

AUSTIN FARM

Academy

Newsletter 22/03/2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week has passed and many of the classes have been working on their final writes. I have had the pleasure of reading some completed work and the children's vocabulary choices have astounded me! Please see below for what else your children have been learning this week.

Today, the RE leader from Westcountry School's trust came to see our KS2 Opening Worlds (History, Geography and RE) curriculum in action and she was really impressed with the focus and enthusiasm of

our children. The information they are remembering and the links they are making between their learning was amazing for her to see; we are very proud of them!

Easter hamper squares are selling so well that we have added another 50! Thank you to the Co-op for their chocolatey donations, the hamper is looking fantastic, there's a lot of treats for only £1 a square. Remember, there are also Easter eggs to win - one per class, only 50p a square. You have 4 days left to buy one!

PTA news...we have a date for our Summer Fair!! Friday 5th July 3.30 - 5.00pm.

If you are available to help set up the stalls on the field from 1.30pm, please let us know. If you have any un-used presents that could be for a raffle or good quality second hand toys for the bric-a-brac stall, please bring them to the office after Easter. If you know any businesses who could donate prizes to the raffle, please can you ask them and let us know. We will also be renting out stalls for businesses to sell their products (at a cost of only £10 a table plus a raffle prize); if you know anyone who would be interested in this, please ask them to contact the school office. We have also secured an amazing bouncy castle obstacle course from Bounce-bouncy castle hire www.bouncycastlehireplymouth.co.uk He has a variety of bouncy castles available for all types of events please email him directly on bounceplymouth@gmail.com if you have a party and would like to hire one of his inflatables (but not on the same date as our fair!!!) Please mention that you heard about him from Austin Farm Academy.

I hope you have a great weekend,

Mrs Baptiste



Foundation: this week in foundation the children enjoyed going on a walk around the grounds of the school looking out for signs of Spring. They found new flowers growing in the foundation play area and buds on the trees surrounding the playground.



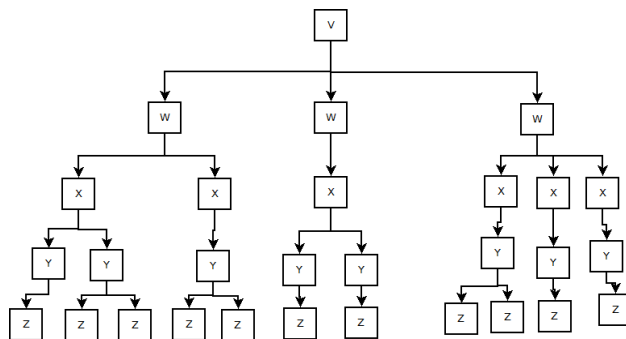
Year 1: in RE this week the children have been sequencing the Easter story. They have demonstrated a great understanding and enjoyed finding about the key days such as Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

*Easter
Sunday*

Year 2: have been learning all about a famous explorer from Plymouth – Sir Robert Falcon Scott. We learnt about how he raced to be the first person to reach the South Pole and how unfortunately he was beaten. We also drew all the items we might want to take with us if we were exploring Antarctica.



Year 3: in our computing lessons with Miss Lang, the class have been very busy learning how to create a branching database. This week they developed their understanding of using questions with yes/no answers to group objects more than once. They also learned how to arrange objects into a tree structure and to think about which attributes the questions are related to. Have more questions? Ask Year 3, they'll be able to explain this further!



Year 4/5: this week year 4/5 have been super scientists. Year 5 have been using different processes to separate a variety of materials from our sludge. They have been using magnets, evaporation, dissolving, filtering and sieving. Year 4 have been building their understanding of how sound travels and how pitch can be changed. They carried out an experiment exploring pitch and how to make sounds higher and lower.



Year 6: in year 6 this week we have been showing off our writing skills by writing in the passive voice, improving our vocabulary and engaging the reader by varying our sentences; we are enjoying writing our explanations for the cracking contraptions. On Tuesday, we welcomed Mrs Cormack who taught us how to play Boccia (a Paralympic sport). It became very competitive and great fun was had by all!



Learners of the week, well done everyone!!



Foundation: M.Honeywill

Year 1: A.Taylor

Year 2: F.Bayne

Year 3: O.Taylor

Year 4: L.Gray

Year 5: O.Collins

Year 6: M.Hayward

The attendance award goes to yr 3 for getting 99% this week. Well done !



Dates to remember!!!



28.3.24 - Last day of the Spring term. Easter hamper draw. Class Easter eggs draw.

16.04.24 - Primary school offer from admissions

23.04.23 - Deadline to accept Primary school offers.

26.04.24 - Yr 6 hoodies ordered and paid deadline.

17.05.24 - Class photos.

26.06.24 - Sports day on the field (weather dependent) gates open at 12.30 .

03.07.24 - Reserve Sports day on the field (weather dependent) gates open at 12.30.

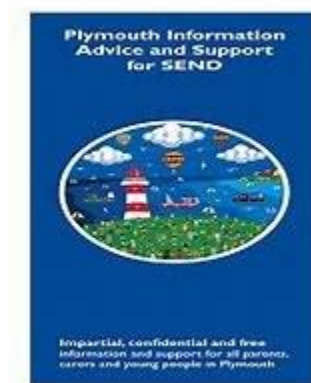
05.07.24 - Summer fair on the field 3.30 - 5.00pm

Menu Week 2

Week One					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Focaccia 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 Oiled Potato Colcaille or Sweetcorn	Peas Baked Beans	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Springwell 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 Cooles	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	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	Colcaille 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:	08/11/23; 27/11/23; 18/12/2023; 11/01/24; 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 Colcaille	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 Jolly	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 - [Workshops - Plymouth Information Advice and Support for SEND. \(plymouthias.org.uk\)](http://plymouthias.org.uk)



Ampoules | Spina Frame Users | Mental Health | Deafness | Dwarfism | Abnormal Down Syndrome | Autism | Learning disability | Cerebral Palsy

PEM FC

Free Coaching Sessions For Pan Disability Football

HAVE FUN

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

PLAY FOOTBALL

BE ACTIVE

Date: Sunday 7th April & Sunday 14th April 1000 - 1200

Location: Dean Cross fields, Plymstock, PL9 7AZ

Public Transport: Bus Route 1A, 2, 5, 5A (Broadway)

Organisers: Lee Ellis, Chris Marsh, Kev Treeby, Luke Monnington

Facilities: Toilets, bar, tea, coffee, snacks, limited parking



We are a newly established friendly football club looking for new players to join our pan-disability organisation (boys & girls) All abilities are welcome! No obligation to join permanently & it's completely free.

Email: Pemfootball@hotmail.com

Telephone: 07877235083 (09:00-18:00)

Ages: 5-11 / Ages 12-14 / Ages 15-18 / Ages 19+



Scan QR code to register or click: plymouthias.org

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.

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

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 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 28 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.

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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 21 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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SpaDental Plymouth and SpaDental Saltash
invite children under 12 years of age
for NHS appointments
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to complete the "contact us" form.

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SpaDental Saltash: 77 Fore St, Saltash, PL12 6AF

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