the story, 'How the Whale Became'. We have carried out some research about whales and are now focusing our attention on dialogue and how to create character through its use. In Maths, both years 5 and 6 have been impressing with their place value knowledge. In PE, we have been developing our tennis skills with a particular emphasis on control.

Place Value Chart														
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Attendance winners: Y2 100%



Learners of the week, well done everyone!!



Foundation: E.Shepherd

Year 1: S.Tippett

Year 2: S.Cutting

Year 3: H.Rice

Year 4: Z.Sheridan-Aston

Year 5: B.Hudson

Year 6: E.Shepherd

Dates to remember!!!



16/09/2024 - Sporting afterschool club begin

17/09/2024 - Individual and family photos.

07/10/2024 - Bikeability Y3 & Yr6.

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

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 pay 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 Bun	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Salmon & Broccoli Pasta in Tomato Sauce	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Quorn Burger in a Bun	Veggie Roast Wellington	Freshly Prepared Mic & 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
Aid 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 alternative *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
Aid 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
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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 Peas & Diced Potatoes	Seasonal Vegetables Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Green Beans Sweetcorn & Spagetti	Baked Beans or Crunchy Vegetable Sticks & Chips
Aid for pudding	Orange & Mango Ice 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
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Week starting:	29/04/24 - 20/05/24 - 17/06/24 - 08/07/24 - 02/09/24 - 23/09/24 - 14/10/24				

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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

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

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



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 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

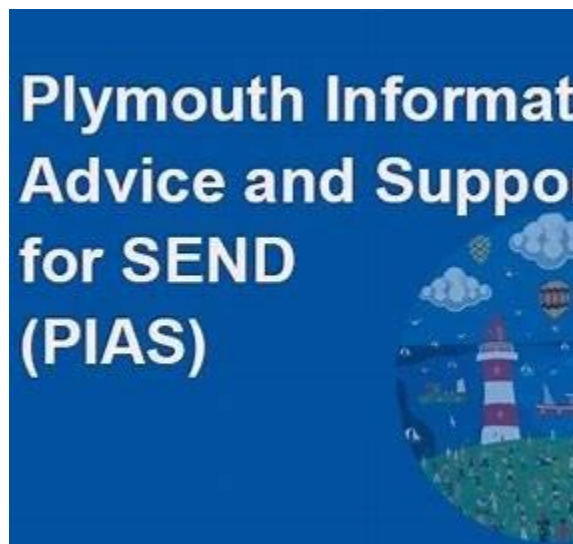
Term 3: 30 days (inc. School NPD Monday 6 January)

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 also aggregated 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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