

AUSTIN FARM

Academy

Newsletter 21/07/2023

Dear parents/carers,

As we come to the end of a hectic, but enjoyable year; I can't believe it's gone so quickly. So much has happened and as a school community we have achieved lots in a relatively short amount of time. We have improved our curriculum offer to your children and will continue this journey further in September.

Yesterday, we had the final Headteacher award assembly of the school year.

Well done to the winners:

EYFS - S. Cutting

Year 1 - O. Cruickshank

Year 2 - C. Mann

Year 3 - T. Regan

Year 4 - E. Everard

Year 5 - A. Moloney

Year 6 - J. Munden

KS1 Endeavour Award - O. Taylor

KS2 Endeavour Award - E. Parry

We are extremely proud of everyone in our school and the efforts they have made to improve with their learning - keep trying next year and it might be you!

At the end of a year there are the inevitable goodbyes to say...

We bid a fond farewell to Mrs Blake, who has worked here since 2004 in one capacity or another, most recently as deputy headteacher. We cannot thank her enough for her contribution to the school, she will be sorely missed by the staff and children. However, she has an exciting new career as a Wilder Learning Officer with Devon Wildlife Trust , so we may see her in an assembly soon or coming to educate us about the wildlife in Devon!

We say goodbye and thank you to: Mrs Collins who has done the majority of teaching in Year 5 since January; I am sure we will see her back next year whenever we need a class covered. Miss Morgan who was a TA, mainly in EYFS & KS1; she is off to embark on teacher training, one of the most rewarding careers to choose and I am glad that we inspired her to do this. Miss Gould who was a TA in year 6 for the latter part of the year, supporting one of our children; we hope she will be able to come back next year.

We also have to say goodbye to our amazing Year 6's, what a fantastic leaver's assembly with plenty of memories of your time here at Austin Farm - we will miss you so much. Be proud of yourselves and what you have achieved here; go forward into the world with confidence and keep being the fantastic people that you are.

I am pleased to announce a huge congratulations to Miss King who is getting married in August and will be Mrs Davis when she returns in September. Year 3, try to remember to call her by her new name when you are in her class next year!

Year 6 Prom - thank you to all of the staff who stayed to make it a memorable night, one of whom did a 13-hour day to facilitate this evening - thank you Mrs Hussey! Mr Frankow one of our governors kindly DJ'd for us & played some of our requests to get everyone up dancing! If your children enjoyed it and you have a party coming up that you would like to book him for, please go to his Facebook page: Jester Sounds <https://www.facebook.com/DJJesterSounds>

Since our Summer Fayre a couple of weeks ago, Mrs Gilbert has been busy counting money and we can reveal that the amount raised was over £900! Thank you all for your support at this event. Some of the money has gone towards the Year 6 Prom and the rest will carry over to next year when we will decide upon the PTA's next big project. As I have mentioned before, we have a very small, dedicated PTA and they would welcome more members. As well as bringing new ideas to improve our fundraising, this would also bring much needed manpower to enable them to do more. Please volunteer if you can, the time commitment isn't a lot over the course of the year and it is rewarding when you see the children's enjoyment of the events we put on.

When you come back to school on 6th September, you will notice some differences to our school site. We are getting brand new toilets in the main part of the school in between year 2 and year 3, these are the toilets that all of the children use at playtimes & lunchtimes and we appreciate the financial investment that Westcountry Schools Trust have put into this. The hut next to the playground and the building which we currently share with Crownlands are both being demolished. In the long run this will give us even more amazing outside space, but in the short term we have to fence it off to allow the grass seed and wildflowers to grow undisturbed.

Over the summer, you will receive an email containing the first week of our exciting new school lunch menu. Over the past few weeks we have been working behind the scenes to create some tasty dishes; several of the children have already praised the changes and are keen to see what the new year will bring! Keep an eye out in September for the remaining two weeks of the new menu. In line with government guidelines, in September there will be a small increase in the cost of school dinners to £2.53 a day.

KS2 parents - be prepared for Egyptian day on Friday 8th September - your child can come to school dressed like an Egyptian!

I must end this newsletter by thanking you all for your support over the course of this year: for me, the staff and the children. When we work together as a team, we can achieve the best outcomes for the most important people in the school - your children! I am proud to have become part of the Austin Farm Academy community and look forward to another successful time for everyone next year.

Please enjoy your summer holiday and spend some quality time with your loved ones.

We will look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 6th September.

A message from Mrs Collins, our lovely long term Year 5 supply teacher !!!

"It has been a pleasure to be a part of yr 5 this year! Enjoy your Summer break and stay safe!"

Learners of the week, well done everyone !!

Foundation: E.Sheridan-Aston

Year 1: G.Morgan

Year 2: S.Cassidy

Year 3: The whole class

Year 4: O.Collins

Year 5: L.Borda

Year 6: The whole class

The attendance award goes to Year 6, well done for finishing your last week.



1 - Fantastic job everyone!!

Dates to remember!!!



06/09/2023. -Children to return Wednesday .

08/09/2023 - Egyptian day for years 3 - 6.

19/09/2023 - 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

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

<p>ASDA Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.</p> <p>TESCO Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023</p> <p>SAINSBURY'S CAFES Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.</p> <p>BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p> <p>THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult</p> <p>TABLE TABLE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p> <p>TRAVELODGE Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free</p> <p>HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast</p> <p>PREMIER INN Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free</p> <p>SIZZLING PUBS Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.</p> <p>IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am</p>	<p>MORRISONS Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.</p> <p>GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants</p> <p>PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms</p> <p>BILLS 2 Kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023</p> <p>BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.</p> <p>WHITBREAD INNS Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased</p> <p>SA BRAINS PUBS Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays</p> <p>FUTURE INNS Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays</p> <p>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm</p> <p>YO! SUSHI From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend</p> <p>TO BE CONFIRMED... M&S and Farmhouse Inns</p>
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Term dates

WeST Term Dates

2023 to 2024

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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 20 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



[Book P3- PAFC Summer Multi Sports Roadshow - Central Park Hub - Monday 24th July from Argyle Community Trust \(officialsoccerschools.co.uk\)](http://officialsoccerschools.co.uk)

ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST

Fit and Fed

Department for Education

Fit and Fed Plymouth

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

FREE
 To those eligible for benefit-related free school meals

officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/courses/holiday
argylecommunitytrust.co.uk

SCAN ME

****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	Which 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%	67 days	15.5 weeks	320 lessons