

**Deputy Headteacher News****Site Security**

I would like to start with a small reminder about site security. At the end of the school day the only access into the school building is the main entrance. All other exits will be locked and closely monitored by the staff at the school. The school gates will be open by our Site Manager Zak Morgan from 15.00. Please be patient and allow time for this to happen as we have six entrances across our school site. At the end of the day the children will be shown out by their teacher or teaching assistant and they will be available at this time if you wish to speak with them or indeed they need to speak with you. After each class has been dismissed the door will be closed to ensure that our schools building is secure. I ask that if you wish to enter the building at this time, you use the main entrance in the same way that you would throughout the school day. In addition the school gates will be closed from 15.45. This will give enough time for all children to leave the school site safely. I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Year 3 lantern Parade

It seems like a life time ago, as it happened last Friday, but I need to say a huge thank you to the Year 3 team and children for the amazing spectacle that was the lantern parade. It was fantastic to see so many children, parents and extended family members return to school at half past four on a Friday to celebrate the end and be part of the wonderful learning experience that year 3 enjoyed throughout the week. Personally I had a great time and the smiles on the faces of the children were a joy to see. Events like this serve as a huge reminder that education is all about the children and the experiences they will remember as they continue on their individual learning journeys. I hope the children and parents who were present enjoyed it as much as me. Have a great weekend and I will see you all next week.

Foundation News

The children had great fun today on our '50 Things day' creating Christmas pictures using natural materials outside. Next week we are looking forward to watching the Year 1 performance of 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' and our Christmas lunch on Thursday. The children will also be weighing Santa's presents and writing what they find on their Christmas hunts.

Year 1 News

Year 1 have been extremely busy this week practising for their performance of the Jolly Christmas Postman. The children are looking forward to performing it for their parents next week.

Year 2 News

The children were so excited this week when a golden envelope arrived in each of the year two classes. Willy Wonka sent us a golden ticket, asking us to help him create a new chocolate bar to sell at the Christmas Fair. We have been busy learning about what makes an amazing set of instructions so we can help him. Hopefully he'll be impressed. A huge thank you to those of you who have been helping your children to learn their spellings. We have been checking their progress in their writing and have decided to stick with the current list until Christmas. We will be testing their progress in some creative ways over the next couple of weeks, so keep practising! Please ask if you need another copy. Have a great weekend, The Year Two Team

Year 4 News

Year 4 have become masters of triangles this week in Maths! They have been learning the 4 different triangles, investigating their properties and working out the missing angles without using a protractor... along with lots of other shape investigations. In English they have been working on their innovation diary entries of a Roman soldier. To help the children understanding how the soldiers might have felt, they became soldiers themselves.

Diary Dates**Thurs 10th Dec 2015**

- Christmas lunch

Fri 11th Dec 2015

- Christmas Fair

Mon 14th Dec

- Christmas Carol Service

Fri 18th Dec 2015

- Christmas Jumper **Mufti**
- Text Santa Appeal

- Last day of term

Mon 4th Jan 2016

- Non pupil day

Tues 5th Jan 2016

- First day of term

Mon 15th – Fri 19th Feb Inc.

- Half term

Thursday 24th Mar 2016.

- 'Wear a Hat' **Mufti** Day

Fri 25th Mar – Fri 8th Apr Inc

- Easter holidays

Mon 11th Apr 2016

- Non pupil day

Mon 2nd May 2016

- Bank holiday

Mon 30th May 2016

- Bank holiday

Tues 31st May - Fri 3rd June Inc.

- Half term

Mon 6th June 2016

- Non pupil day

***"Remember to check the
Lost Property Bins"***



Year 3 News

Year 3 were excited this week to find an ancient time travel poem in the forest. They have learnt the poem with actions so you could ask them to share it with you! Next week they will be writing their own time travel poems. In maths the children have continued to learn about shape, focusing on 3D shapes and even exploring angles. Perhaps they could hunt for some angles at home!

Year 3 would also like to thank you for attending the Lantern Parade last Friday night, it was a spectacular evening and made all the special by the huge attendance that we had.

Year 5 News

This week the children have been working hard on their setting and character descriptions in English and working on their mental addition and subtraction in Maths. In addition, they have been researching information on the planets of the Solar system. We hope you are enjoying keeping your Moon diaries and look forward to seeing them during the last week of term.

Year 6 News

"Order, Order! I say order!" Each year class held their very own debate this week. John Hawkins was on trial accused of crimes related to slavery. The children took on the role of prominent characters of the time, including: Elizabeth 1, King Philip of Spain and Sir Francis Drake. The prosecution and defence both made valid points and tensions were high throughout resulting in an extremely lively and fun lesson.

They had further chance this week to show off their drama skills when they re-enacted the famous incident where Rosa Parks refused to move from her seat on the bus during Apartheid. We did this on Tuesday which was exactly 60 years since the event.

Netball

Congratulations to the year 5 and 6 netball team who competed in their first competition on Tuesday at Heles. The girls played extremely well and managed to reach the semi-final, unfortunately they were up against a very tough team and unable to reach the final. Well done girls you played fantastically.

Athletics

No more after school Athletics, this will restart in the New Year.

Carol Service

With just over a week to go we are nearly ready! Tickets will be given out from Monday, so if you haven't been online to order tickets, please do so this weekend before they sell out. We have over 160 pupils taking part so the audience is in for a treat!

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties Thursday 17th December. Wear uniform to school and then have their party wear in a named carrier for the afternoon fun.

Lost

Have you a Black Power Ranger Scooter, left in the KS1 'Bike Park', belonging to Byron Grieves in 1M? If you know of its whereabouts then please inform the school office. Thank you.

TT Rockstars

You may have heard your child talking about TT Rockstars. This is a fantastic, fun website to help your child learn their timetables. All the children in year groups 1 to 6 have membership to the website. Your child can search for the website on the internet and then log in using the same username and password as they use for eSchools. Each child has their own rockstar which they can 'buy' new clothes for. Basically the more they play the more they earn! There will be a whole school weekly leader board in school to display the children who have earned the most for their rockstar.

Calling all Santas

This Sunday 6th December (at 11am) is the Plymouth Santa Fun Run, in the Plymouth City Centre – a great event for all the family!

Entry £12.50 for adults, £7.50 for children – the outfit then comes free. The run is approx. 4K (2.5 miles) through the City Centre. You do not need to be a marathon runner, just be willing to have fun in a www.plymouthsantafunrun.co.uk



Swimming

Congratulations to Niamh Hutchinson 6S who has competed in many swimming competitions in order to gain County Qualification times. So far she has achieved 8 different County times. She has gained 3 x Gold, 5 x Silver and 5 bronze medals just in October and November.

Last weekend Niamh with her team Plymouth Leander took part in the National Junior Arena League final in Corby Northamptonshire after winning the Southern League earlier in the year. Niamh was selected for the 50m Fly individual and 25m Fly leg of the relay. The team went in ranked 7th but actually finished 5th... in the Country. So a massive achievement! Well done, all the training is paying off.

Childrens University

Is your child part of the children's University and actively collecting learning hours whilst attending out of school activities? If so it would be lovely to be able to display photos of them at their groups on our display board so that other children may be encouraged by their peers. If you have any photos, (we can always copy them) or you can email them to me or anything else that may add interest do contact me or send them in via your children.

Also if your child attended the Sparkle event in November and you have any photos you wouldn't mind us displaying or putting on our website that would be great too.

Many thanks in anticipation, Jane Gilbert

A big well done to the Year 6 steel pan players who entertained the residents of the Glentor Centre yesterday with a Christmas performance. They were outstanding ambassadors for the school and it was enjoyed by residents and staff alike.

Hamoaze House

Hamoaze House are proud to present The Truly Adventurous Voyage of the Good Ship Happy Hamoaze on Saturday 9th January 2016 at 2.30 pm. To be held in the Main Hall, Hamoaze House, Mount Wise, Plymouth, PL1 4JQ.

Tickets are available from Reception at Hamoaze House. Tel: 566100

Email: office@hamoazehouse.org.uk

Adult £3.00, Over 65's/Children £1.50