

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, hope you all enjoyed a good Christmas and New Year break.

**Happy
New Year!**

As usual, we have plenty of exciting activities planned for the term. Already our Foundation and Key Stage 1 pupils visited the Theatre Royal to watch the performance of Enormous Turnip. It was a fabulous production and our pupils had a great time.

Parents should have received a calendar of this term's events, if you haven't there are spare copies in the office.

Congratulations to Archie who, on the last day of term, received a Vue Cinema gift certificate for him and his family. Archie's name was picked out of a hat of all the children who attended school every day last term. We will be picking another name out of a hat at the end of the Spring term.

May I remind you that my door is always open if you have any queries or questions. If I am unavailable, the office will be happy to make an appointment. Mrs Tustain

Diary dates

Thursday 18th Jan
Collecting tree to commemorate the Holocaust Memorial

Monday 22nd Jan
Children's University visiting assembly

Tuesday 23rd Jan
Local Advisory Board Meeting (Governors) 8:30am start

Friday 26th Jan
9am parent Coffee Morning.
All parents welcome

Monday 29th Jan
Deadline for Yr 2 parents to confirm lunch

Wednesday 31st Jan
Yr 2 Parents Lunch

Saturday 3rd Feb
School Choir performing at Plymouth Pavilions

Monday 5th Feb
Open The Book assembly

Tuesday 6th Feb
Safer Internet day

Wednesday 7th Feb
Parent Council 2:30pm

Friday 9th Feb
Boccia Tournament

Friday 9th Feb
Last day of term 3

League Tables

We are enormously proud of the success we have achieved during the past few years, here at Plympton St Maurice Primary School. Just before Christmas, we were delighted to read in the local press that we achieved the 6th highest assessment results for pupils achieving the combined expected standard for reading, writing and maths in last years KS2 SATS. Whilst we don't teach for

league tables, we are of course, delighted at this result as it is testimony to the hard work of pupils, parents, teachers and governors. Well done to everyone and thank you for your continued support.



Attendance

Congratulations to all those pupils who attended every day during the autumn term. All the names were put into a hat and the lucky winner of Vue Cinema voucher was presented to Archie in Yr 3. Here is a photograph of Archie with Mrs Dyer, our school's Attendance Officer. Well done Archie and we hope you and your family enjoyed a trip to the cinema during the Christmas break.



Pop in for refreshments in support of World Cancer Day

Cancer Research UK Plympton Committee are hosting a Coffee Morning at Plympton St Maurice Primary School on Friday 2nd February 2018 in support of World Cancer Day.

Join them for Refreshments and a Raffle from 9 until 11 am in the staff room.

Christingle

Thank you to the choir who attended the St Maurice Church Christingle on Christmas Eve and sang so beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Short for accompanying them.



Attendance

Congratulations to Foundation for the highest attendance last term.

Class	Attendance
Foundaton	97.70%
Year 1	97.26%
Year 2	96.67%
Year 3	97.25%
Year 4	97.05%
Year 5	96.65%
Year 6	95.65%

Please can we request that where possible medical appointments are taken outside of school hours. If your child has a medical appointment during the school day, please bring them back to school, as they are missing their learning.

Thank you
Mrs Dyer

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



Dear Parents

For the Spring term the staff would like to offer the children extra-curricular activities that are listed below. Clubs start week commencing Monday 8th January 2018 and run for 10 weeks, unless where indicated. If your child attends the Tea-Time Club run by Plympton St. Maurice Childcare Centre they are still able to attend any of the following activities.

A register will be taken at each club and if on rare occasions your child cannot attend, this absence must be supported by some advance communication from the parents so that the teacher does not have to worry about your child's whereabouts.

Perhaps you would like to discuss with your child the clubs being offered this term and then 'sign-up' by logging in to School Money. Each club has been set up with School Money even if there is no charge for the club. This enables us to keep an accurate register of those children expected to attend. Please call the school office, 337427, if you need School Money log in details.

We also offer clubs that are run by external agencies such as PAFC, Guitar & Piano Lessons. We ask you to sign up for these via School Money for register purposes and we will give the provider a list of children. Payment to external providers are to be made direct with them. Each provider will issue payment options.

CLUB	AGE	DAY	FROM	UNTIL	Contact
T-Time Charges payable direct to the Childcare Centre (3pm – 4.30pm £5.05) (4.30pm – 6pm £5.05)	2yrs – 11yrs	Everyday	3.15pm	6.00p m	Plympton St. Maurice Childcare Centre Tel: 343085
Rummikub	Y3 – Y6	Wednesday	12.30pm	1.10p m	Mrs Tustain / Mrs Allen
Cross Stitch	Y2 – Y6	Tuesday	3.15pm	4.00p m	Mrs Baxter
Tag Rugby (charge payable via School Money £10 for 10 weeks)	Y5 & Y6	Tuesday	3.15pm	4.15p m	Mrs Clark / Sportsway
Dodgeball	Y3 – Y5	Thursday	3.15pm	4.00p m	Mr Secker
Choir	Whole School	Friday	12.30pm	1.10p m	Miss Trice
Plympton Choir	Yr 6	Thursday	4.35pm	5.30p m	Mrs Tustain / Boringdon Primary
Just Dance	Y1 – Y3	Tuesday	3.15pm	4.00p m	Miss Chilman
Plymouth Argyle Football Club (charge payable direct to PAFC, £17.50 for 5 weeks)	Y1 – Y6	Wednesday	3.15pm	4.15p m	PAFC Stew Walbridge Tel: 562561 Ex. 4
Guitar Lessons (charge payable direct to Mr Isaac, £6 for 30 mins)	Whole School	Wednesday	1.00pm	2.00p m	Mr M Isaac Mob: 07960 503359
Piano Lessons (charge payable direct to Mr Haw- kins, £15 for a 30 minute lesson & usually 10 lessons)	Y2 – Y6	Friday	10.30am	2.00p m	Mr G Hawkins Mob: 07912 251186



Public Health
England

Stop norovirus spreading this winter

Norovirus, sometimes known as the 'winter vomiting bug', is the **most common stomach bug** in the UK, affecting people of all ages. It is **highly contagious** and is transmitted by contact with contaminated surfaces, an infected person, or consumption of contaminated food or water.

The symptoms of norovirus are very distinctive – people often report a sudden onset of **nausea** followed by **projectile vomiting** and **watery diarrhoea**.



Good hand hygiene is important to stop the spread of the virus.

People are advised to:

- Wash their hands thoroughly using soap and water and drying them after using the toilet, before preparing food and eating
- Not rely on alcohol gels as these do not kill the virus

An infection with norovirus is self-limiting and most people will make a full recovery in 1-2 days. It is important to keep hydrated – especially children and the elderly.

Do not visit either A&E or GPs with symptoms as this may spread the virus.

Further information and advice is available from NHS 111, including an online symptom checker at [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk).

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 challenges of being a dad or mum to a primary-age child, in a relaxed and non-judgemental atmosphere.

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

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 *Introductory session*
30 Jan *It's tough being a teenager*
6 Feb *What's your parenting styles?*
20 Feb *Better communication*
27 Feb *Managing disagreements*

6 Mar
Sex, drugs
and rock
and roll
13 Mar

Delivered by Patchwork.

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



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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 ASD in a relaxed, friendly & informal environment, with Caroline Sedell, 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, nonjudgemental 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, nonjudgemental 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 available 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



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Love Singing?

Want to sing with like minded young people from the area?
You are invited to join the

Legacy Choir- Plympton

a group of fun, enthusiastic singers

NOW OPEN TO YEAR 5 AND ABOVE

Thursdays at Boringdon Primary School from

4.35pm-5.30pm .

Starts Thursday 11th January

It's a great way to keep singing with friends
regardless of which school you all go to, plus it's free!

For more details or to express an interest, contact Kristy Marcer-Griffiths.

Email: kmarcer@phsg.org



Find the Legacy Choir on Facebook: [@plymouthlegacychoir](https://www.facebook.com/plymouthlegacychoir)



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