# **AUSTIN FARM**

## Academy

## Newsletter 16/06/2023

Dear Parents/carers,

We reach the end of another hot week and despite the uncomfortable conditions the children have enjoyed a range of learning activities, please see below to find out what they've been doing.

On Monday, the CEO of North Cornwall Learning Trust came to visit the school, he met with me and walked round the school; as all visitors to our school say, he praised the amazing behaviour, great manners and good learning focus of our children, we are very proud of them as always!

On Tuesday, Mr Robinson, one of the HAB school governors visited and said what a lovely feel the school had.

On Wednesday, 18 children from across KS2 took part in the annual Plymouth Athletics Competition held at Brickfields. This event is always a popular one; all children who were invited to attend were very excited. The children performed superbly with many top 3 finishes in their heat races. A special mention to Ruben for reaching the Y3 finals, Alfie for reading the Y6 finals, Eve for coming 1st place in the long jump and to our 5/6 relay team for reaching the finals and gaining a bronze medal! ALL the children showed brilliant sportsmanship, cheering each other on and supporting their teammates. It was a fantastic (hot) morning and we came back feeling very proud of ourselves!

On Wednesday we said goodbye to Mrs Morris our Kitchen Assistant and one of the school cleaners, she has worked here in one capacity or another since 2004! We thank her for everything she has done at Austin Farm and wish her the best in her next role within the NHS.

On Wednesday after school, we met with the parents of our new EYFS children ready for September; we welcome them to our Austin Farm family. They loved seeing their new classroom and we are sure they will have an enjoyable education here with us. Over the next few weeks, they will be having some taster sessions with us in the afternoons to help ease their transition into the school.

On Thursday, we had our latest Read, Write, Inc development day with Abby, the trainer from the company. She watched our staff teaching phonics sessions and coached them on refining their practice to enable them to further improve their already fantastic phonics teaching. She was very impressed with what she saw and mentioned how we were one the best schools she visits! We are very proud of our phonics teaching, which enables our EYFS & KS1 pupils to make the great start in early reading that they do.

Today, several of our KS2 children who achieved their AR targets last term had a special lunch prepared for them, they had a choice of cheeseburger or hot dogs, this is one of the ideas from the school council this year. I am sure they all read for pleasure anyway, but it is nice to have their efforts rewarded.

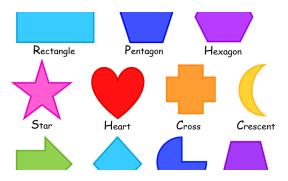
Don't forget, on Monday is sports day on the school field from 12.30 for parents; please come down the drive to the gate by the field (next to the nursery). The children will come out at 12.45 ready for races to start at 1pm - weather permitting! At the end of Sports day, after you have collected your children from class the PTA will be selling ice creams from outside the office, please bring money if you would like to purchase one.

Next Friday, is the last mufti day to collect items for the school fayre - this one is for donations of sweets. The summer fayre is the Friday after (30th June) from 3.30 - 5.30.

I hope you all have a restful weekend before the excitement of sports day!

Foundation: we have been exploring shape and discovering how shapes can be joined together to make other shapes. We have made origami cats by folding triangles and explored tangrams. We had another postcard from Jerry cat and have written our own postcards to him all about our day at Paignton Zoo. We have also been thinking about all the places that we might see on holiday and have set up a travel agent to plan holidays.

**Thanks** 



Year 1: have been busy hopping, skipping and jumping with our sports day practising. It's been very warm on the field but we've enjoyed racing our year 1 team mates and are really looking forward to showing our sporting talents at sports day.



Year 2: have been working hard on their fist lesson of The Stone Age unit. They have also been practising hard for sports day.



Year 3/4: this week, the children have been building on their previous knowledge of the Stone Age using our new history scheme, 'Opening Worlds.' It was impressive to see how much they had remembered from when we covered the topic in the spring term. In the coming weeks, the children will learn about Stonehenge. Soon, they will be experts and will be able to teach you all about our human ancestors.



Year 5: this week, we have been writing our own version of an extract from the book Varjak Paw. Our character is called "Chloe Clay" a chicken searching for a fox to help her with a problem at the farm. In Science, we have continued our learning about human growth. We created line graphs showing the patters of male and female babies over their first year and analysed the data. In SMSC, the class also learnt about girls puberty asking some very thoughtful questions.

Year 6: we have been planning our bake sale. You will shortly be informed of a day where Y6 will be selling biscuits/cakes etc... that we have made in the hope of making a profit to raise some extra funds to go towards our end of year activities. We have chosen our recipes and are working out our profit margins. We will let you know when you can purchase our creations!



### Learners of the week, well done everyone!!

Foundation: N-M.Dann

Year 1: Z.Adey

Year 2: S. McCoulough

Year 3: J.Lyndon

Year 4: I.Danbury

Year 5: M.Caroll

Year 6: R.Walsh

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# Unfortunately no attendance winners this week. No class has reached the school's target!

### 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;

• 23/06/2023 - Sweets

Sports day 19/06/2023. 12.30pm - 3.15pm

Yr 6 Prom - 14/07/2023 6.00pm - 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 3

#### 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
- **30** Minutes late each day **19** days lost

### Term dates

WeST Term Dates 2022 to 2023

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Term 1 35 days Term 2 34 days WeST NPD Thursday 1st September/ Friday 2nd September/ Monday 31 Oct

Three Trust NPD's and three school NPD's. 189 teaching days in total.

#### **WeST Term Dates**

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Spring Term Dates Wednesday 3 January to Friday 9 February then Monday 19 February to Thursday 28 March

Term 3 28 days Term 4 28 days WeST NPD Monday 19 February

Summer Term Dates Monday 15 April to Friday 24 May then Monday 3 June to Tuesday 23 July

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





Dear children and young people,



Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) are visiting your area: Plymouth as part of an inspection. We will be looking at arrangements for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

We would like to hear your views about the support that you get and how it is helping you. You can do this by completing an online survey at the link below:

Area SEND inspection for Plymouth City Council (smartsurvey.co.uk)

Your views are important to us. They will help inspectors understand your experience of SEND arrangements in your area. The survey will close at 9am on Tuesday 20 June 2023.

You do not have to take part if you do not want to. We do not ask for your name.

If you complete the survey, you agree to SmartSurvey sending your information to Ofsted.

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