

Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who bought cakes to celebrate Mothering Sunday, we raised a total of £77.10.

thank you to Mr Taylor (Dillon's Grandad) and to Mrs Allen for all your help.



Staff Changes

It is with much sadness that we will be saying good bye to Mrs Dyer, our school administrator and meal-time assistant, at the end of term. Mrs Dyer has decided to set up her own business, and will be leaving us on the last day of term.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Whiteley, our Learning Mentor, who is leaving her role with the Plymouth Excellence Cluster.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank both Beckie and Emma for all their hard work and commitment during their time at Plympton St Maurice Primary School, and we wish them both well in the future.

Diary dates

Monday 12th-Fri 16th March
Science, Technology,
Engineering and Maths
(STEM) week

Tuesday 13th March
Foundation Class Eye test

Wednesday 14th March
KS2 multi-skills tournament

Thursday 15th March
Parent Council 2:30-3:15pm

Friday 16th March.
No certificates, but 'Show & Tell' STEM assembly. 2:30pm
Parents Welcome.

Monday 19th March
Open the Book assembly

Wednesday 21st March
Class Photos with Peter Dukes.

Thursday 22nd March
Meeting for Yr 6 parents re:
Sats

Friday 23rd March
Red Nose Day AND World Book Day - mufti

Monday 26th March
Local Advisory Board Meeting
(Governors) 8:30am

Thursday 29th March
9:15am Awards Assembly
End of Term.

Monday 16 April
School Closed

Tuesday 17 April
Start of term 5 Children back
Yr 4 swimming.

Wednesday 18th April
PAFC starting Yr 1&2.

Thursday 19th April
Year 2 Sats talk for parents

Friday 27th April
Parents coffee morning

Silk Painting

Well done to Year 5 for their fantastic silk painting this week. The results are absolutely fantastic, what a talented bunch of pupils we have! Thank you to Mrs Baxter for organising this.



Meal Time Assistant

We are very fortunate to have some fantastic meal-time assistants, here at Plympton St Maurice Primary. Whilst we currently have no vacancies, we do like to have a bank of reserves, who we can call upon should one of our meal-time assistants be off sick. If this is something you could consider, please let Mrs Clark or Mrs Dyer know. Many thanks.



Class Photos.

Don't forget, next Wednesday is class photo day!



Time of Praise and Success (Tops) Assembly

Well done to those who have received an award this week



	Perseverance	Making Links	Collaboration	Revising
Foundation	Toby J	Layla-Rose S	Hannah A	Hetty Y
Year 1	Lily-Mae M	Finley F	Neveah J	Lucas C
Year 2	Isaac S	Samuel H	Lucas P	Alfie J
Year 3	Ruby H	Phoebe L	Holly M	Jay F
Year 4	Lily R	Matilda L	Megan M	Lewis T
Year 5	Konnor G	Felix G	Alfie P	Mia B
Year 6	Caitlyn D	Samuel B	Jake T	Lexie K

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.

Parking!

Could we please remind you all about parking at the start and end of the day, we have had a complaint from the residents in St Elizabeth Close as yesterday parents had parked on the pavement, on both sides to the entrance of this road and a resident on a mobility scooter couldn't get past, please consider it is a sheltered housing estate. We have also had parents started parking at the back entrance to the school again which is both dangerous and not appropriate, emergency vehicles would not be able to get in if we needed them.



BINGO

Don't forget!

Our bingo evening has been rescheduled for **Friday 23rd March 2018**, again at **7.30pm**. Please come along, it looks set to be a fun evening.

If you haven't yet purchased tickets and are able to come along please buy your tickets from the school office.

Please spread the word, the more who can attend—the bigger the prize money!!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Allen.



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Can you afford not to?



Extra enforcement officers are walking the streets of Plymouth. If you drop litter you will be fined.
Find out more at www.plymouth.gov.uk/envirocrime

Environmental enforcement officers will soon be patrolling outside Plymouth's schools

From Monday 19 March, you may start to see extra environmental enforcement officers patrolling the streets outside Plymouth's schools to help crackdown on things like dog fouling, littering, fly-posting and fly-tipping.

Plymouth City Council has teamed up with specialist company Kingdom Services, to help ensure that Plymouth is a green and pleasant city.

The officers will be able to issue fixed penalty notices to offenders. Littering and fly-posting both carry an £80 penalty while dog fouling costs offenders £100. Meanwhile, fly-tipping is punishable by a £400 fine.

Council leader Ian Bowyer said: "We know that people are fed up with issues like littering, dog fouling, and fly tipping, particularly around our schools, and by introducing extra enforcement officers we can now deal with these anti-social activities more effectively."

You can find more information at www.plymouth.gov.uk/envirocrime

Easter Competition

This year we will be holding a decorated Easter Bonnet and Easter Garden competition. If your child would like to take part, please bring their entries into the school hall at 8:50am on the last day of term, Thursday 29 March. Entries will be judged by Mr Rose, our Chair of Governors and Mrs Dyer, our School Administrator. Entry will be 50p.



Judges will be looking for the most colourful and originally decorated Easter bonnet and the Easter Garden that reflects the Story of Easter.

Good luck with your entries, Separate prizes will be awarded for Foundation, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. The winners will each receive an Easter egg kindly donated by the Chair of the PTFA.

We are also holding an Easter egg raffle. For your child's chance to win one of 3 Easter eggs, please bring in 50p in an envelope marked clearly with your child's name. Thank you to the office staff for kindly donating these prizes.



Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Week.

This week has been national STEM week. Across the country schools have focused learning around these four subject areas. At Plympton St Maurice Primary pupils have taken part in STEM activities, such as building bridges using spaghetti and marshmallows, building boats from lego, building towers and lots more! We were delighted to be joined by Babcock and members of the Royal Navy, who worked along side pupils, sharing their knowledge and expertise. Thank you to Miss Chilman and Mrs Longworth for organising this event.



Tesco Bag of Help

We need your help!

We are delighted to let you know that our application to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme has been successful and our project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores during March and April 2018.



What happens next?

Our project along with the other two successful projects in our region will go forward to a vote in Tesco stores where their customers will decide the outcome by voting for their favourite project each time they shop. Voting will take place from Thursday 1st March to Monday 30th April 2018 and they will notify us at the end of May 2018 confirming the amount of funding we will receive.

The project with the highest number of votes across your region will receive £4,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), the second placed project £2,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), and the third placed project £1,000. To re-iterate, if we are first in the vote, we will receive the amount that we requested in our application.

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on your project. Feel free to share this list of stores amongst your supporters and within your community.

5258 COMPTON PLYMOUTH EXP PL3 5JU Express
6304 MUTLY PL PLYMOUTH EXP PL4 6JJ Express
4625 PLYMOUTH ALEXANDRA RD EXP PL4 7EG Express
5884 PLYMOUTH BEAUM RD EXP PL4 9AZ Express
6377 PLYMOUTH DISC HI EXP PL1 1UH Express
3033 PLYMOUTH METRO PL1 1RA Metro
3575 PLYMOUTH NOTTE ST EXP PL1 2AR Express
3031 Plymouth Roborough PL6 7RF. Extra
3039 Plymouth TW PL5 3TW Superstores
3072 PLYMPTON EXPRESS PL7 2DY Express

Spare Uniform

Did you know that we have a rail of good condition second hand school uniform in the office? If your child has lost their school jumper or you need a spare, please let Mrs Allen or Mrs Dyer know.



World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day and Comic Relief Day together on Friday 23 March. If your child does not have a World Book day costume, they are welcome to come in mufti.



KS 2 Multi-Skills Competition.



On Wednesday, Year 3 and Year 4 pupils participated in a multi-skills event at Plympton Academy. The children learnt lots of new skills and are looking forward to using these in their PE lessons. Well done to all the children who participated. Thank you to Mr Kelly and Mr Waite for assisting and to Miss Chilman for organising. What a fabulous team effort!

Science Event at Marjon

Last Friday, 5 Year 4 children spent the day at Marjon University representing our school at a science event. The children had to give a presentation and perform an activity based on raising the heart rate. They participated in a variety of workshops, one of which they created their own skeleton using newspaper. A great day was had by all who attended, made even better by WINNING in the "Best Presentation" category. A big thank you to Mrs Harvey for coming along and supporting us! A huge well don't to the children who were a credit to our school! Didn't they do well!

