

AUSTIN FARM

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Newsletter 03/11/2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week started with a school full of ghosts, witches and scary characters for Halloween and ended with a special Bonfire lunch!

Thank you so much for your support yesterday with the sudden closure of school and thank you to those of you who were able to engage with the home learning. Our priority is always to keep the children (and staff) safe and we have to trust the predicted weather warnings by the Met Office. As it turned out, the effects of Storm Ciaran were not as severe as they thought, but we had to follow the Trust's decision

based on what we had been told at the time. Hopefully, that will be an isolated incident and we can get through the rest of the winter with minimal disruption to learning. Please see below for what the children have been doing this week.

Our PSHE learning this term is about celebrating differences and in Tuesday's assembly we discussed the signs of bullying and what to do about it. The children will be learning about the 'solve it together' technique in their Jigsaw lessons this term, so please be aware that they may be talking about bullying and bad behaviour a bit more at home as they try to sort out their understanding of the difference between the two.

Acts of kindness: Before half term we began our 9 Acts of Kindness challenge and next week we are really focusing on how we can be kind to ourselves and each other, your child will have a card with 9 suggested kind acts, the last one being a donation to Childline - the charity we are supporting with this challenge. Please send donations into school next Friday (11th November)

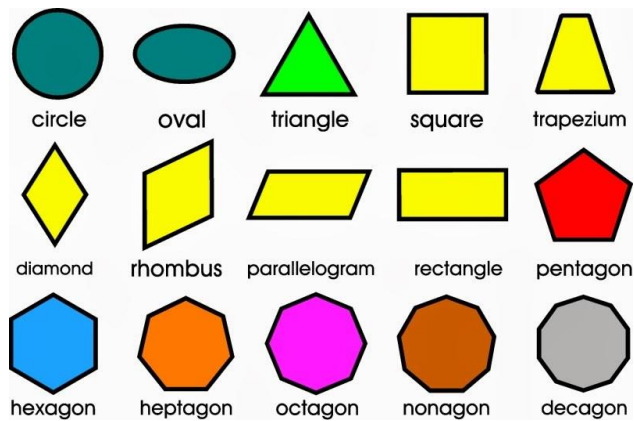
Demolition work: As you will have noticed, the remaining hut has been demolished during half term, unfortunately, due to delays over the summer and the poor weather in half term, we will have to wait until Spring before we can make further improvements to the space created where the buildings were. We are however, seeking to improve the path into the school later on this half term, please bear with us whilst we organise the necessary contractors.

SOS sustainability project: On Monday, we will have visitors to assembly to introduce a sustainability project to the children. This is a year long project and will require some children and parent volunteers for 4 after school sessions next term, please see the letter below for more details.

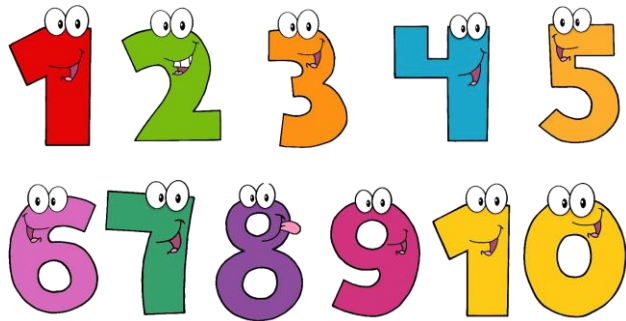
Following our positive inspection in July, this week, we have received letters from Amanda Spielman (OFSTED's chief inspector) & Hannah Woodhouse (South West Regional Director of Education) congratulating us on our achievement and recognising the hard work of our staff to achieve this. Whilst we do our jobs for our children and not for inspectors, it is nice for the improvements we have made to be recognised.

I hope you have a great weekend and keep yourselves safe on Sunday for Fireworks night.

Foundation: we have been exploring 2d shapes and discovering that we can make a print of a 2d shape by stamping a 3d shape in playdough. We have also been noticing more signs of Autumn in understanding of the world. We really enjoyed watching Percy the park keeper after the storm so that we are prepared for any more storms when they come.



Year 1: we have been exploring missing numbers and practising our skills of counting on to discover what the missing number could be. In our English work, we have really impressed the Foundation children by reading our new parts of the story to them. We have also been learning more facts about Autumn especially what to expect in a storm.



Year 2: have settled back into class well after half term. We have started our new topic all about The Mayflower and the Pilgrim Fathers. We have learnt that the Mayflower set sail in 1620 from Plymouth for America.



Year 3:

Year 4/5: this week we started our learning in RE about Manu and Matsya the fish - we were really engaged in the story and absolutely loved it. We have had a lovely few days in school and looking forward to getting further into our new topics.



Year 6: we have been using parenthesis in our sentences. We learned that we can use brackets, dashes or commas for this and wrote some really lovely, sometimes funny, sentences. In Maths, we have been building on our BIDMAS knowledge learning about brackets in number sentences. In Science, we began our new unit on Light; we recapped light sources and how light travels. We learned how to do and how to support each other doing headstands in gymnastics! I was super proud of everyone's willingness to give this a go as some were a bit wary at first. We had lots of, "YES, I DID IT!" moments which was amazing to see.



Learners of the week, well done everyone!!

Foundation: A-J. Rowe

Year 1: K.Turner

Year 2: P.McDonald

Year 3: A.Parry

Year 4/5: T.Lopes

Year 6: G.Willis

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The attendance award goes to yr 5 for getting 100% this week.



1 - Fantastic job everyone!!

Dates to remember!!!



10/11/23 - Healthy Smiles to EYFS & Yr1

10/11/23 - Flu vaccination deadline.

14/11/2023 - Flu vaccination in school

13/11/23 - Odd Socks day for Anti-Bullying week. Celebrate our differences by wearing odd socks to school.

17/11/2023 - Children in Need Day - Details to follow.

Children in Need day 17/11/2023



2 - Your child can come to school wearing something spotty!

Menu Week 2

Week One

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Faccacia Margherita	Chicken Katsu Curry & Rice	Roast Gammon Steak & Pineapple	Meatballs in a Ragù sauce	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Veggie Bean Wrap	Cheese & Potato Pie	Vegetarian Plait	Veggie Balls in a Ragù Sauce	Veggie Nuggets
Sides	Herby Diced Potato Colcawl or Sweetcorn	Peanut Baked Beans	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Spaghetti Green beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Pancakes with Banana & Honey	Chocolate Surprise Brownie	Oat and Sultana Cookie	Apple Crumble & Custard	Pip Organic Lollies
Jackpot Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	30/10/23; 20/11/23; 11/12/23; 08/01/24; 29/01/24; 26/02/24; 18/03/24				

Week Two

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Butchers Sausages & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing	Beef Lasagne	Filet of Fish
Option 2 (v)	Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Sausages & Gravy	Yorkshire Pudding Stuffed with Quorn Pieces	Vegetarian Lasagne	Cheese Omelet
Sides	Broccoli & Garlic Bread	Creamed Potatoes & Carrots	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Colcawl or Green Beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Crispy Chocolate Cornflake Cake	Peach Sponge & Custard	Arctic roll	Shortbread Biscuit & Fresh Fruit salad	Pip Organic Lollies
Jackpot Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
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Week starting:	06/11/23; 27/11/23; 18/12/2023; 15/01/24; 05/02/24; 04/03/24; 25/03/24				

Week Three

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pocket	Fish Pie	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Beef Bolognese	Junibo Fish Finger
Option 2 (v)	Vegetable Fajita	Cheese Wheels & Wholemeal Pasta	Quorn and Leek Pastry Puff	Mediterranean Vegetable Bolognese	Veggie Fingers
Sides	Potato Wedges Sweetcorn or Winter Colcawl	Peanut Baked Beans	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Penne Pasta Green beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Strawberry Mousse	Sticky Toffee Cake & Sauce	Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Crunch & Chocolate Sauce	Pip Organic Lollies
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Dear Parent/Guardian,



We would like to invite your child to our Plymouth Argyle Plympton Academy Netball training session which runs every Friday 5-6pm at Plympton Academy Secondary School.

The Netball Centre is for anyone who is interested in additional training or want to take part in Netball training , this is open to all abilities and for ages 7-12 years old and costs £5 per week.

To book on please find the link below or feel free to turn up on the day!

[Book PL1 - Netball \(Aged 5-11\) - Plympton Academy Primary School 5pm-6pm - Term 2 from Argyle Community Trust \(officialsoccerschools.co.uk\)](https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk)

Any questions please feel free to ask

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Halloween Photos 2023









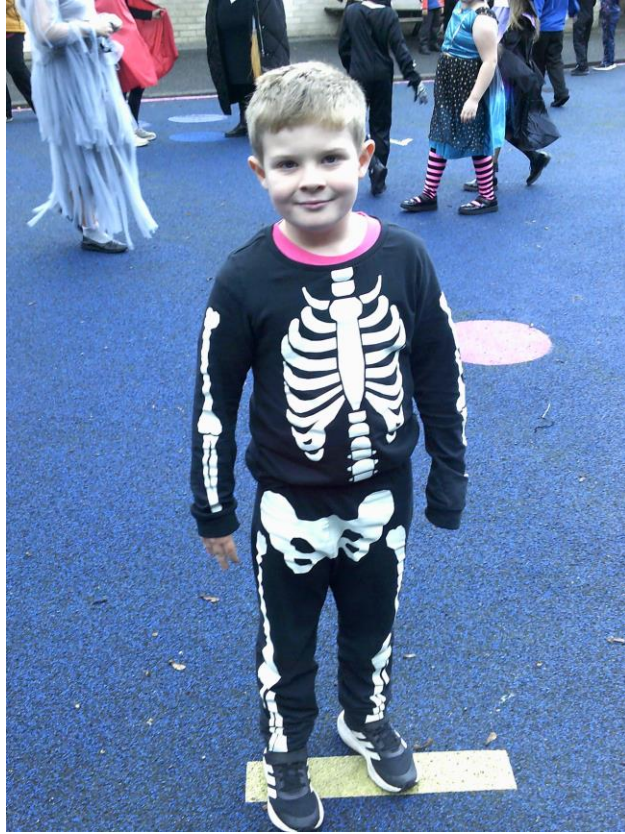




















At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they need it. We realise that guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, facts and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. The app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

- Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.
- Input your child's name, age and birth month.
- Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.
- If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.
- Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can unsubscribe. In YouTube Premium which will remove advertising on YouTube Kids, however, it's worth remembering that the channel's video adverts that channel creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to unsuitable content in the future. It's also useful to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will mean you have more control over what your child is exposed to. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be worth making use of this feature to prevent screen addiction, which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their sleep and concentration the following day.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. Family can also search through a list of what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from, by including family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

Meet Our Expert

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Bonfire dinner













SOS-UK CAP letter for parents guardians carers (Primary)



I am writing from SOS-UK to inform you of our recent collaboration with your child's school. We are a student-led education charity focusing on sustainability. We support students and wider society to learn, act and lead for environmental justice.

We recently launched a new project to support schools in the development of a Climate Action Plan (CAP). A CAP is described by the government as "a detailed plan to enable schools to progress or commence sustainability initiatives" and, in accordance with the Departments for Education's latest Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy, all schools in England will need to have one in place by 2025.

Here at SOS-UK, we are helping bring this vision to life with a multifaceted project centred on increasing students' confidence, ability to work well in teams and love of learning. Through this program, your child will gain access to a number of exciting opportunities through which they can develop their

communication skills and independence. These include: collaborating across the whole school community, working with an energy professional, and speaking with a real life climate scientist!

We hope you see the numerous benefits of this project and kindly ask that you encourage your child to take part.

Sincerely,

The sos-uk team



STUDENTS
ORGANISING FOR
SUSTAINABILITY
UNITED KINGDOM



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SOS-UK.ORG

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Sincerely,

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Social Media



Whilst it has been amazing to share are "GOOD" news on Social Media, we cant help but notice that a number of our children have accounts/profiles on Social Media. We advise parents/carers that there is an age restriction on Social Media and encourage you to be cautious.

Term time holidays- - Is it worth it ?



Mulitple 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.

[School attendance and absence | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](https://plymouth.gov.uk/school-attendance-and-absence)

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

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Important dates

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Autumn Term Dates Monday 4 September to Friday 20 October then Monday 30 October to Tuesday 19 December

Term 1 33 days Term 2 36 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 29 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.

Children's NHS Dentist

Children's Appointments!

NHS SpaDental South-West

SpaDental Plymouth and SpaDental Saltash
invite children under 12 years of age
for NHS appointments
Book an appointment today!



To book an appointment, or for more information, please scan the QR code or visit the link:
<https://www.spadental.co.uk/for-patients/spadental-south-west-children/>
to complete the "contact us" form.

SpaDental Plymouth: 2 Hyde Park Rd, Mutley, PL3 4RJ
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