

AUSTIN FARM

Academy

Newsletter 10/11/2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, the children have been working hard as usual, please see below to find out what they have been learning.

We started the week with an assembly taken by Emily from SOS - Students Organise Sustainability who introduced our school sustainability project. Next steps are: a climate change scientist will be coming to speak to the children, and we need a group of about 12 children and some adult volunteers to form a sustainability group which will meet 4 times after school next term to learn about different ways that we

can be more sustainable in school and they will then support the rest of the school to make those changes.

Next week:

On Monday, it is "odd socks day" for antibullying week - please come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate our differences and enjoy being unique.

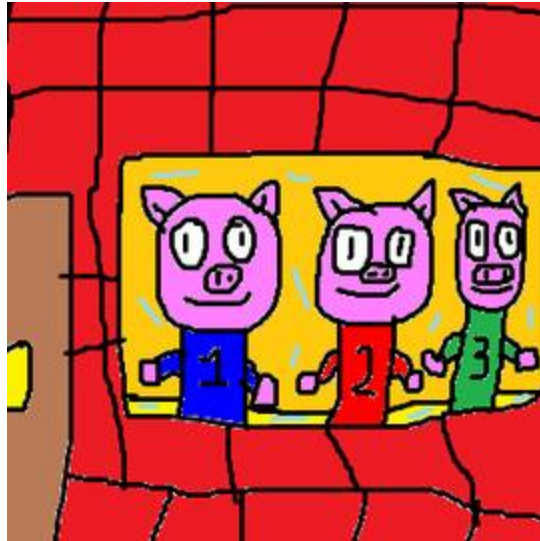
On Tuesday, we will have the wall repaired which should help improve the muddy path situation and we have also found a contractor to resurface the path, however, this can't be done until the Christmas holidays, so please be careful when walking in and out of the school until then.

On Friday, it is Children in Need day - please come to school wearing something spotty, or Child in Need themed. We will be selling Pudsey biscuits at playtime. Please send in your donations with your child on Friday or donate via Parent Pay.

Please enjoy your weekend, and take a moment to remember those who have sacrificed their lives in the wars for us to enjoy our freedom. I saw on the news this morning that the oldest survivor from World War 2 is now 105 and still appreciates being remembered.



Foundation: this week we have really enjoyed watching two versions of the three little pigs and then talking about how parts were the same and some parts were different. We have also joined in with the story map and listened carefully for interesting words. In maths we are learning number sentences and seeing what happens when we add a number.



Year 1: this week we have been building on our knowledge of traditional tales by learning the story map of the three little pigs. We have been selecting phrases and words from the story that we might like to use in our own versions of the story. We have also been trying really hard to answer word problem subtractions. In science, we have just started learning about materials and their properties.



Year 2: have been writing letters to the man on the moon. We watched a short clip of a little girl finding the man with her telescope and then we had to imagine what we might write to him. We made sure our letters had some questions in as well so we could find out more about him.



Year 3: this week the children have been learning about inverted commas to mark direct speech. This is a really difficult skill, but the children have persevered to achieve this. Well done Year 3!



Year 4/5: have been learning about mountains in geography. Do you know how high a hill needs to be to be considered a mountain? Ask your child! They have been developing their ball skills in netball and learning how to pass with accuracy.



Year 6: this week we have been focusing on showing character through dialogue. We have also begun our unit on fractions and have made a really positive start. In PE, we enjoyed learning the fundamentals for quick-cricket as well as further developing our, already brilliant, gymnastic skills.



Learners of the week, well done everyone!!

Foundation: A-R. Philips

Year 1: T.Shepherd

Year 2: O.Cruickshank

Year 3: J.Ashton

Year 4/5: M.Scott

Year 6: C.Smith

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The attendance award goes to yr 1 for getting 100% this week.



1 - Fantastic job everyone!!

Dates to remember!!!



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

14/11/2023 - Flu vaccination in school.

17/11/2023 - Children in Need Day - wear something spotty or Child in Need themed, please bring donations to buy a Pudsey biscuit at playtime.

27/11/23 & 29/11/23 - Parent's evenings years 1-6. Please return the letters to your class teacher to book a time.

6/12/23 - Christmas dinner day! You can wear a Christmas jumper to school!

12.12.23 & 14.12.23 - EYFS & KS1 Christmas play in the hall at 2.45, parents/carers can come to one performance - no toddlers please.

13.12.23 - KS2 Christmas play at 2.30 & 5.00pm, parents/carers can come to one performance - no toddlers please.

18.12.23 - Class Christmas parties - you can come to school dressed in your best party clothes.

Children in Need day 17/11/2023



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

Menu Week 3

Week One					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Facciotta Margherita	Chicken Katsu Curry & Rice	Roast Gammon Steak & Pineapple	Meatballs in a Ragu sauce	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Veggie Bean Wrap	Cheese & Potato Pie	Vegetarian Plait	Veggie Balls in a Ragu Sauce	Veggie Nuggets
Sides	Herby Glazed Potato Colcannon or Sweetcorn	Peas 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
Jacket 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; 16/03/24				

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	Colcannon 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
Jacket 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:	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 Bolognaise	Jumbo Fish Finger
Option 2 (v)	Vegetable Fajita	Cheese Whiz & Wholemeal Pasta	Quorn and Leek Pastry Puff	Mediterranean Vegetable Bolognese	Veggie Fingers
Sides	Potato Wedges Sweetcorn or Winter Colcannon	Peas 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
Jacket 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:	11/11/23; 04/12/23; 01/01/24; 22/01/24; 19/02/24; 11/03/24				

Breakfast club den making





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



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UNITED KINGDOM



Dear parents, carers, and guardians,



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Social Media



We are increasingly having to deal with issues at school that are actually from inappropriate or unkind use of social media. Please check your child's mobile phone daily to monitor the messages they are sending and receiving, particularly the language they are using. This is a parent's responsibility rather than a school one, we can educate them but not monitor their devices.

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://www.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

| 2023 to 2024

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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 Appointments!



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for NHS appointments

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to complete the "contact us" form.

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