

Headteacher News

Early next week (hopefully Monday but maybe Tuesday) we'll be sending out information regarding classes and teachers for next year for every year group. This will also include sending out class lists for the three year groups that are being mixed; Foundation Stage, Year 2 and Year 4. It's taken us a little longer than we'd anticipated because it has come at a time when there are lots of other deadlines and workloads to juggle, particularly the writing of end-of-year reports, and local and national data submission deadlines to meet. However, it is now almost complete and we thought we'd give you the heads-up that this will be communicated early next week as, when I've met with parents regarding the class mixing, they've informed me that an advanced warning would be helpful.

We have a couple of 'class swap' opportunities lined up (one on Wednesday 12th July and the other on Friday 21st July) when the children will get to meet their new teachers, in their next classrooms and, in the case of Foundation, Y2 and Y4, get to see who's in their new class. We are also hoping to provide these three year groups with a couple of additional opportunities to get together in order to get more familiar with the new class make-up. The end of the school year is always a very busy time though so squeezing these in will be tricky!

If there's anything regarding this you wish to discuss with me, you're more than welcome to pop in at the start or end of the school day, or phone or email instead. This also goes for anything else you might want to chat about. I'm not always free/available but there's generally at least one member of the senior leadership team around who's able to stop and have a discussion. We're always keen to hear what parents have to say.

Deputy Headteacher News

Plymouth 400 International Chorus Concert:

This week it was a privilege to have been part of the audience to witness the Plymouth International Choir performance at The Plymouth Guildhall. Over 30 Children from Schools in Plymouth (Massachusetts, America) visited Plymouth (UK) serving as musical ambassadors as part of the ongoing celebrations of the Plymouth 400 Anniversary. On Wednesday 28th June, a large group of primary and secondary children (180 of them) from across our city joined our American visitors in a delightful evening of singing. The program included an eclectic mix of songs that both highlighted the connections and also celebrated the diverse cultures and histories between the US and the UK. The confidence and dedication shown by the children was extraordinary. The Guildhall was full to capacity, distinguished guests, including the Lord Mayor of Plymouth, all thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. I was so proud and impressed with all of the children, but I have to give a special mention to those from Montpelier – they were, in my opinion, by far and away the best of the bunch. It was an emotional event with some very heartfelt, passionate singing - it was a wonderful evening. I must say a massive 'thank you' to Miss JR for creating such an opportunity for the children who took part. It truly was an experience they will never forget.

Illegal Parking around School

It was brought to our attention that residents once again are having a problem with parents parking over driveways etc. Please park sensibly or 'Park and Stride' – park one street away and walk the short distance to school. Thank you.

Children's University Advance notice of Graduation Ceremony 2017

This year's graduation will take place on October 17th, 18th, and 19th 2017 (we will be invited to only one date- yet to be confirmed).

Children will need to return their e passports after the summer holiday to Miss Gilbert by Friday 8th September 2017 so that learning hours can be verified for an invitation to the ceremony. To be invited Children will need to have earned a further 100 learning hours since their last graduation in 2016 or 100 hours with this being their first graduation ceremony.

Diary Dates

Mon 3rd July 2017

- 9:45am for 10am start. Foundation & KS1 Sports Day held at DHSG

Tues 4th July 2017

- KS2 Sports Day held at DHSG
- Yrs. 3 & 4, 9.30am for 9.45am start
- Yrs. 5 & 6, 1pm for 1.15pm start.

Wed 5th July 2017

- Reserve Sports Day

Tues 25th July 2017

- Leavers' assembly
- Last day of term 2:30pm finish (Yr6 finish at 1.30pm)

Wed 26th July 2017

- Start of the summer holidays

Mon 4th Sept 2017

- Non-pupil day

Tues 5th Sept 2017

- First day of term

Mon 23rd – 27th Oct Inc.

- Half term

Wed 20th Dec – 2nd Jan Inc.

- Christmas holiday

Wed 3rd Jan 2018

- Non pupil day

Monty's Den

Monty's Den is our on-site after school care. Call on 07522 429599 for more information or to book a session. Flexible booking available.

www.thedens.co.uk



Foundation News

The week began with a visit from PCSO Chris Pooley who spoke to the children about his work in the community. Our British Values/Art Day on Wednesday was enjoyed by all and the children produced some super work on poppies as a symbol of Liberty and Freedom. On Tuesday and Thursday we welcomed children from Playbox who visited the classes. It is hard to believe our Foundation unit started school nearly a year ago and they did a great job in showing the children around and looking after them. We are all praying for fine weather on Monday and look forward to seeing you at Sports day.

Year 1 News

Wow! What incredible artwork the children produced this week! We explored the British Value regarding the 'Rule of Law' and learnt all about Lady Justice before creating some incredible cubist inspired portraits. We also read another amazing 'Traction Man' story and wrote about what we would pack if we were off on a busy beach adventure. In maths, we've been busy learning about multiplication and division using arrays. It was tricky but the children rose to the challenge as always! Have a restful weekend, we look forward to seeing you at Sports Day on Monday!

Year 2 News

It's been another exciting week in Year 2. We have designed and written descriptions about our very own inventions for transporting Mr Grinling's lunch to the lighthouse. We've had some very creative ideas. On the subject of creativity, it was brilliant to see the children learn about tolerance through the British artist Keith Garrow. Could you ask your child what they learned about tolerance? Soon, we'll begin preparation for our Year 2 performance. Please see the date for the performance in the dates section of The Beacon. Have a super weekend!

Year 3 News

What an amazing Evacuee trip we all had to Calstock, the children absolutely loved the experience and they all looked fantastic. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents for your efforts with the fancy dress costumes, it made the trip and made the trip even more special. Your ongoing support has always been so valued by us all. Year 3 Team

Year 4 News

What a busy week the children have had! In English, the children have written explanations on how their inventions work. We are looking forward to sharing our inventions with you during 'The Year 4 Great Exhibit' on Thursday 6th July 2017. In Maths, they have been completing various challenges involving the four operations. The children are also looking forward to their trip to Morwellham Quay. Thank you for all the voluntary contributions and permission slips that have been returned so far. Unfortunately, the current funds that we have received are insufficient to cover costs. We appreciate that this can be a costly time of year for parents/carers but, without enough voluntary contributions, the trip will have to be cancelled. Obviously, we want to avoid this if at all possible as we know how much the children are looking forward to it. If you are unable to make the full contribution, any donation that you are able to offer will be greatly appreciated. Have a great weekend.

Year 5 News

Another busy week in year 5. We had a great British Values/Art day on Wednesday with the children creating some great artwork and thank you to those parents who popped in after school to have a look at the creations.

In Maths we are continuing with our reflection and translation unit, while in English we have been looking at cohesion between sentences and paragraphs.

Next week, weather permitting, is Sports Day, please make sure your child has the correct PE kit in school.

On Tuesday 11th July we have been invited to DHSG to watch a performance of Peter Pan, details of which are in a letter which has been sent home today.

Year 6 News

It's a busy time in year 6! The play is coming along nicely. Just a few weeks to go! If you have been asked to source a costume, it would be appreciated if your child could bring it in by Friday 7th July. This means full dress rehearsals can take place in the week beginning Monday 10th July before our performance in the following week. Ticket information will be released next week.

We took a break from rehearsals this week to take part in British Values art day. The children showed a fantastic understanding of what being British means and could explain democracy, liberty, respect and tolerance. They explored the artwork of Banksy and created their own Banksy-style artwork. It was a fantastic day!

CaterEd

Change to School Menu

American Independence Day meal

on Tuesday 4th July.

Choice of

Cheese Burger,

Plain Beef burger, or

Veggie Burger

All the above are served with fries

Jacket potatoes

Chocolate Brownie

Lost and Found

Has anyone lost me?

I am very lonely and need my little person to hug me again.



Please contact Jane Gilbert

Music News

Congratulations to the 50 Montpelier children that sang in the Plymouth International Chorus concert with singers from the USA on Wednesday. The standard was incredible! An instant standing ovation from the audience tells you everything. We are so proud of every child that took part- real ambassadors for our school in terms of both behaviour and singing.

Miss JR

Race for life sponsor money

Just a reminder to return any sponsor money as soon as possible as we will be presenting a cheque to Cancer research UK on July 14th. Many thanks to you all.

Children's University

Teddy bear hospital

Wednesday 5th July -booking essential- see Children's university page on MPS website for full details.

Emotional Health and Wellbeing Drop In

*For children aged 5 to 18 and
their families*

If you're worried about something that's happening in your life, need some space to talk or want some advice on how you're feeling, drop in and have a chat to a trained professional.

You can come on your own or with someone else; you will always be made to feel welcome.

When? Monday 31st July 1-3

Monday 14th August 1-3

*Where? Upstairs in Starbucks,
Armada Way, PL1 1HU*



FRIDAY 25th AUGUST

11:00 - 3:00pm

A GOOD OLD FASHIONED FUN DAY

COCONUT SHY

WATER SLIDE

FACE PAINTING

LIMBO

TRAMPOLINING

HOOK A DUCK

CAKE SALE

LIVE MUSIC

SWEET STALL

HISTORY THEME

BBQ

ART & CRAFTS

BOUNCY CASTLE

RAFFLE/AUCTION

TIN CAN ALLEY

PIZZA OVEN

TUG OF WAR

BEST DRESSED PRIZE

FREE ADMISSION

**FOOD & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
COSTS MAY APPLY**

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Don't be late for a very important date!



The Law Society
Junior Lawyers
Plymouth



Mad Hatter's Tea Party Family Fun Day

9 July 2017 - 11am-3pm

Boringdon Park Golf Club

All proceeds going to



Bouncy castle
Stall holders
Face painters
Dog show
Food and drink vendors
Craft tables
Fancy dress competitions
Theatre and music performers
Dance performances
Plymouth Princess Parties
Raffle

£2
per person

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