

AUSTIN FARM

Academy

Newsletter 14/07/2023

Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy week we have had...it was a little different from what I had anticipated on Monday morning!

OFSTED

As you know we had a 2-day visit from OFSTED, which began as a monitoring visit and was converted into a graded section 5 inspection; whilst we are unable to tell you the outcome until the Autumn term; I can let you know that the inspectors were very pleased with what they saw. As you would

expect, your children did us all proud with their excellent behaviour and lovely manners; they demonstrated super attitudes towards each other and their learning. The staff were amazing as always; they have worked relentlessly this year to improve the education that we offer your children and have definitely earned their summer holidays! I must thank you all for your support, as always you are loyal to our school and the inspectors appreciated your honest views.

READING

We love reading here at Austin Farm and it came out as a strength in our inspection this week. There are two summer challenges for your children to continue their reading over the summer holiday. On Monday in assembly one of the librarians from the local library came to introduce their Summer reading challenge, if your child goes to the library and reads one book a week for the 6 weeks and they will get rewards for their efforts. In class transitions your child's new teachers will have given a bingo reading challenge to each child, bring it in to show your new teacher in the first week back in September and we will reward them in school.

On Monday the 28 children who achieved their AR target for the summer term will be able to come to school in mufti, if your child was one of those successful readers you will receive a message today letting you know. The rest of the school will be in normal school uniform on Monday.

The last week is coming with lots of exciting events:

Tuesday = 2pm Year 6 leaver's assembly for parents of Year 6 pupils only.

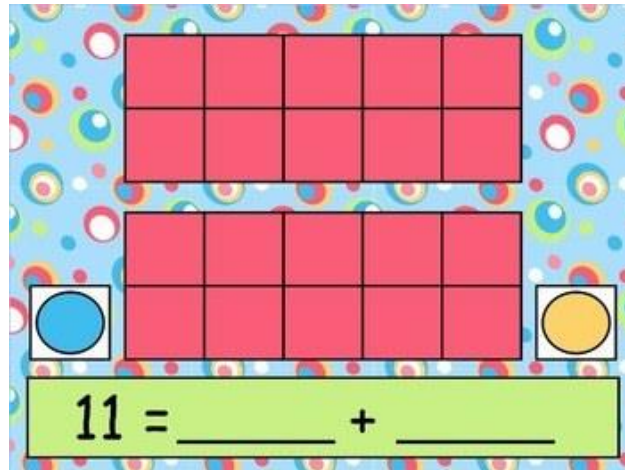
Wednesday = Year 6 will be showing their assembly to the rest of the school.

Thursday = 2.40pm Headteacher's assembly for classes from EYFS - Year 5, parents of winning will receive a secret invite early next week.

Friday = last day of term!

I hope you have a great weekend, despite the rain spoiling some of the outdoor events.

Foundation: On Monday we spent the morning in Year 1 and talked about how we were feeling about becoming Year 1's. We carefully drew our portraits ready for our classroom door. This week we have been exploring the amazing story Of Billy's bucket in more depth. We have discovered incredible creatures living in our classroom bucket and written descriptive captions about them. In Maths, we have been looking at teen numbers and have explored ways of counting more quickly by counting on from a given number.



Year 1: We have been busy drawing and cutting their templates for their seaside bunting. We learnt that a template is a pattern you use to draw around so that everything looks the same. We then chose our coloured piece of felt and cut out our bunting. Next week we are going to stick all our pieces together to make our finished bunting.

Year 2: We have been working hard on a new unit in maths about statistics. They have learnt about tally charts and tables. Why not collect some data at home about favourite colours or ice cream flavours? Ask the children questions about the data that they have collected.



1 - ice cream

Year 3: In our SMSC Jigsaw lesson, we have been looking at family stereotypes and how some jobs might be seen as more appropriate for the role of the female or the male. We worked on how we could challenge people's thinking whilst remaining respectful. We discussed how anyone can like anything they wish, and that we shouldn't try to fit people into stereotypes by how they look or how they behave. We had some interesting conversations and the children remained respectful to one another throughout the lesson.

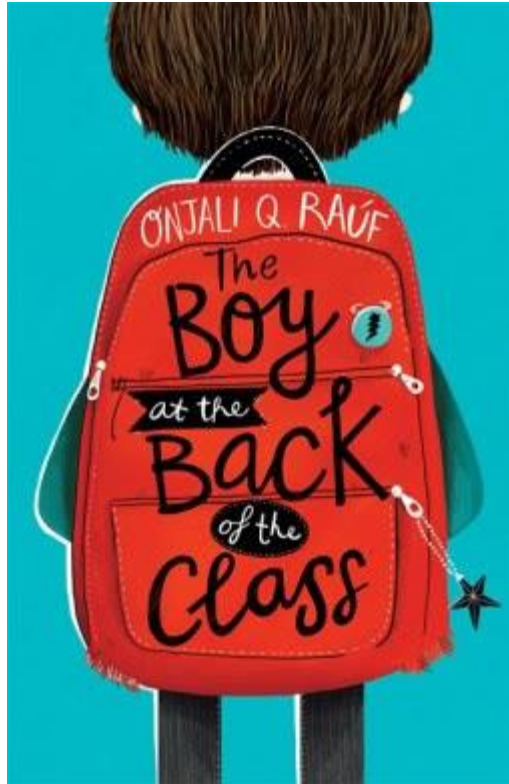
Year 4: In our SMSC Jigsaw lessons this week, we have looked at how we respond to change which is out of our control. We discussed the different emotions we might encounter in different scenarios and how we can deal with change in order to move forward. We know that if we can't move on from change in a positive manner, then it can have a detrimental effect on our emotional wellbeing. Being accepting of change which is out of our control is always a good thing. Friends, family and trusted adults are always on hand to help.



Year 5: We have been working on a class shared write using technical vocabulary about a documentary based on Our Frozen Worlds by David Attenborough. We have also finished our History lessons on the Stone Age, which we have enjoyed this half term. In SMSC we have learnt how to talk about what we are feeling excited and nervous for when we are in Year 6.



Year 6: We have enjoyed reading our class book 'Boy and the Back of the Class'. When I stopped reading one afternoon, I was met with lots of 'ahhhhhhs' in frustration that it was such an enticing cliff hanger! We've also been working on our leaver's assembly and are ready to blow your socks off with our singing!!



Learners of the week, well done everyone !!

Foundation: N. Sands

Year 1: L. Grayson

Year 2: C. Ludgate

Year 3: B. Hutson

Year 4: All of year 4

Year 5: B. Weir

Year 6: E. Parry

The attendance award goes to Year 3 getting a 97.9%



2 - Fantastic job everyone!!

Dates to remember!!!



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 17/07/2023

Monday: French bread Pizzas with wedges (Pepperoni and Cheese available)

Tuesday: Pasta Bolognese with garlic bread. (Veggie Bolognese)

Wednesday: Chicken and Ham pie with Sautéed potatoes. (Veggie Sausages)

Thursday: Roast chicken (Veggie Cauliflower cheese)

Friday: Fish cakes (Veggie Cheesy wheels)

School packed lunches are available

JACKET POTATOES
Jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings
Cheese ☐ Tuna (with Mayonaisse) ☐
Beans ☐ Coleslaw (with Mayonaisse) ☐
Brown bread or Tortilla wrap
with a choice of fillings
Cheese ☐ Tuna (with Mayonaisse) ☐
Ham ☐
Dessert of the day, fresh fruit or yoghurt

KEY TO ALLERGENS

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL DINNERS
All Dinner money is paid via ParentPay. We do ask that you could please keep your balance in credit.
K51 children are entitled to UIFSM
K52 children only £2.20 per meal
Do I qualify for free School Meals?
If you receive ONE of the following benefits then you will be entitled to Free School Meals:
• Income support
• Employment and Support Allowance
• Child Tax Credit without Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable income (as assessed by the HMRC) of less than £16,190
• Income based Job Seeker's Allowance (IBJA)
• Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
• Universal Credit - from April 2018 provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods
PLEASE NOTE: Eligibility for FSM cannot be determined until you have received your first Universal Credit statement or entitlement letter. We have been informed by DWP that they may take up to six weeks to process your first/new claim.
• Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
Please call 01752 705367 or email admin@autismtam.org.uk for more information

FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH



[Austin Farm Academy - Vacancies \(devwebsite.co.uk\)](http://devwebsite.co.uk)



Kids Eat Free (or for a £1) over the Summer Holidays



**PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1)
DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023**
COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

ASDA
Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO
Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

SAINSBURY'S CAFES
Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE
Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK
Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TABLE TABLE
Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELODGE
Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

HUNGRY HORSE
Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

PREMIER INN
Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS
Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

IKEA
Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS
Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS
Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO
Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

BILLS
2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

BELLA ITALIA
Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS
Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

SA BRAINS PUBS
Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS
Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM
Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

YO! SUSHI
From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

TO BE CONFIRMED...
M&S and Farmhouse Inns

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Staying safe online

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](https://plymouth.gov.uk/penalty-notices-for-absence-from-school)

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**

Term dates

WeST Term Dates | **2022 to 2023**

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Important dates
To shade (or clear) cells in the month tables, select the cells to shade and then, on the Table Tools Design tab, choose Cell Shading.
To view this calendar with all formatting and layout, on the View tab, choose Reading View.

Autumn Term Dates Monday 4 September to Friday 20 October then Monday 30 October to Tuesday 19 December
Term 1 33 days Term 2 30 days School NPD Monday 4/WeST NPD Tuesday 5 September/ WeST NPD Monday 30 October

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
Term 5 25 days Term 6 35 days School NPD Monday 22/23 July

Three Trust NPD's and three school NPD's. 189 teaching days in total.
Peach – holiday periods, Purple weekends, Green Trust NPD's, Blue School NPD's.

Argyle Roadshows





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9am-3pm
Boys & Girls
All Abilities
Aged 5-15

SUMMER HOLIDAYS ROADSHOWS

Plymouth | July - August 2023

Multi Sports - Aug 4, 11, 18, 25

Prince Rock Primary School

Knowle Primary School

Weston Mill Primary School

Lipson Vale Primary School

Mountwise Primary School

Mary Dean's Primary School



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benefit-related
free school
meals

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SUMMER 2023

**Offering fun physical activities,
games & wider activities, plus a meal
for all children. Ages 5-16.**

31ST JULY - 24TH AUGUST

**Weston Mill Community Primary Academy
Mount Wise Community Primary Academy
Lipson Vale Primary School | Courtlands School
Prince Rock Primary School | Knowle Primary School
Mary Dean's | Efford Youth Centre**



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****SPECIAL OFFER!****

Cheap Summer Family Holiday

Term Time Only

Tempting?

But what is the real cost to your child's learning?



Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Effect means number of lessons missed
100%	0 days	0 weeks	0 lessons
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	39 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	49 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	59 days	13.5 weeks	260 lessons
65%	69 days	15.5 weeks	320 lessons