AUSTIN FARM

Academy

Newsletter 28/03/2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a short week, but a jam-packed one with exciting activities as well as the usual learning, please see below for what each class has been doing.

Revd Ann took our assembly on Monday; she told us about the origins of the Easter celebration and what it means to Christians. She was impressed with some of the thoughtful questions our children

asked. Revd Tatiana also came with her, please see the letter below inviting you to the Easter services at St Edward's church.

On Monday, Mrs Davis took six Year 3 children to Marjon for a Change4Life event. They experienced various sports and activities such as making fruit smoothies (powering the blender with a bicycle), archery, parachute games and relay team games. The children loved all of the activities, showed brilliant behaviour and got involved in everything. Mrs Davis was particularly impressed with how friendly and welcoming they were to children from other schools.

On Wednesday, Mrs Bojang took eight Year 6 children to the Life Centre for a rowing competition. This followed a rowing day experience which was enjoyed by all the Year 5 and Year 6 children earlier in the term. The children showed true resilience rowing for 2 minutes straight. As always, we were incredibly proud of the effort they displayed as well as their positive attitude.

Today we celebrated the end of term with our Headteacher's assembly, we are very proud of all our children and each term we recognise those who have gone over and above in the effort they put into their learning.

Head teacher awards:

EYFS - F Morgan

Yr1 - T Shepherd

Yr2 - H Rice

Yr3 - P Curran

Yr4 - L Gray

Yr5 - E Shepherd

Yr6 - I Tippett

Endeavour awards:

KS1 - G Morgan

KS2 - M Carroll

We also celebrated our fabulous readers; 35 of our KS2 children achieved their AR targets this half term and received a sweet treat as well as their certificates. I think this is a record! The children have all taken their Star reading tests this week to set targets for next half term - keep reading over Easter, ready to quiz as soon as you get back, let's see if we can beat 35 by May.

Attendance - being in school is vital for your children's future, the link between high school attendance, achieving well in exams and getting good jobs is well documented. Well done to our 28 children who all attended school 100% of the time this term.

Forms will go out on Monday 15th April at 6pm via your emails to sign up for next term's new Argyle sporting afterschool clubs which start Monday 22nd April.

Thursday: Athletics club - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Monday: Basketball club - Foundation, Years 1, 2 and 3.

I hope you all have an enjoyable break and spend some quality time with your family and friends; I will be keeping my fingers crossed for some sunshine!

Mrs Baptiste





















The winner of the amazing Easter hamper is L.Cater, enjoy all the yummy chocolate !!!





A big well done to the winners of the Class Easter Eggs.

F/Yr 1: L.McCoulough

Year 2: J.Nuttal

Year 3: S.McCoulough

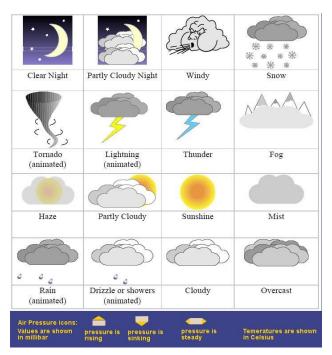
Year 4/5: I.Danbury

Year 6: J.Westcott

Foundation: the children have really enjoyed all of the Easter themed activities during their child-initiated play this week. They have had the opportunity to: create their own patterns on decorations for our class Easter tree, learn more about the Easter story, make bunny ears, match Easter numbers and make delicious chocolate Easter nests!



Year 1: the children have been working very hard this term in their English lessons to create their very own information page on a type of weather. They created their own titles, facts, questions and found a photograph to accompany their work. The information pages have been gathered together to create their own non-fiction book! Foundation and Year 1 children also enjoyed finishing the term with an Easter egg hunt!



Year 2: this week, Year 2 have been making faces as part of our D&T unit. We had to initially make a mock up out of paper to check we were happy with sizing. We then used our mock up to cut out / select our different facial features. Mrs Parker helped us to use the glue gun to assemble all the different parts to make our final face.

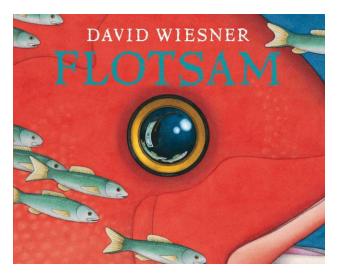


Year 3: what a term it has been! The children have worked hard to produce some great pieces of work and the Year 3 staff are extremely proud of them all. The most impressive of all must be them completing their end-of-unit test on Fractions. What a tricky test it was, but they all persevered and showed what brilliant learners they have been throughout this unit. Now, go and enjoy your time off, Year 3 – you've earned it ②

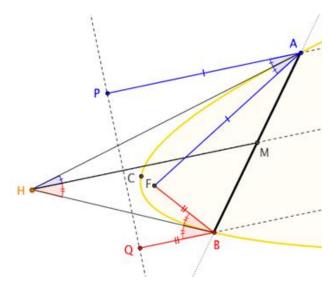


Year 4/5: this week we have been working hard to finish off stories based on the book Flotsam and looking forward to a new unit after Easter where we will be writing recounts. The children have had a

very busy half term and we are very proud of how hard they have worked this half term. Happy Easter from Year 4/5!



Year 6: in Year 6 this week we have been continuing our work on Geometry skills, working with angles in different shapes. In PE, we enjoyed tennis and tag-rugby sessions and have enjoyed a week of no practice SATs papers.



The attendance award goes to yr3 for getting 96% this week. Well done!



Dates to remember!!!



28.03.24 - Last day of the Spring term.

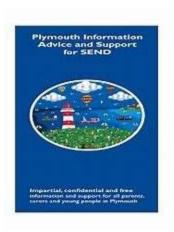
15.04.24 - New sporting afterschool clubs sent via email @ 6pm.

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.
- 26.06.24 Sports day on the field (weather dependent) gates open at 12.30.
- 17.05.24 Class photos.
- 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 1





1 - <u>Plymouth Information Advice and Support for SEND. - Supplying you with information, advice and support</u>
<u>(plymouthias.org.uk)</u>





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?

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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.

School attendance and absence | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK

Term dates

WeST Term Dates 2023 to 2024 . T F S S S 1 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 10 11 13 14 15 16 17 18 20 21 22 23 24 25 27 28 29

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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 38 days School NPD Monday 4/WeST NPD Tuesday 5 September/ WeST NPD Monday 30 O

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

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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Autum Tern Dates: Monday 2 September to Friday 25 October, then Monday 4 Nevember to Friday 20 December
Term 1 40 days (inc. School NPO Mon 2 Sept and WeST NPO Tues 3 Sept)
Term 2 35 days

Spring Term Dates: Monday 6 Jasuary to Friday 14 February, then Monday 24 February to Friday 4 April Term 3 30 days (inc. School NPO 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: NPDson Mo 21 and Tu 22 Jul '15 are disaggregated for stoff twilight training throughout the year. The last day of the acdemic year for students and stoff is Friday 18 July 2025)

25th March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers.

News From St Edward's Church

I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself as the new vicar at \$t Edward's Church. I have enjoyed meeting your children as part of their assemblies with Rev Ann and visiting your lovely school. As we approach the end of term there are a couple of events in the run up to Easter you may be interested in joining us for.

On Good Friday 29th March the Church will be open from 12-3pm where there will be an Easter trail and a range of reflections and activities as well as refreshments and hot cross buns.

On Easter Saturday 30th March at 4pm there will be short service in the church where we will have the opportunity to put our hopes and prayers in a time capsule to be opened next year.

Finally on Easter Day our service will be at 10am where we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection and will include an Easter Egg Hunt.

Looking ahead I have also included the different activities for children, families and young people for the summer term. If you would like to find out about any of these please do get in touch.

In the meantime, on behalf of everyone at St Edward's can I take the opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy Easter break.

With very best wishes.

Rev Tatty

60 Watts Summer Programme 2024



(For Year 5 and above)

We meet together for snacks, games, discussion and activities.

Our young people help to shape the structure of what we do so themes may

vary over the term according to their interests.

Theme

Where and When

Date	Theme	Where and When
Sunday 4th April	School Holidays	No Meeting
Sunday 2 st April	1 What really matters in life?	Church Hall 5.30-6.30
Sunday 28th April	2 Who is Jesus?	Church Hall 5.30-6.30
Sunday 5th May	Bank Holiday Weekend	No Meeting
Sunday 12th May	3 Understanding Jesus' resurrection?	Church Hall 5.30-6.30
Sunday 19th May	4 What does it mean to have faith?	Church Hall 5.30-6.30
Sunday 26th May	Bank Holiday Weekend	No Meeting
Sunday 2 nd June	% Term break	No Meeting
Sunday 9th June	5 Understanding Prayer	Church Hall 5.30-6.30
Sunday 16th June	6 How to navigate the Bible?	Church Hall 5.30-6.30
Sunday 23 rd June	Social event	Church Hall 5.30-6.30
Sunday 30 th June	7 How can God guide us?	Church Hall 5.30-6.30
Sunday 7 th July	8 Understanding the Holy Spirit	Church Hall 5.30-6.30
Sunday 4th July	9 Putting it all together	Church Hall 5.30-6.30
Sunday 2 st July	End of Term Barbecue Party	Vicarge Garden 100 Church Hill PL6 5RD 5.30-7.00

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Sunday 14th April	Bubble Church with Puppets	Church Hall 15.00-16.00
Monday I5th April	Eddybears Stay and Play	Church Hall10.00-11.45
Wednesday 17th April	Community Cafe	Church Hall 11.00-13.30
Sunday 2 st April	All Age Service with Craft	Church 11.15-12.00
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Sunday 9th June	Love your ChurchYard	Church Yard 14:00-17:00
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Children's NHS Dentist



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