

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2017

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who came along to yesterday's Christmas Fayre. It was great to see everyone in the festive mood, while also raising money for school. Your support is very much appreciated. Particular thanks to Mrs Robinson for organising everything and to staff and helpers who gave up their time..



Diary dates

Monday 11th December

Military Kids Club party at Boringdon Primary 4-5:30pm (NB Change of date)

Monday 11th December

Nativity Dress rehearsal am.

Plympton Academy Choir performing at Plympton St Maurice Primary school 11:30am

Tuesday 12th December

Nativity Performance 2pm & 6pm.

Thursday 14th December

Childcare Centre Nativity

12pm Christmas Lunch

2pm Church Service at Plympton St Maurice. Parents welcome.

Friday 15th December

Awards Assembly 9:15am. Parents welcome

Monday 18th December

10am Carols in the Community KS2

Tuesday 19th December

Christmas Jumper Day/mufti.

2pm Mr Phil Children's Entertainer

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Non Pupil day

Thursday 4th January 2018

Children back



Thank you to our fantastic team of Christmas tree decorators who gave up their lunch time to decorate our school's Christmas Trees. They did a great job!

Christmas Jumper Mufti

We have our Christmas Jumper mufti on Tuesday 19th December. We are asking all children that wear their Christmas jumper to bring in £1 donation that will be going to Save the Children fund.



Time of Praise and Success (Tops) Assembly

Well done to those who have received an award this week



	Perseverance	Making Links	Collaboration	Revising
Foundation	Dillon T	Scarlet P	Harmony-Star K	Aoife J
Year 1	Jack T	George H	Kane M	Emily E
Year 2	Macy S	Isla H	Jessica C	Abigail W
Year 3	Evie Rose H	Logan F	Emily B	Ruby H
Year 4	Louis F	George H	Riley N	Jake L
Year 5	Mia A	Chioma D	Dominic G	Scarlett L
Year 6	Sam S	Leshia M	Lexie K	Caitlyn D

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 on Friday 5th January in assembly and parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to come and share this celebration of their child's learning.

On behalf of staff, pupils and governors we wish you a

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year





Developing and learning together to achieve excellence for all...

03/AUT2/2017
8th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Plym Academy Trust (PAT) is a collaborative learning community comprising of five schools: Boringdon, Chaddlewood, Glen Park, Plympton St Maurice and Woodford.

The headteachers are regularly in contact with each other and meet formally every fortnight. The teachers at each school are increasingly working together and sharing best practice. We have had joint staff training on safeguarding, child protection, e-safety, managing allegations, developing outstanding teaching, reducing in school and between school variation in standards, developing a joint approach to monitoring children's progress and we are exploring ways to encourage all subject coordinators to work together.

Plym Academy Trust achievement and attainment.

The PAT is one of the highest performing multi academy trusts in the country. Our collective reading, writing and maths combined scores, individual subject scores and progress scores were all very high.

Measure	PAT	National Average	Outstanding Schools
Reading, Writing (TA), Maths: Achieving Expected Standard	75.8%	61.0%	59.3%
Reading, Writing (TA), Maths: Achieving Higher Standard	8.8%	8.6%	10.2%
Reading: Overall Progress Score	1.7	0.00	0.29
Reading: Average Scaled Score	106.7	104.1	105.5
Reading: Achieving Expected Standard	87.6%	71.4%	67.6%
Reading: Achieving a High Scaled Score	34.8%	24.5%	26.7%
Writing: Overall Progress Score	0.1	0.00	-0.17
Writing (TA): Working at Expected Standard	81.7%	76.3%	69.3%
Writing (TA): Working at Greater Depth within Expected Standard	19.5%	17.7%	19.3%
Maths: Overall Progress Score	1.1	0.00	0.08
Maths: Average Scaled Score	106.1	104.2	105.2
Maths: Achieving Expected Standard	86.8%	74.8%	70.0%
Maths: Achieving a High Scaled Score	29.2%	22.6%	24.5%
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling: Average Scaled Score	107.6	106.0	107.0
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling: Achieving Expected Standard	87.2%	76.9%	70.8%
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling: Achieving Higher Standard	36.4%	30.9%	32.1%
Science (TA): Working at Expected Standard	87.2%	81.7%	73.3%

PAT Children's Council

The Plym Academy Trust Children's Council, which is represented by children from each school, met this term at Chaddlewood Primary School to give presentations about their own School Council, and to discuss what makes a great teacher and a great learner. They are now taking this task back to discuss with the children of their own schools. The results will be collated and I will publish the top ten features of a great teacher and learner in the next newsletter.

Condition Improvement Fund Bids As a multi academy, one substantial advantage is that we can now apply annually to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for capital funding. The core priority of this fund is to address significant condition need, keeping buildings safe and in good working order. Mrs Hook, the Trust Business Manager, coordinated the submission of the maximum of two bids for each of the five schools, to tackle their top conditions priorities last December. The PAT was given £1.2 million in July. So far, we have had new roofs at Glen Park and Chaddlewood and a new fire alarm and emergency lighting at Woodford completed. At Chaddlewood, a new classroom build is underway and new roofing is scheduled for Plympton St Maurice. Bids for next year are currently being prepared.



Pictured from right to left are the headteachers of the schools in the Trust and Mr Cload the CEO.

Mr Anthony Hutchings (Glen Park Primary), Mrs Philippa Harvey, (Woodford Primary), Mr Jason Scales (Boringdon Primary), Miss Sarah King, (Chaddlewood Primary), Mr Ian Cload CEO and Mrs Sarah-Jane Tustain (Plympton St Maurice Primary).

Introductions continued

Mr Jason Scales

I was born in Liskeard, Cornwall, but have spent most of my life living in Saltash. After leaving school, I worked in Devonport Dockyard for two years, before working and travelling abroad for several years. On my return from abroad, I had a brief spell as a Retail Assistant Manager. I then trained to be a teacher and twenty-one years later, I am still in the profession.

I am married with three children - two sons and a daughter. The eldest two are at secondary school and the youngest is still at primary. In my leisure time, I enjoy watching and playing sport, including football, tennis and badminton. Both my sons play for a local football team and we are also Plymouth Argyle season ticket holders. My daughter is also sporty, and enjoys playing basketball and volleyball. My wife is Welsh - so we don't talk during the Six Nations!

Miss Sarah King

I was born in Canada and moved to the UK when I was four years old. I spent my childhood in the New Forest area of Hampshire. I initially trained as an architect, and then trained as a teacher a few years later. I have been teaching for twenty-seven years and have taught at Chaddlewood for twenty-two years! During this time, I was the Assistant Head, Deputy and this is my third year of Headship. I have a son called Louis, and when I do get free time, I like to throw pots and do yoga. (Don't ask to see my pots!) I'm planning on getting a dog next year as I love to walk and the fresh air.

Mr Anthony Hutchings

I have worked in Plymouth schools since I graduated as a teacher in 1997. After serving as Deputy Headteacher for seven years at Salisbury Road Primary, I was appointed as Headteacher at Glen Park in September 2012. I am very proud to be the Headteacher of such a fantastic school and work alongside an incredibly dedicated and hardworking team, to ensure the best possible outcomes for Plympton children.

I live in the village of Collaton St Mary just outside Paignton, and am married to Sarah, who works as an Estate Agent. I have two sons, Harry who is eight and Sam who is six. They keep my very busy, ferrying them around to various clubs and activities! When I do get any spare time, I enjoy mountain biking, playing golf and walking my black Labrador, Hugo.

Mrs Sarah-Jane Tustain

I was born in Yeovil, Somerset, where the cider apples grow! I have been teaching for twenty-seven years, including a year in an elementary school in North Andover, Massachusetts, USA. I was previously Deputy Head Teacher at Weston Mill Primary School, as well as being Acting Head Teacher at South Trelawny Primary and Whiteleigh Primary School. I am married to Paul, a Lieutenant Commander on HMS Torbay, and have fifteen-year-old twins. When I am not working I love to spend time with my family, reading, travelling, walking in Plymbridge Woods and socialising with friends. Unlike Mr Cload, I have never watched Plymouth Argyle!

Mrs Philippa Harvey

I am Plymouth born and bred. My first school was Salisbury Road Infants School, but after moving six times within the UK in my primary school years, I returned to Plymouth to complete my secondary education, at Public Secondary School for Girls. I didn't go straight into teaching, but worked in Milton Keynes for the Trustee Savings Bank before training to teach. Of my thirty-two years as a teacher, the first five years I taught in Lower Schools in Northampton, and then once again returned to Plymouth! I have been the Deputy and then Headteacher of Woodford Primary School for more than twenty of those years. This, and my family's roots in Plymouth, are something I am very proud of. I am married to Rob, (also a Plymothian!) and have two children, Sarah and David, who are in their thirties and live in Adelaide, South Australia. I enjoy the natural world through walking, photography, gardening and keeping lots of different types of animals, on a patch of land in the Tamar Valley.

Good news re school funding - fingers crossed!

You may remember, I wrote to you at the end of the summer term outlining my long standing concerns regarding the funding of our schools in the Plym Academy Trust. It would appear that at long last, some of the inequality in funding that has existed for a very long time between schools in Plymouth and between schools across the country, has been addressed through the National Funding Formula. It basically states that every child, whatever their background, is entitled to a minimum amount of funding for 2018/19 of £3300, and for 2019/20 of £3500. As you might have guessed, this formula if applied by Plymouth Local Authority will bring all of our five schools up to this minimum, and bring a little more money overall to each school. In 2019/20, the rise from £3300 to £3500 for Boringdon for example, will mean an extra £200 per pupil, which equals a rise in funding of 420 pupils x £200, which is £84000. The formula in the first two years is still at the mercy of the local authority, and can be altered to something less favourable for our schools!! As from 2020/21, all local authorities will have to apply the national formula.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THANK YOU

I would like to thank all parents, grandparents and friends who have supported and helped in our schools during this term; it is invaluable and

Mr Ian Cload
CEO Plym Academy Trust

Children's Christmas PSM Pop Up Picture House Special
Special screening of the Disney Classic
at Plympton St Maurice Guildhall

The Muppet CHRISTMAS CAROL



Friday 15th December - doors open at 6pm for 6.30pm screening

Tickets £5 for adults and £2.50 for children

Bring duvets, sleeping bags, bean bags or big cushions

Refreshments available

Tickets must be booked in advance and are available from

Kate Panton on 01752 341144

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FREE EVENTS IN JANUARY AT THE PLYMPTON HUB

AUTISM IDEAS EXCHANGE

Wednesday 10th Jan 9:30am-11am (& every 2 weeks thereafter)

Meet with fellow parents & carers of children with ASC in a relaxed, friendly & informal environment, with Caroline Snell, Autism Specialist Teacher.

EQUAL MINDS CARERS IDEAS EXCHANGE

Monday 15th Jan 6pm-7.30pm (& every 2 weeks thereafter)

A welcoming support group for those caring for or supporting someone through mental health difficulties, delivered in partnership with Equal Minds, a community group committed to urgent improvement in mental health provision.

MANAGING LOW MOOD

Thursday 18th Jan 9.55am-11am

A short workshop offering simple methods to understand and improve low mood. Provided by Plymouth Options.

PARENTING IN THE PRIMARY YEARS

Begins Thursday 25th Jan 10:00am – 11:30am

A positive, non-judgemental 8-week parenting course, to support parents of primary-age children. Provided by Patchwork.

HORMONES AND HARMONY

Begins Tuesday 23rd Jan 6pm – 7:30pm

A positive, non-judgemental 8-week parenting course, to support parents through the challenges of the teenage years. Provided by Patchwork.

FREE 1:1 COUNSELLING

Sessions Available Every Thursday

Free counselling sessions, provided by qualified counsellor Naomi.

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.

PLUS DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED

**FASDDAC Support Group
Plympton BPD Support Group**

To book, or for further details please call: 07533 747 794 or 07743 559 280

or email: charlotte@plymptonhub.org or anya@plymptonhub.org



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FREE PARENTING COURSES

PARENTING IN THE PRIMARY YEARS

BEGINS THURSDAY 25TH JAN FROM 10AM-11.30AM

A short course for parents of primary-age children. This is a chance to discuss with other parents the joys and difficulties of being a dad or mum to a primary-age child, in a relaxed and non-judgemental atmosphere.

25th Jan	<i>Introductory session</i>
1st Feb	<i>What children need</i>
8th Feb	<i>The Feel Good factor</i>
22nd Feb	<i>Are you listening?</i>
1st Mar	<i>Encouraging good behaviour</i>
8th Mar	<i>Behaviour we don't like</i>
15th Mar	<i>Choices... and consequences</i>
22nd Mar	<i>Safety and independence</i>

HORMONES AND HARMONY

BEGINS TUESDAY 23RD JAN FROM 6PM-7.30PM

A short course for parents making sense of the approaching teenage years. This is a chance to discuss with other parents the joys and difficulties of being a parent of a teenager and how we can enjoy a close relationship with our children as they grow up.

23 Jan	<i>Introductory session</i>
30 Jan	<i>It's tough being a teenager</i>
6 Feb	<i>What's your parenting styles?</i>
20 Feb	<i>Better communication</i>
27 Feb	<i>Managing disagreements</i>
6 Mar	<i>Sex, drugs and rock and roll</i>
13 Mar	<i>Finding solutions</i>

Provided by Patchwork.

For further details or to book yourself a place,
please contact us.



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Family Life Balance as a Service Family

At Plymstock, 9.45am - 11.45am

Monday 8 January - Monday 26 February

A five week course for Service Families which covers family routines, self-esteem, tips for preparing for deployment and coping with deployment.



An introduction session Monday 8th January 2018

A free crèche will be provided throughout the course

Please call Plymstock on 01752 407496

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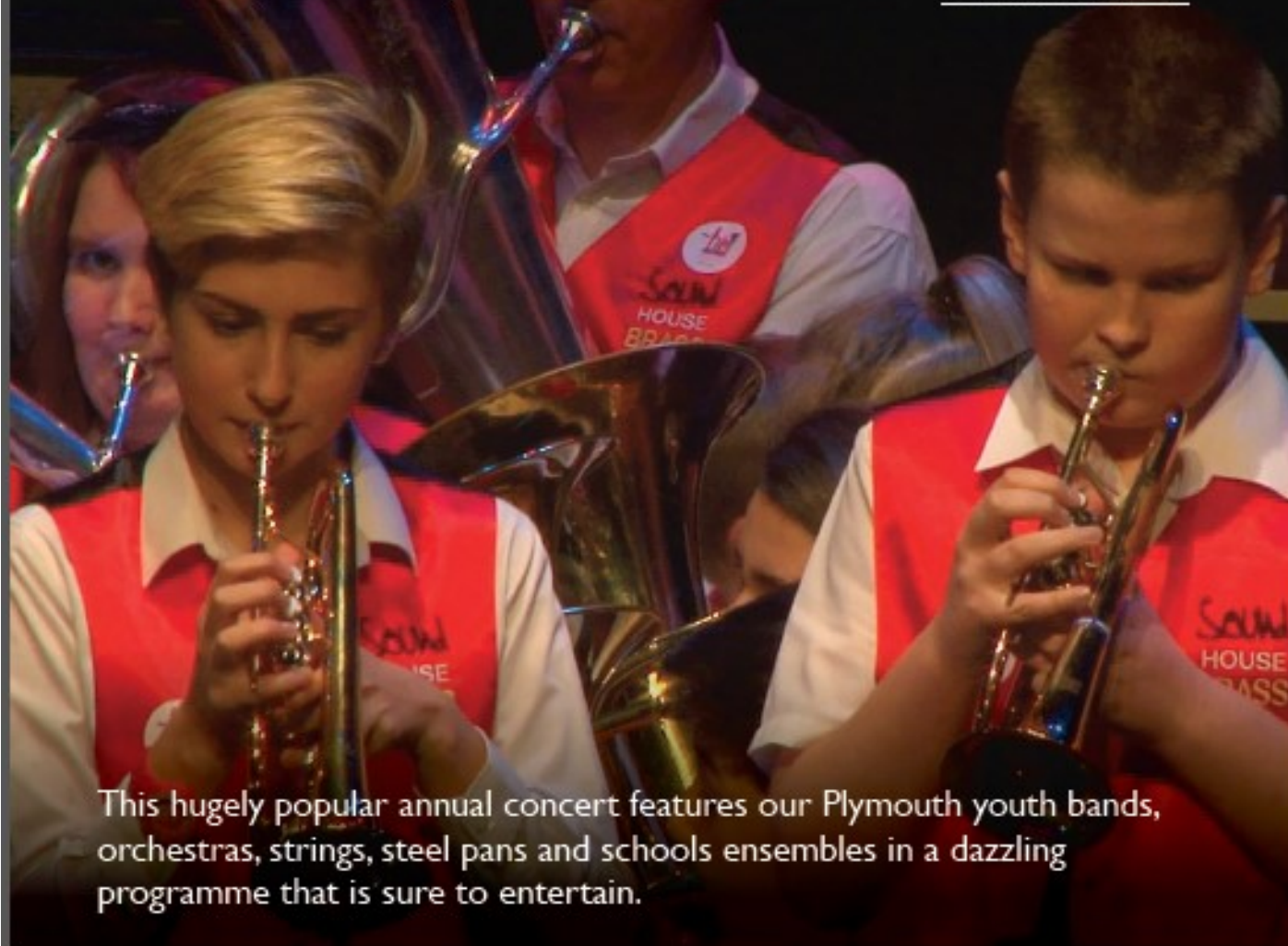
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Plymouth Music Education Hub Proudly Presents

'Musicality'

Plymouth Pavilions 2pm and 6.30pm
Saturday February 3 2018



This hugely popular annual concert features our Plymouth youth bands, orchestras, strings, steel pans and schools ensembles in a dazzling programme that is sure to entertain.

Tickets are £8 (Under -16s free when accompanied by an adult) and exclusively available from The Pavilions Box Office on 0845 146 1460 and also via the Pavilions website.

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