



The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

The Big Garden Birdwatch is flying towards us and it'll be here from 27th to 29th January. It's a great chance to sit back, relax and watch birds and other wildlife for an hour. By taking part, you'll find out all about the fascinating wildlife that flutters, crawls and hops in your garden or local area. And with a simple hour of mindful watching, you'll get an hour to yourself too. To request your free pack visit <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/pack/request?>

Topic Overviews

A topic overview outlining what each class will be learning has been posted onto our school website. The overview provides parents with a break down of your child's learning this term for every subject.

During the next few months we are updating our school website. We would appreciate your comments, and suggestions particularly if there is information about our school that you would like to have available that you cannot currently access.

Diary dates

Monday 15th January
Mrs Bean joining Foundation Class

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 1:30pm Arrive.

Monday 5th Feb
Open The Book assembly

Tuesday 6th Feb
Safer Internet day

Wednesday 7th Feb
Parent Council Meeting 2:30pm

Friday 9th Feb
Boccia Tournament

Mon 12th-Fri 16th Feb
Half Term

Monday 19th Feb
Start of term 3

Consultation on admission arrangements

We will be consulting on our admission arrangements for 2019/20 through Plymouth City Council. The consultations are currently live between 11th December and 21st January 2018. If you wish to find out about our admissions policy or make any comment, please visit www.plymouth.gov.uk/admissionconsultation



Cancer Research UK

Cancer Research UK Plymouth 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.



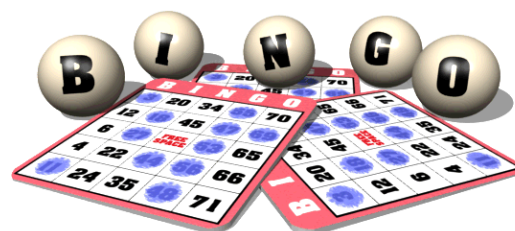
Foundation and Key Stage 1 had a fantastic time last Friday when they visited the Theatre Royal to watch the performance of The Enormous Turnip. The children (and adults) absolutely loved it!



BINGO Night—School fundraising Event

On Friday 2nd March 2018 we are arranging a Bingo night to help raise some funds to go towards additional outdoor play equipment.

Doors will be open from 7pm. Eyes down at 7.30pm. Please feel free to bring along as many family & friends as you wish. Entry tickets will be priced at £10 per person. Ticket price includes five bingo games and nibbles. This will include an interval. There will also be a raffle on the night to win some extra goodies. We will also have bingo dabbers on sale at 50p each.



Unfortunately we do not have a licence to sell alcohol therefore please feel free to bring your own beverages for the evening. We will supply the glasses.

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



Plympton St. Maurice PTFA

We have had several parents express an interest in resurrecting our school's PTFA with support from the school. Mrs Allen has registered the school again with PTA-UK and we would now like to invite parents, carers and friends to become members of the PTFA to help in raising much needed funds for the benefit of all the children in the school.

Committee members have the following powers:

- to provide advice,
- to publish or distribute information,
- to co-operate with other bodies and
- to raise funds for the school

along with many others. A copy of the constitution is available in Mrs Allen's office for anyone to see.

If you would like to become a member of our PTFA please could we ask you to make contact with Mrs Allen—there are no limits to the number of members. If you would particularly be interested in becoming either the Chair, Treasurer or Secretary of the PTFA we would most definitely welcome you.

Once we are all set up we can also apply for registration with the Charities Commission and be able to claim additional funds.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Time of Praise and Success (Tops) Assembly Well done to those who have received an award this week



	Perseverance	Making Links	Collaboration	Revising
Foundation	Adam R	Hannah A	Dillon T	Fletcher M
Year 1	Emily K	Finley F	Harry A	Amelia L
Year 2	Alfie R	Brady P	Rosalie C	Cyle M
Year 3	Faith L	Lenny F	Samantha K	Charlie F
Year 4	Lily R	Aimee S	Ruby C	Ashton E
Year 5	Lucy T	Chris F	Miah R	Owen H
Year 6	Phoebe H	Samuel B	Leoni E	Emerson E

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 next Fridays assembly and parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to come and share this celebration of their child's learning.

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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A New Football Centre for Girls Aged 5-11!

When: Tuesday's 5-6pm (Except School Holidays)

Where: Plympton Academy Sports Centre (Gym)

Cost: First Session Free Then £3 per child per session

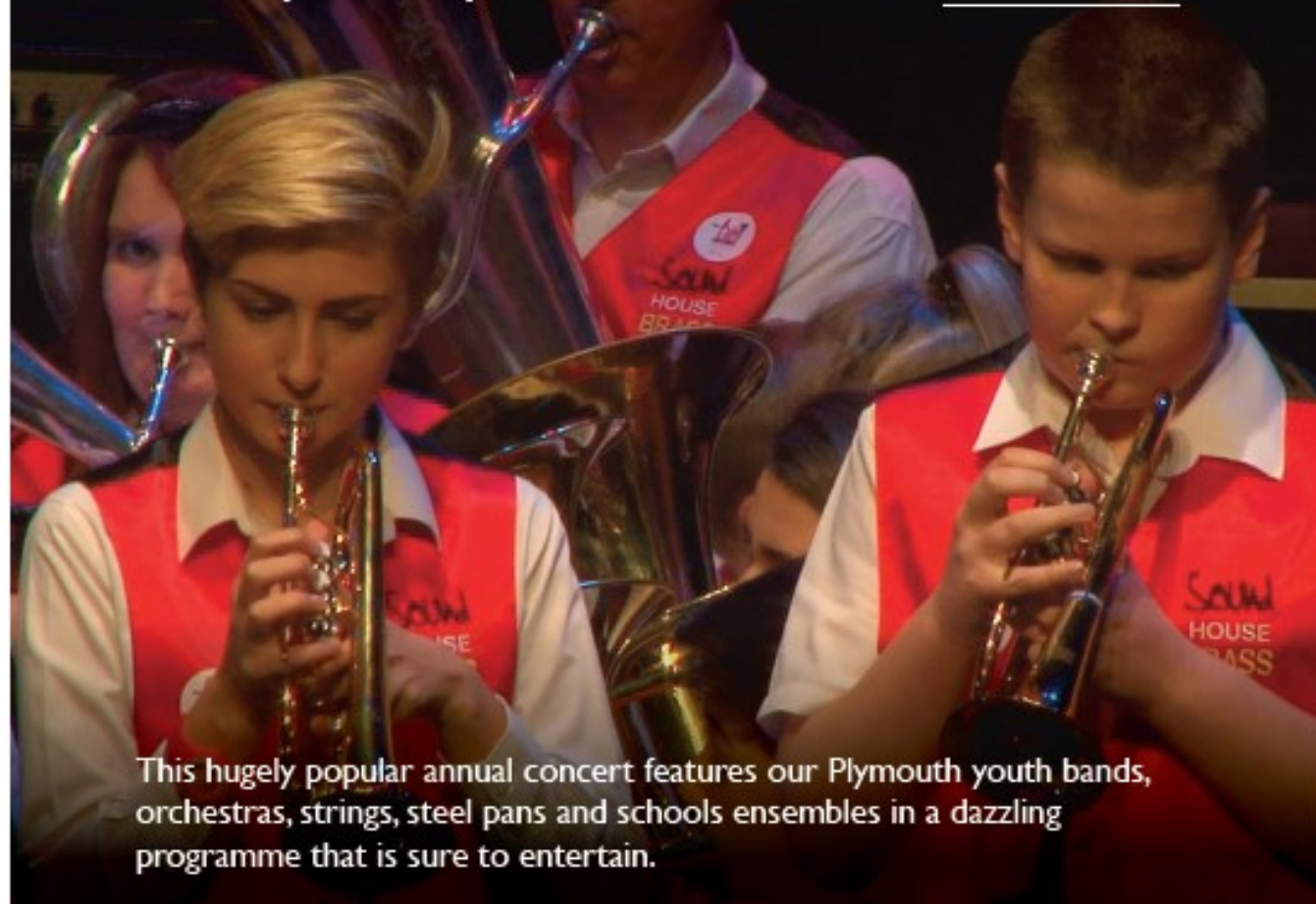
For more information email michaela.phillips@pafc.co.uk



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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