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Academy

Newsletter 26/01/2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy week, the children have worked so hard despite the nasty winter colds that have been spreading across the school. Lots of classes are either doing, or planning for, their end of unit writes in English and I have seen so many examples of fantastic work. Of particular note were Year 4/5's persuasive letters and Year 3's river stories. We always make a book or display of their final pieces, so please ask the class teachers if you would like to read their amazing work. Please see below for what else they have been learning.

Year 2 really enjoyed their first Walk Wise session on Tuesday and these valuable workshops will be continuing for the next 6 weeks.

You may have received a library book reminder slip, please try to find any books you might have at home, we can't afford to lose the amount of books that are currently missing from the library and Read, Write, Inc lessons.

Please remember: **school starts at 8.45am;** make sure you are in the playground before then so your child is ready to go into class when the teachers come to collect them. There are an increasing number of families who arrive at school at 8.50 or 8.55; this means that by the time they are actually in their classrooms, they have missed the register and morning learning activities. You may think that 5 or 10 minutes don't matter but children really dislike walking into class when everyone else is already busy and they don't know what they are doing because they've missed the instructions. See below for the impact of lateness over the course of a year. Please remember to call in before 9am if your child will be absent.

On Monday you were sent a letter from Rob Haring CEO of West Country School's Trust regarding school governance. Please see the message below from the chair of our school's HAB.

My name is Rob Frankow and I am the chair of HAB 4, which the school is part of. We moved to the new style of governance 12 months ago and in that time, we have been working hard to put procedures and processes in place and, most importantly, getting to know all the schools in our HAB. We are now moving forward and refining our responsibilities of what local governance looks like in WeST. I hope to give regular updates via the school newsletter and become more visible in the school community. There are opportunities for you to be involved in the HAB model of governance, if you have an interest or passion in education where every child matters you can contact me via the school office. Thanks Rob.

I hope you have a great weekend,

Mrs Baptiste

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

Foundation: this week in English, we have been retelling our favourite part of the story 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth through drawings and using our Read Write Inc sounds to sound out and write words to label them. We have also continued to learn about Chinese New Year celebrations and made our own lanterns.

Year 1: in Year 1 this week, we have been planning our independent instructions in English based on an animal that each of the children have chosen. Just like the book we are reading, we have included adjectives and verbs to make our instructions creative and funny. In History, we have continued our learning on the Great Fire of London and we have found out the reasons why the fire spread so quickly and lasted so long.

Year 2: there has been great excitement in Year 2 as we have begun our Walkwise sessions. Unfortunately the weather meant we couldn't go out and about but had great fun doing our first session in the hall. Hopefully next week the weather will be kind and we can begin practising our road safety skills in the local area.

Year 3: once again, we've had another busy week in Year 3. In maths, we've been learning our multiplication facts for the times tables and using related facts to multiply by 10. We are using what we have already learned in previous lessons and are drawing arrays to solve multiplication problems we are unsure of. In science, we have been looking at the properties of rocks and have started to ask whether they are permeable/impermeable, if they have high or low density, and whether they are hardwearing.

	Composition	Texture and Properties	
Detrital Sedimentary Rocks			
Shale	Fine rock fragments smaller than 1/16 mm	Clay-sized particles that cannot be differentiated by the naked eye. May be fissile, splits into distinctive layers	
Sandstone	Medium rock fragments between 1/16 mm and 2 mm	Composed of sand-sized rock fragments. The fragments can vary in mineralogy, including mainly quartz, along with feldspar, and clay	
Breccia	Coarse, angular rock fragments ranging in size, with the largest >2 mm	Poorly sorted mixture of rock fragments, including angular or sub-angular pebbles	
Conglomerate	Coarse, rounded rock fragments ranging in size, with the largest >2 mm	Poorly sorted mixture of rock fragments, including rounded or sub-rounded pebbles	
Chemical and Biochemical Rocks			
Limestone	Calcite crystals or microcrystalline calcite	Masses of large, interlocking calcite crystals or microscopic crystals not visible with the naked eye	
Fossiliferous Limestone	Calcareous skeletal fragments of coral or shells	Consisting of fossils or fossil fragments	
Oolitic Limestone	Calcite concretions, formed around sand or shell fragments	Aggregates of oolites, small spherical calcite concretions	
Chert	Cryptocrystalline Quartz	Microcrystalline polymorphs of quartz, formed by the recrystallization of siliceous skeletons. Conchoidal fracturing; scratches glass	
Rock Salt	Halite and sylvite crystals	Fine- to coarse-grained crystalline structure, with a salty taste and cubic cleavage	

Year 4/5: have been working on their persuasive writing skills, creating very convincing and strong arguments to get a professional footballer to run a club at our school. The focus from the children was extraordinary and I was so happy with the quality of the writing! Well done super stars!

Year 6: we have been developing our knowledge of decimals in Maths, using colons and semi-colons in English and showing off our dancing skills in PE. Mrs Bradley (a dance specialist) was SO impressed with our motif and new sections of our dance. In Science, we conducted a yeast experiment and had faces of amazement when the balloon blew up as a result of the chemical reaction.

Foundation:

The attendance award goes to yr 5 for getting 98.5% this week. Well done !

Learners of the week, well done everyone!!

Foundation: A-R Philips

Year 1: L.McCoulough

Year 2: O.Oliver

Year 3: S.Cassidy

Year 4: L.Grayson

Year 5: P.Sellwood

Year 6: A.Lefter

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Dates to remember!!!

09.02.24 - Mufti Day for Catholic Children's society - money donations please.

26.02.24 - Yr 6 and Foundation height and weight measurement. ALL children are opted in, please return the form to opt out of this.

07.03.24 - World book day - dress as a book character and bring in your favourite book to read with friends.

15.03.24 - Comic Relief - Red Nose Day - Wear as much red as you can!

16.04.24 - Primary school offer from admissions

23.04.23 - Deadline to accept Primary school offers.

Foundation/ Yr 6 - Height and Weight

Letters went out Wednesday 13th December 2023. ***ALL*** children are opted in to this measuring programme, please only return the form if you wish to ***OPT OUT*** of this programme.

Menu Week 1

Week One

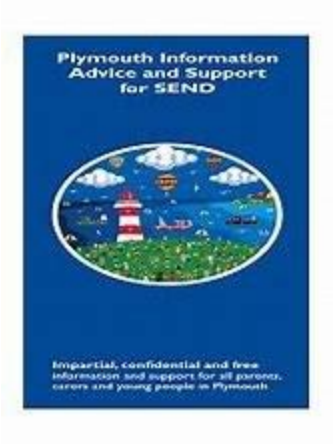
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Focaccia Margherita	Chicken Katsu Curry & Rice	Roast Gammon Steak & Pineapple	Meatballs in a Ragu sauce	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Veggie Bean Wrap	Cheese & Potato Pie	Vegetarian Plait	Veggie Balls in a Ragu Sauce	Veggie Nuggets
Sides	Herby Diced Potato Coleslaw 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; 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	Fillet 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	Coleslaw 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 Bolognese	Jumbo 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 Coleslaw	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
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	13/11/23; 04/12/23; 01/01/24; 22/01/24; 19/02/24; 11/03/24				



1 - [Plymouth Information Advice and Support for SEND. - Supplying you with information, advice and support (plymouthias.org.uk)]

We are delighted to have 20% off all February Roadshows for an extremely limited time and can use code **EARLYBIRDFEB**

https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/courses/plymouth-holiday.html

5 day pass for all roadshows only £80 (save £30) and even more saving with the discount code - direct link below (only limited spaces). Book P3- PAFC Roadshow Week Pass - February Half Term from Argyle Community Trust (officialsoccerschools.co.uk)

Monday 12th February

Home Park / HarpersFootball SpecialICCGirls OnlyICCFootball RoadshowManadonPDC/COE Training day

Tuesday 13th February

Manadon Strikers and GoalkeepersWemburyFootball RoadshowLipson Multi Sports

Wednesday 14th February

ManadonFootball RoadshowManadon Girls OnlyManadonMulti SportsWembury

Plymstock SchoolGymnastics Day

Futsal Roadshow

Thursday 15th February

ICCStrikers and GoalkeepersICCGirls Only

Lipson Vale PrimaryMulti Sports

Friday 16th February

Home Park/HarpersFootball SpecialHome Park / HarpersGirls Football Special

Charlie HardcastleArgyle Community TrustPlymouth and South Devon Sports Participation LeadPlymouth and South Devon Centre of Excellence Manage

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.

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.

[School attendance and absence | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK]

Term dates

WeST Term Dates | **2023 to 2024**

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Important dates

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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** 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 NPDs.

WeST Term Dates 2024 to 2025

Agreed for wider distribution

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Key: *Peach - holiday periods; light green – weekends; blue - Trust NPDs; yellow - School NPDs*

Important dates

Autumn Term Dates: Monday 2 September to Friday 25 October, then Monday 4 November to Friday 20 December

Term 1 40 days (inc. **School NPD Mon 2 Sept and WeST NPD Tues 3 Sept**)

Term 2 35 days

Spring Term Dates: Monday 6 January to Friday 14 February, then Monday 24 February to Friday 4 April

Term 3 30 days (inc. **School NPD Monday 6 January**)

Term 4 30 days

Summer Term Dates: Tuesday 22 April to Friday 23 May, then Monday 2 June to Tuesday 22 July ***(Note:*** *NPDs on Mo 21 and Tu 22 Jul '25 are disaggregated for staff twilight training throughout the year.* ***The last day of the academic year for students and staff is Friday 18 July 2025)***

Term 5 23 days

Term 6 37 days

Children's NHS Dentist

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invite children under 12 years of age
for NHS appointments
Book an appointment today!

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