

# Weekly Newsletter

**Friday 15th December 2017**

## Christmas Fayre Update

We are delighted to tell you that our Christmas Fayre raised £788.10. This is a fantastic result and we are so grateful for your support. Thank you



## Dogs

We have been made aware of some parents tying their dogs up near the entrance of the school at the end of the day. Can we please ask that you do not leave your dogs unattended as even the nicest of dogs can become agitated if children are running towards them. Thank you

## Military Kids Club Xmas Party

Thank you to Boringdon Primary for organising the Plym Academy Trust MKC Xmas Party. We had a wonderful time and were brilliantly entertained. Frank, you were a wonderful wizard!



## School Closure

We don't often get poor weather here in Plymouth, but in case we do and we are forced to close the school, we will let parents know as soon as possible by text, school website and via the local radio stations.



## Christmas Jumper/Mufti

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

Diary dates

**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

**Friday 5th January**

Fdn & KS1 to visit Theatre Royal

**Wednesday 10th January**

Plymouth Argyle Football in Yr  
3&4.



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

# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Thankyou to Plympton Academy School Choir who joined us on Monday to get us all into the Christmas Spirit. Their singing was fantastic and it was great to see some ex-pupils in the choir too!



### **Lights Camel Action!**

What a wonderful treat we had on Tuesday with our fantastic Foundation and Key Stage 1 pupils performing this year's nativity 'Lights Camel Action!'. It was great to see 90 children all taking part with the singing and dancing, retelling the Christmas Story. Thank you to all those parents who brought their children back to perform in the evening, on what was a very cold evening!











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

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8<sup>th</sup> 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 Whitleigh 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 much appreciated. I would also like to thank all the children of each school, for continuing to try their best in all things and for caring about one another.

I wish you a Merry Christmas, happiness and good health for the holiday and forthcoming New Year.

Yours sincerely,

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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**Christmas  
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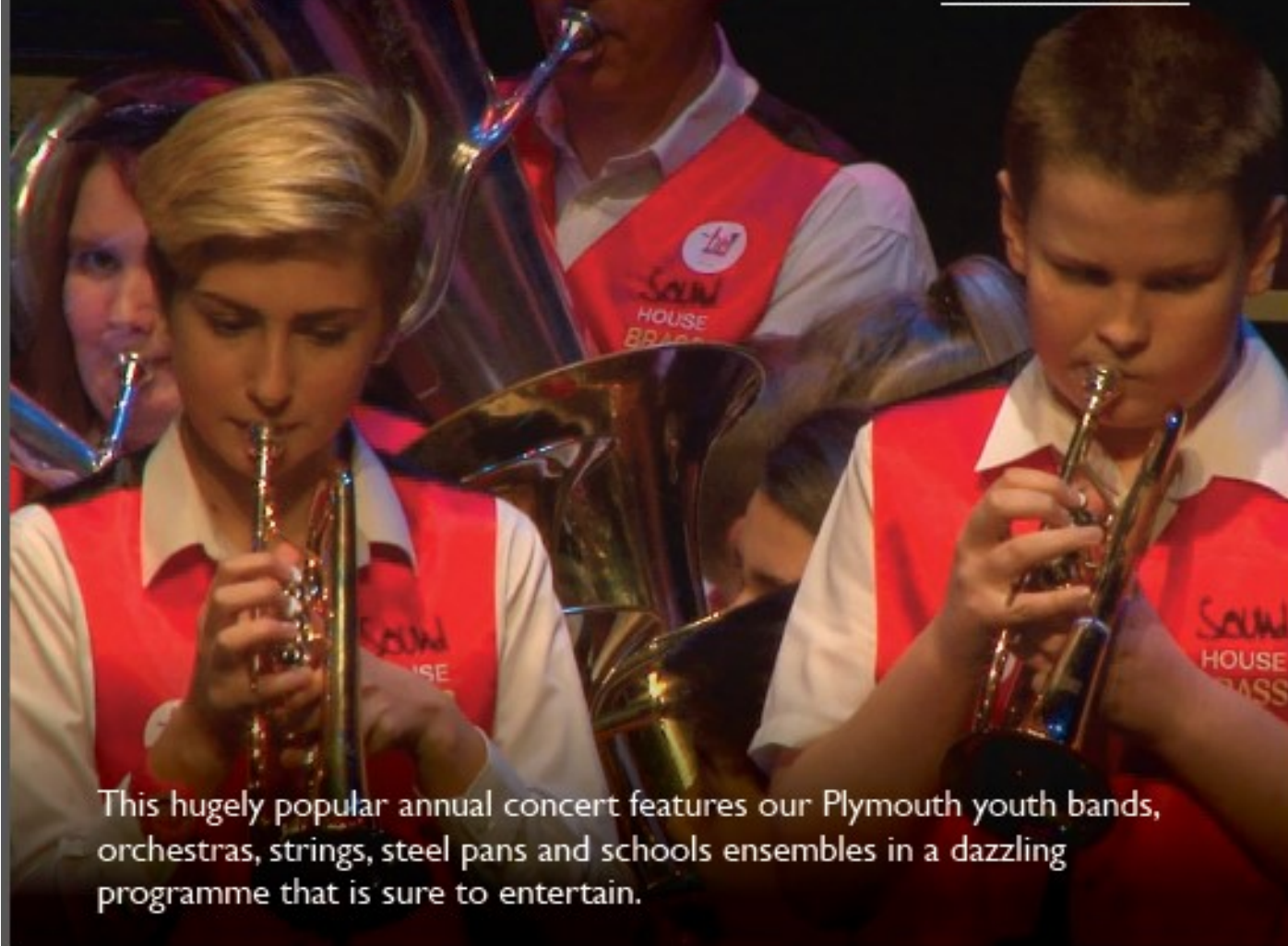
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Plymouth Music Education Hub Proudly Presents

# '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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