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Academy

Newsletter 15/09/2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the end of your children's first full week in school, they have been busy working hard in their new classes, see below for more details.

Our new EYFS children have settled in extremely well and started having school lunches this week. They really enjoyed the delicious food on offer (see photos below). Next week they will be in full time, drop off (by 8.45) and pick up (at 3.15) will both be in the playground.

After a successful couple of weeks making our lunches last term, our kitchen provision will be supported by Devon Norse catering for the foreseeable future, please see the new 3-week menu below; the dates are at the bottom of each week, it will be week 1 menu starting 18.9.23, then week 2 from 25.9.23 and week 3 from 2.10.23, returning to week 1 for the week after.

After half term there will be a new Winter menu and the packed lunch option will stop, details will follow closer to the time.

Reminder - it is the parent's responsibility to ensure we have an up-to-date emergency phone number in the school. If you have changed your phone number over the holidays, please contact the office to let us know. If we can't contact you, we will go down the emergency contact list until we reach someone and if emergency after school club is required there is a charge of £8.

Wednesday was Roald Dahl day - we shared some of our favourite Roald Dahl stories at story time, my favourite is The Magic Finger, ask your children which of his stories they like best.

Next week:

Tuesday 19th September - Individual and family photos in the hall, from 8.40am for children with siblings who do not attend our school. If both/all of your children attend our school, we will ensure they have one together in school time.

Friday 22nd September is Jeans for Genes day - your child can come to school wearing denim (jeans, shorts or a skirt) with their usual school t-shirt and jumper. The suggested donation is £1 cash, but you can donate whatever amount you wish. We support this worthwhile charity every year and they are very appreciative of our collection.

I hope you enjoy your weekend,

Foundation: In Foundation we have been learning to recognise and say the names of our Read Write Inc. pictures in readiness for starting Read Write Inc. next week. We have also been exploring how to count to 3 accurately by placing objects in a line. We have learnt the repeated refrain of run, run, as fast... in the gingerbread man and are exploring how a new character could be in the story.

Year 1: We have been sorting objects by colour or other ways such as animals or transport. We have been counting objects to 10 and ensuring that we write all numerals correctly in our new Power Maths books. We have explored what it means to feel safe and secure in Jigsaw as well as agreeing on a class charter. We have shown excellent resilience in adjusting to the new Year 1 expectations and are making big strides in becoming more independent.



Year 2: What a great start back we have had. The children have really settled into year 2 and are already working hard. This week we have been investigation our new book – What do you do with a tail like this? And have found out some very interesting animal facts.

What Do You Do With a Tail Like This? By Steve Jenkins & Robin Page - Bing video

Year 3:

Year 4/5: This week we have been getting into the full swing of work, diving into our OPENING WORLDS curriculum. The children have worked hard learning about the River Indus, ancient Egypt and starting to discover more about the Hindu story of Rama and Sita. We've been working very hard on our presentation in books.



Year 6: We have been working with numbers up to 10 million in Maths – I have been really impressed by the children's knowledge of Place Value. In English, we have been exploring the book, A Drove of Bullocks. We thought that the collective noun for cockroaches was perfect – An Intrusion of Cockroaches! I am really pleased with how Year 6 have settled and they are showing that they are real role models for the rest of the school already!

Learners of the week, well done everyone!!

Foundation: L-M.Bickford

Year 1: B.Goodwin

Year 2: E.McGowan-Metters

Year 3: S.Cassidy

Year 4/5: A.Willis

Year 6: L.Borda

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The attendance award goes to Yr 1, Yr 2 and Yr 5 for a 97.5% attendance.



1 - Fantastic job everyone!!

Dates to remember!!!



19/9/2023 - Family photos and Individual school photos

22/09/2023 - Jeans4Genes Mufti - £1.00

16/10/23 - Foodbank collection & Harvest Festival - please start donating food any time from 2nd October - details to follow.

Menu w/b 18/09/2023

One	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday Battered Fish Fillet		
Option 1	Freshly Prepared Margarita Pizza	The Norse Beef Burger in a Bap with Homemade Salsa	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Freshly Prepared Beef Bolognaise			
Oution 2 (v) Quom Burger in with Relich Sides Crunchy Sala Herby Dicad Pot.		Quorn Hot Dog in roll with Relish	Freshly Prepared Vegetable Lentil Loaf	Mediterranean Vegetable Bolognaise	Vegetable Fingers Baked Beans or Crunchy Vegetable Sticks Wholemeal Pasta or Chips		
		Sweetcom, Homemade Coleslaw, Jacket Potato Wedges	Fresh Broccoli Fresh Carrots Roast or New Potatoes & Gravy	Green Beans Wholewheat Spaghetti & Crusty Bread			
And for pudding	Flapplejack	Apple & Cinnamon Muffin	Organic Pip ice Lofly	Chocolate Surprise Brownie	Homemade Custard Biscuit		
	Falafel, Spinach & Mango Chutney in a Wrap	Ham & Salad Baguette					
Available each day	Freshiy	Prepared Salad, Bread and Drinkin	ng Water, Fresh Fruit or Organic Y	oghurt available as a pudding alta	ortalities.		

Two	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
Option 1 Freshly Prepared Mac & Cheese Option 2 (v) Freshly Prepared Soasted Vegetables Pasta Bake Green Beans, Fresh Siced Carrots, & Crusty Bread		Leman Herb Chicken	Honey Roast Gammon & Pineapple	Norse's Butchers Sausages	Fishtastic Wrap			
		Homity Pie	Homemade Cheese & Leek Parcels	Vegetarian Sausages	Halloumi Pizziola			
		New Potatoes, Green Salad or Corn on the cob	Fresh Broccoli Fresh Carrots Roast or New Potatoes & Gravy	Baked Beans, Tomatoes & Hash Browns	Baked Beans or Crunchy Vegetable Stick Wholemeal Pasta or Chips			
And for pudding	Berry Pancakes	Summer Fruit Salad	Gelato (Arctic Roll)	Chocolate Mousse	Organic Pip ice Lolly			
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Option 1	Homemade Cheese Wheels	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Roast Loin of Pork & Apple Sauce	Bubble Salmon	Fish Fingers									
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Baked Beans, Peas & Herby Diced Potatoes		Green Beans, Wholewheat Spaghetti & Crusty Bread	Fresh Broccoli Fresh Carrots Roast or New Potatoes & Gravy	Stir fry Vegetables & Potato Salad	Baked Beans or Crunchy Vegetable Stick Wholemeal Pasta or Chips									
	Orange & Sultana Daty Cookie	Chocolate Cracknel	Fruit Jelly	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Organic Pip ice Lolly									
	Egg Mayo & Salad Sandwich	Cheese & Salad Roll	Tuna Mayo & Salad Sandwich	Jays Sausage Roll & Veggie Sticks	Ham & Salad Baguette									
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Staying safe online



Term time holidays- - Is it worth it?



Three 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?

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95% Attendance - 2 whole weeks of school missed.
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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

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Foundation children first lunch time at AFA





















