AUSTIN FARM

Academy

Newsletter 09/06/2023

Dear parents/carers,

What a lovely week we have had, with fantastic weather and full use of the field at lunchtimes. Please ensure that children have sun cream, a hat and a water bottle every day in school. If your child suffers from hay fever, please give them medication in the morning to help with their symptoms.

We had our first ever whole school trip on Thursday to Paignton Zoo, which was a huge success, thank you to the staff and parent volunteers who enabled this trip to go ahead. We were so lucky to get free tickets for Paignton Zoo's 100th birthday, thank you to Mrs Pickard for applying for school tickets, meaning the cost to parents was only for the coach - I heard several children say it was the best day ever! Please see the photos for a flavour of the day.

The children have been working hard as well as having fun, please see below for this week's learning.

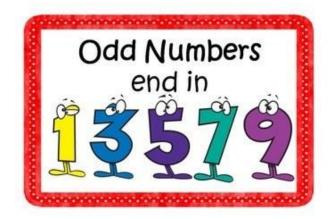
Upcoming events!

We have sports day on the afternoon of Monday 19th June, parents can come on site from 12.30, please note that contrary to the previous message there will be no refreshments at lunch, so please eat before you come or bring your own refreshments. Please remember this is a school so no alcohol and no smoking are allowed on site.

The summer fayre will be after school on 30th June 3.30 - 5.30, for the next two Fridays we will be having mufti days to collect items for the stalls; next Friday is toiletries and the Friday of the fayre is sweets.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and avoid the thunderstorms - if they come!

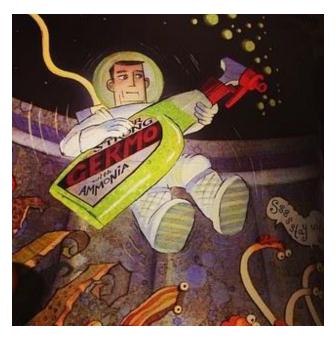
Foundation: This week Foundation have received a letter from Jerry Cat who is in London on holiday. He told them about all the places that he visited and we learnt about all the parts to a postcard so that we can write a postcard to Jerry Cat about our day at Paignton Zoo. We have been sharing in Maths and identifying odd and even numbers through sharing between two people. We have also been looking at holidays and talking about our holiday experiences at half term.



Year 1: What an exciting first week back we've had. We had a great time on our zoo trip and saw lots of animals. We have also started our new topic beside the seaside and spent our first lesson learning compass points and the names and locations of some seaside towns. The children also shared the lovely holiday homework they have done.



Year 2: We have been getting into our Traction Man unit and we have been learning about the 4 different sentence types. Ask your child to give you examples of commands, statements, exclamations, and questions.



Year 3/4: During computing this week, the children have been using Code.org to make a computer game linked to the Marvel film 'Wakanda Forever'. This is a very difficult task and the children have excelled in working through it! If you have time please check code.org for some great coding activities for the children (and you) to learn from.



Year 5: We have been learning how to solve problems with decimals using addition and subtraction in Maths. In English the children learnt how to map out the chapters 7 & 8 of Varjak paw.

Year 6: This week we have enjoyed our PE lessons; for this term, we are learning quick cricket on a Monday and athletics on a Friday. In English, we have completed our first 'short burst writing' unit and we have displayed our ability to show emotion through dialogue.



Learners of the week, well done everyone !!

Foundation: S.Cutting Year 1: J.Nankivell Year 2: O.Taylor Year 3: P.Willis Year 4: E.Everard Year 5: G.Wiilis Year 6: J.Powell .



This week's attendance winners are...

Foundation, getting 98% attendance this week.



Dates to remember!!!



Summer Fayre 30/6/2023 - 3.30pm-5:30pm. Below are our Mufti days, please bring the following items in on these dates;

- 16/06/2023 Toiletries
- 23/06/2023 Sweets

Sports day 19/06/2023. 12.45 - 3.15pm

Yr 6 Prom - 14/07/2023 6.00 - 8.00pm

Last day of term - 21/07/2023 - Children to return Wednesday 06/09/2023.

19/9/2023 - Family photos via Tempest - 8am-8:30am. Please book via Microsoft link, this will be sent closer to the time.

19/09/2023 - Individual school photos

Dinner Menu w/b 05/06/2023 - Week 2

School packed lunches are available





Staying safe online

Yr 6 Prom - Friday 14th July 2023





Term time holidays- - Is it worth it ?



Two of our families have now been issued fines from Plymouth County Council due to taking their child/ren out of school during term time. Please follow the link below to understand the charges and potential legal action that these holidays can result in.

Penalty notices for absence from school | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK

Attendance.

Every moment in school counts, and days missed add up quickly. The higher a child's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams and formal assessments. We are implementing new procedures to help parents get their children to school.

Do you know your child's attendance ?

- 95% Attendance 2 whole weeks of school missed.
- 90% Attendance 4 whole weeks of school missed.
- 85% Attendance 6 whole weeks of school missed.
- 80% Attendance 8 whole weeks of school missed.
- 75% Attendance 9 plus whole weeks of school missed.



5 minutes late, does it really matter ?



Lateness = Lost Learning

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

- 5 Minutes late each day 3 days lost
- 10 Minutes late each day 6.5 days lost
- 15 Minutes late each day 10 days lost

- 20 Minutes late each day 13 days lost ٠
- 30 Minutes late each day 19 days lost ٠

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Peach – holiday periods, Purple weekends, Green Trust NPD's, Blue School NPD's.

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