

Welcome back!

Dear Parents/Carers

It's great to see everyone back at school after a lovely long hot summer break. May I offer a warm welcome to our new pupils and parents who are joining us this term, and we look forward to getting to know your sons and daughters in the coming weeks.



It has been a busy summer in school. We have a new amphitheatre at the back of school, which we are looking forward to using once the grass has grown. We have also replaced our gazebo which was looking a bit tired, with two new static bicycles.



Mr Roberts, our caretaker has once again worked tirelessly during the holidays. Many of our classrooms have received a fresh lick of paint and the whole school has been cleaned from top to bottom. Thank you Mr Roberts, for all your hard work.

As you already know we had another successful year of Sats results, and as national and local results are now published I am delighted that all our Year 6 results are significantly above both the national and city average scores. I know our Yr 6 pupils felt extremely proud of their results, which provided them with a good springboard for the journey to secondary school.

I am incredibly proud of the achievements of all our pupils. I would especially like to thank the staff for their hard work and dedication in making these results possible.

On the subject of staff, we welcome back Mrs Short from her maternity leave, and two trainees Mr Callard who is joining Yr 2 and Mr Baverstock who is joining Yr 4.

This term is always a busy one so please keep a watchful eye on text messages, the weekly newsletter and the school website.

My door is always open if you ever have any concerns.

With my best wishes for the term ahead. Mrs Tustain

Polite Request

To ensure the safety of the children and to aid the growth of the new grass, we politely request that young children are kept off the amphitheatre and play equipment in the back playground. Thank you

Change in the weather..

Don't forget to bring your coats to school now that the weather is colder. Thank you

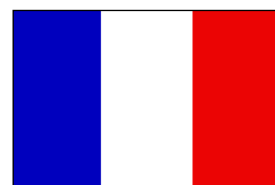
Information for Parents

Hopefully by now you will have received letters from your child's class teacher regarding the year ahead. Please note we are asking parents to acknowledge hearing your child read at least 3 times a week. Unfortunately we have seen a gradual decline in parents hearing their child read and yet it is so important. Thank you for your support.



Yr 5/6 residential to France

We are delighted to tell you that our planned trip to Brest, France will be going ahead. Our next meeting for parents is Thurs 20th Sept at 2:45pm.





Congratulations to Plympbridge House

Winners of the House Cup this week
with 1419 tokens.

Well done.

Lost Property

We never cease to be amazed at the amount of lost property that accumulates throughout the school year. Please, please make sure everything your child brings to school is clearly labelled. If it moves label it!



New School Book Shop

Thank you to our Parents Teachers & Friends Association (PTFA) who have provided the school with funding to start a school bookshop. Our new bookshop is located in Mrs Allen's office and is open at break times and after school.

We have a great selection of books all priced at £1. We would be grateful if children wish to purchase a book that money is brought to school in a sealed envelope with their name clearly marked. All money raised will be used to purchase more new books.

Thank you for your support and happy reading everyone!

Our Time of Praise and Success assemblies (TOPS) previously held on a Friday are now moving to a Monday, so pupils can receive their certificates shortly after being awarded them instead of having to wait until the end of the week. I am sure you agree this is a much improved arrangement. Thank you for your support.

Governor News

Mrs Lynn Harvey has decided to step down from being a school governor.

We would like to thank Mrs Harvey for all her hard work and support during the past 7 years. Mrs Harvey has given much of her own time, for which we are very grateful.

Thank you

Absence

Just a quick reminder if your child is away from school, for whatever reason, please telephone the school on Tel: 01752 337427 to leave a message.

Also if your contact details have changed or you've moved house please let the school office know. Thank you





Time of Praise and Success (Tops) Assembly

Well done to those who have received an award this week



	Perseverance	Making Links	Collaboration	Revising
Year 1	Darcie H	Isabella M	Shanti C	William B
Year 2	Robbie D	Emily E	Dexter H	Evangeline M
Year 3	Samuel H	Isla H	Madison D	Daniel D
Year 4	George A	Oliver E	Jay F	Evie Rose H
Year 5	Nathan H	Lacey M	Logan R	Beth P
Year 6	Christopher F	Joseph P	Joseph P	Caitlin S

This term we are continuing to reward children for developing their Characteristics of Learning, Each week, four children from every class will be awarded a certificate for: Persevering with their learning, making links and asking questions, revising and reviewing their learning or for working collaboratively)

Certificates will be handed out at **Mondays assembly** and parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to come and share this celebration of their child's learning.

PTFA Update

Don't forget the PFTA AGM which is taking place on Friday 28th September, at the same time as the MacMillan Coffee Morning, 9am to 10am - **everyone welcome**.

If you are interested in helping out or volunteering on a regular basis, the PTFA would love to hear from you.

We are always interested in any fundraising ideas so if you have something you would like to suggest, please feel free to contact our secretary, Mr N Taylor via PTFASECRETARY@PSMPS.CO.UK.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the 28th!



Plympton St Maurice Primary School are part of the Sainsbury's School Games network and the Plymouth School Sports Partnership. For all upcoming events and opportunities, please refer to the links posted.

www.yourschoolgames.com

www.plymouthssp.co.uk



Diary Dates

September 2018

Monday 17th	Foundation Children start full time Extra-curricular activities start (10 weeks)
Tuesday 18th	School Parliament Meeting 2.45pm
Wednesday 19th	Military Kids Club Lunch 12.20pm
Thursday 20th	Y5 & 6 France Residential Parents Meeting 2.45pm
Monday 24th	Individual and Family Photos (8.30am portraits with siblings)
Tuesday 25th	Y6 Trip to Wembury
Wednesday 26th	Taiko Drumming Y5 & 6 (10 weeks)
Friday 28th	MacMillan Coffee Morning 9-10am - PTFA AGM - all parents welcome

October 2018

Tuesday 2nd	Eco Club Meeting 2.45pm 'Mookwalk' to Yealmpstone Farm Primary School 1.20 - 1.45pm
Wednesday 3rd	Maths Workshop for parents - all parents welcome
Thursday 4th	Parent Council Meeting 2.30pm - all parents welcome
Wednesday 10th	Harvest Festival, at school, with Father Will Sweeney 2pm
Wednesday 17th	Foundation Parents Lunch
15th - Fri 19th	Parents Evenings
Friday 19th	Parent Coffee Morning in staffroom

Half Term - Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October

Monday 29th	Non Pupil Day - School Closed
Tuesday 30th	Start of Term 2 - Children Return to School

November 2018

Friday 2nd	Y5&6 Residential 2nd payment deadline
Tuesday 6th	School Parliament Meeting 2.45pm
Wednesday 7th	Military Kids Club Meeting to decorate Remembrance candle
Friday 9th	Remembrance Service 10.55am (prompt start) - all parents welcome
Sunday 11th	Remembrance Service at St Maurice Church 9.30am
Monday 12th	Anti-bullying Assembly 2.45pm - all parents welcome
Friday 16th tbc	Children in Need Day (mufti tbc)

Diary Dates

November 2018 continued

Friday 23rd	Y6 visit from Warburtons Bread Makers
Friday 30th	Parent Coffee Morning in staffroom 9am
Friday 16th tbc	Children in Need Day (mufti tbc)
Friday 23rd	Y6 visit from Warburtons Bread Makers
Friday 30th	Parent Coffee Morning in staffroom 9am School Christmas Fayre 2.30 - 4.30pm

December 2018

3rd - 7th	Show us what you know week
Thursday 6th	Theatre Visit to Awful Auntie at Plymouth Theatre Royal 7pm
Friday 14th	Military Kids Club Xmas Party/Film Night 4-5.30pm
Monday 17th	Foundation & KS1 Dress rehearsal
Tuesday 18th	Foundation & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 20th	Christmas Lunch Christmas Service at St Maurice Church 2pm Awards Assembly (parents will be notified if their child is receiving an award)
Friday 21st	Carols in the Community (SK2) 10am End of term 2 - Christmas Jumper Day mufti

Christmas Holidays - Monday 24th December to Friday 4th January

January 2019

Monday 7th	Non Pupil Day - School Closed
Tuesday 8th	Start of Term 3 - Children Return to School

February 2019

Friday 15th	Last day of Term
18th - 22nd	Half Term
Monday 25th	Start of Term 4 - Children Return to School

For further term dates, please see the school website or contact the school office.

WORLD MARITIME DAY

ENJOY AN OCEANIC TREAT OF EPIC PROPORTIONS

FRIDAY
21ST SEPTEMBER 2018



**BATTERED FISH AND CHIPS OR
VEGETARIAN HOTDOGS**

Please note that it will be breaded and not battered fish.

Child safety on YouTube: parent factsheet

What's the problem?

You may have seen news reports about inappropriate children's videos on YouTube.

These are videos that, at first, appear to be for children, as they include cartoon characters such as Peppa Pig, or characters from Disney films such as Frozen. However, later on the videos become violent or disturbing. One, for example, shows Peppa Pig being tortured at the dentist.

The videos can appear in YouTube search results when children look for genuine children's videos.

YouTube says that such videos will be age-restricted *if they are reported by users*, so they cannot be viewed by anyone under 18.

This factsheet explains how you can protect your child when they are using YouTube apps or the website.

What safety options are there on YouTube Kids?

The YouTube Kids app **automatically filters out inappropriate content**. However, YouTube explains that "no algorithm is perfect" and "your child might find content you don't want him or her to watch".

To help protect your child in YouTube Kids, you can set parental controls and change settings: tap the 'Lock' icon in the bottom corner of any page, enter your custom passcode and click 'Settings'. Here you can:

- Turn the search function off, so your child can only see recommended, curated videos under each category on the home screen: toggle 'Search' to off
- Set a timer to limit how much time your child spends on the app: select 'Timer' and use the slider bar or the plus and minus icons to set a time limit, then tap 'Start Timer'

You can also block videos or channels you don't want your child to watch:

- Tap the 3 dots ('more') at the top of the video, tap 'Block' and select 'Block this video' or 'Block this channel' to block the whole channel associated with the video
- Tap 'Block' again, then enter the numbers you see written on the screen, or your custom passcode

To report content to YouTube that you think is inappropriate, use the 'flagging function': tap the flag icon next to a video or comment and select your reason for flagging.

The app does have advertising, but YouTube says it restricts adverts that aren't child-friendly.

What safety options are there on YouTube?

Turn on 'restricted mode'

This hides videos that may contain inappropriate content. YouTube says that "no filter is 100% accurate, but it should help you avoid most inappropriate content". To do this:

- On the website: click on the icon in the top-right corner that represents your YouTube account; in the drop-down menu look for 'Restricted Mode'
- In the app: tap Settings, then 'Restricted Mode Filtering', and turn it on

Flag inappropriate videos

If you think a video or a comment on a video is inappropriate, you can use the 'flagging feature' to prompt YouTube staff to check it and decide whether to block or restrict it:

- Tap or click the flag icon next to a video or comment and select the reason for flagging

Flagged content is constantly reviewed to check for any violation of YouTube's Community Guidelines.

How else can I help ensure my child's safety online?

The tips below will help you to set rules for your child about accessing videos on the internet and their online behaviour, and support them to understand the risks and what to do if something happens.

- ☐ Try to have your child in the same room as you when they are using the internet, and discourage them from using headphones
- ☐ Chat to your child about what online videos might not be suitable for them to watch and share
- ☐ Regularly check the history of videos they have watched online for anything inappropriate, or create a playlist for them
- ☐ Encourage your child to tell you if they see something they find worrying or nasty
- ☐ If your child wants to share a video they have recorded, check they get permission from anyone who features in it before they upload it
- ☐ Tell your child not to give out any personal information or anything that can identify them, such as a school uniform or street name
- ☐ Regularly check comments made on your child's videos. Talk to your child about how they could receive nasty or negative comments from other people, and what they should do if this happens
- ☐ If another YouTube user posts a video of your child or shares personal information without consent, you can ask for this content to be removed by using YouTube's privacy complaint process

Where else can I go for support?

[Policies, safety and reporting, YouTube](https://support.google.com/youtube/topic/2676378?hl=en&ref_topic=6151248)

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[Privacy complaint process, YouTube](https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/142443)

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[YouTube Kids parental guide, YouTube](https://support.google.com/youtubekids/#topic=6130504)

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The [National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children \(NSPCC\)](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/) has a range of resources for parents on internet safety

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Sources for this factsheet

This factsheet was produced by [Safeguarding Training Centre from The Key](#), in collaboration with [National Online Safety](#)

[YouTube to restrict 'disturbing' children's videos, if flagged, BBC News, 10 November 2017](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-41942306)

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Child safety on Fortnite: parent factsheet

Fortnite is an online video game where players compete to be the last person standing in a post-apocalyptic world. The most popular version is Fortnite: Battle Royale, which sees up to 100 players pitted against each other to stay alive on an island. Players can build and demolish structures, and collect weapons, supplies and armour to help them along the way.

Players shoot each other using a range of lethal weapons, but the brightly-coloured, cartoon-style graphics and lack of bloodshed mean it doesn't feel too gory or graphic.

To play, the age recommendation is **12 and above** due to 'mild violence', although you don't have to provide your age when creating an account, so younger children can still log on easily.

Fortnite: Battle Royale is **free to download** on PC/Mac, Xbox, Playstation, Nintendo Switch and iOS devices (Apple phones and tablets). It's coming to Android soon.

It has about 45 million monthly users worldwide including the England football team, who reportedly played it in their World Cup downtime.

What are the concerns?

You may have seen news reports or heard concerns raised about the:

- **Communication between players:** a chat function allows players to talk to each other either over a headset and microphone, or using messaging. Children could use it to speak to strangers, or it could put them at risk of cyberbullying
- **In-app purchases:** players can build up large bills on their parents' accounts by buying cosmetic items like outfits for your character and better-looking weapons (otherwise known as 'skins')
- **Addictive nature of the game:** anecdotal stories tell of children staying up all night to play, or falling asleep in lessons after playing for too long. Some commentators attribute this to the communal feel of the game – you can play with your friends – and the game is different every time you play, keeping it fresh

What safety options are available to parents?

Use the parental controls on the gaming device

Most devices allow you to **set time limits** on game play, **set age limits** for content, and **restrict in-app purchases**.

Visit the website 'ask about games' for links to detailed instructions on the device your child uses – the site covers Playstation 3, Playstation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, Apple and Android phones, and Nintendo Switch.

[Ask About Games](http://www.askaboutgames.com)

www.askaboutgames.com/advice/parental-controls

The battles in Fortnite last around 20 minutes. When trying to limit your child's screen time, make the most of this natural stopping point. Set a limit in terms of matches rather than hours and minutes, or set time limits in 20 minute increments.

Turn off the voice chat feature

Speak to your child to make sure they know this feature exists, and encourage them to use the options below if they encounter someone who is offensive or inappropriate.

You can disable the voice chat function in the game if you:

- Open the settings menu (the 3 lines on the right-hand-side of the screen), then choose the 'cog' icon
- Select the 'audio' tab
- You should be able to turn off 'voice chat' by tapping the arrows next to it

You can also 'mute' individual players in the game by:

- Pausing the game
- Hovering over the player you wish to mute
- Selecting the mute button (a loudspeaker icon)

Make sure your child knows how to report inappropriate behaviour

You or your child can report players who make them uncomfortable using the in-game feedback tool (located in the main menu).

You can also use the 'support' section of the Epic Games site (the makers of Fortnite). You're asked to select the platform you play the game on, the game mode you're playing, and then you can select 'report player'. You can provide more detail such as the player's name, and attach a screenshot.

[Support, Epic Games](https://fortnitehelp.epicgames.com/customer/portal/emails/new?b_id=9729&q=email+us)

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What else can I do?

Further tips

- Download and play the game to help you understand it
- Talk to your child about what they're doing online, and make sure they know they can talk to you about anything that has upset them
- Check your bank statements and gaming system account balance regularly to look for in-app purchases you're not happy with, and to make sure your child isn't getting around any passwords you've set up

More sources of support

- Non-profit organisation Internet Matters has put together [5 top tips to manage children's screen time](https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/5-top-tips-to-manage-childrens-screentime/).
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- The NSPCC has also teamed up with O2 to offer advice to parents. You can call their free helpline on 0808 800 5002, or [make an appointment](https://guru.secure.force.com/O2DeskStoreLocator) with an O2 Guru in an O2 store.
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UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE PLYMPTON HUB

Plymouth DYSLEXIA Network Group

For information & advice on the signs & symptoms of dyslexia, & the positive support that's available contact specialist dyslexia teacher Sarah Baines of Exceed sarah.exceed@icloud.com

FASDDAC Support Group

For all those affected by Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, as sufferers, carers and loved ones. Discuss problems, exchange tips and raise awareness. For info' contact Lee Harvey-Heath lh.h.fasd@gmail.com

AUTISM Ideas Exchange

Alternate Wednesdays 9:30 - 11:00am

Meet with fellow parents & carers of children with ASC in a relaxed, friendly & informal environment. Share experiences, information & ideas. Facilitated by Caroline Snell, Autism Specialist Teacher.

EQUAL MINDS Carers Ideas Exchange

Every 3rd Monday of the month 6:00 - 7.30pm

An inclusive, supportive group for friends, family members and partners of people with a mental health condition.

Free 1:1 & Couples COUNSELLING

Sessions Available on Thursdays

Free counselling sessions provided by our qualified counsellor Naomi. By appointment only.

EMOTIONAL LOGIC Sessions

Sessions Available Every Wednesday

Emotional Logic is a well-proven lifelong-learning approach to resolving issues and handling emotions. Sessions are suitable for families, groups and individuals. By appointment only.

For all general enquiries please call: 07533 747 794

or email: charlotte@plymptonhub.org



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Reg' Charity No: 1162674

Do you have an aspiration? Is there something stopping you?



If you are aged 11 to 19* the Plymouth Aspirations Trust can give you a helping hand towards achieving your goals...

We can offer up to £500 to help you realise your dreams.

If you're interested in finding out more visit

www.plymouth.gov.uk/youthfund or call 01752 307414

or email aspirations.trust@plymouth.gov.uk

*up to 25 with additional needs



Short Breaks

September Bell Boating



- ☐ Sunday 16th September
- ☐ 10am – 12pm
- ☐ Mount Batten Centre, PL9 9SJ
- ☐ Free



This September, Plymouth City Council's Short Breaks Service and its Sports Development Unit have arranged a FREE bell boating session at the Mount Batten Centre for disabled children and their parents/carers

Places are limited to one child and one adult per family (both must take part in the activity)

If you are a parent or carer of a disabled child aged 8 to 18 who lives within Plymouth and who would like to find out more, or to register your interest, then please email Ben.Kerswell@plymouth.gov.uk

These events are part of the Plymouth City Council Short Breaks offer for disabled children.

To be eligible to access these events your child must live in Plymouth and have a diagnosis of a disability and attend a special school or support centre. Although they may still be eligible if they attend a mainstream school and are supported by an EHC Plan.

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Baby & Children's Nearly New Sale!



Sat 15th SEPTEMBER

10am - 12 noon

Harewood House, Ridgeway, PLYMPTON, PL7 2AS

BUY top quality preloved baby and children's toys, clothes, books and equipment for a fraction of the high street prices, at our indoor markets!



Admission is £2 on the door (kids for free) or download our 2 for 1 voucher found on our website. Free entry 11.30am onwards!



Mum2mum Market Devon and Cornwall

www.mum2mummarket.co.uk



Ivybridge
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Year 6 Open Evenings

**Wednesday, 19 September 2018
and
Tuesday, 25 September 2018
6.00pm - Dining Hall**



"Educating girls: head, heart, hands"



Notre Dame Plymouth **Open Evening**

Wednesday 19th September

4 - 7pm

For more information please
visit ndonline.org or call **01752 775101**



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