



Beechwood Newsletter

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This October the Plymotion team at Plymouth City Council (PCC) are doing something really amazing and we have decided our pupils should be a part of it.

For Walk to School month, pupils at all city schools are aiming, collectively, to walk for 79,000 hours. This is the time it would take for one person to walk to the moon. The Classroom to Moon Challenge runs from Monday 1st October – Friday 2nd November and is a competition as well as a unifying whole-city challenge.

If our school clock up the most minutes in our category we will win a visit from the mobile planetarium Space Odyssey. Second prize is bike or scooter storage from Scooterpods. Of course, if our school does not win a prize we will still have benefitted from a month of less cars around our school gates and healthier happier children who have had fun exercising before the school day starts.

During the first 2 weeks of October we will also be participating in an inter-school walking relay. Each weekday from Monday 1st October – Friday 12th October, Astro Mo and the Plymotion team will start at one Plymouth school at 9am and finish at another, passing by on average 10 schools in one day. I'm sure you'll hear nearer the time when Astro Mo has made it to our school!

Please help us with this challenge by letting the class teacher know every day how many hours you have walked (the adults walking to school counts too!)

If you want to find out more go to:

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/parkingandtravel/plymotion/classroommoonchallenge>



STORY TELLING SESSIONS - RECEPTION - Parents of children in Reception Classes are invited to their Story Telling Sessions on **and Tuesday 2nd, 9th and 16th October 2018 at 1.45pm**. Thank you.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

We are holding our Harvest Festival Assembly on **Friday 5th October at 9.15am**. **All parents are welcome**. This year we are collecting food for the Shekinah Mission in Plymouth. Can you please send in food donations from **Wednesday 3rd October** to your child's class, ready for assembly on the Friday. Tins, packets and food with a long shelf life would be very well received. Thank you very much for your continued support. Please enter by the black gates.

Please remember any photographs may not be shared or uploaded to any social networking site, in accordance with our Photographic Policy.



SPECIAL MENU DAY Thursday 4th October



Roast Chicken with stuffing, roast potatoes, carrots and broccoli

or

Linda McCartney sausage with roast potatoes, carrots and broccoli

Ice cream with a choice of toppings, sprinkles, marshmallows and chocolate sauce

DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2018/2019

Tues 2nd Oct	Story Telling Session - Rec 1.45pm
Fri 5th Oct	Harvest Assembly - 9.15am
Tues 9th Oct	Story Telling Session - Rec 1.45pm
Fri 12th Oct	Sharman Class Assembly - 9am
Tues 16th Oct	Story Telling Session - Rec 1.45pm
Thurs 18th Oct	Buddies Disco
Fri 19th Oct	Anning Class Assembly - 9am
Mon 22nd Oct to	Fri 26th Oct HALF TERM
Thurs 8th Nov	Grandparent's Day
Fri 9th Nov	Grandparent's Day
Fri 9th Nov	Curie Class Assembly - 9am
Fri 16th Nov	Franklin Class Assembly - 9am
Mon 19th Nov	School Photographs
Fri 23rd Nov	Newton Class Assembly - 9am
Fri 30th Nov	Dalton Class Assembly - 9am
Fri 3rd Dec	Tesla Class Assembly - 9am
Mon 17th Dec	Decorations Afternoon
Tues 18th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Wed 19th Dec	KS1 Carol Concert - 2.00pm
Thurs 20th Dec	KS2 Carol Concert - 2.00pm
Fri 21st Dec	Christmas Jumper Mufti
Fri 21st Dec	Christmas Carols - 2.00pm
Fri 21st Dec	School closes for Christmas
Mon 7th Jan	School re-opens at 8.45am
Fri 8th Feb to	Fri 15th Feb - Nethercott Farm Yr 4
Mon 18th Feb to	Fri 22nd Feb HALF TERM
Mon 25th Feb	School re-opens at 8.45am
Mon 25th & 26th	Feb - London Trip - Yr 6
Thurs 4th April	School closes for Easter
Fri 5th Apr	Non-pupil Day
Tues 23rd Apr	School re-opens at 8.45am
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday
Mon 27th May to	Friday 31st May HALF TERM
Tues 23rd July	School closes for Summer Holidays
Wed 24th July	Non-pupil Day

YEAR 5/6 CHILDREN & PARENTS

Please be aware that all Year 6 parents will need to apply for their child's secondary school place no later than **Wednesday 31st October 2018**.



Please visit www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions for information on how to apply and understand the admission criteria for individual schools. "The Next Step Parent's Guide" is available from the School Admission Team in Windsor House. If you require any assistance,

SEPTEMBER 2019 ADMISSIONS

Have you got a child due to start school next September?

Please phone the school to book one of the following dates to have a look around.

Wednesday 10th October at 3.30pm
or
Wednesday 28th November at 3.30pm



We did not have any suggestions in the ideas and suggestions box this week.



ATTENDANCE

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the attendance for week beginning **17th September 2018**.

Sun	100%	WINNERS
Moon	95.4%	
Hubble	97.1%	
Newton	93%	
Brunel	99.3%	
Curie	93.4%	
Jenner	97.7%	
Anning	94.1%	
Sharmen	91.2%	
Tesla	93.2%	
Hawking	95.9%	
Franklin	93.5%	
Dalton	95.9%	
Da Vinci	87%	

Well done!

The winners will receive the Attendance Cup



BECHWOOD BUDDIES DISCO

Wednesday 17th October

KS1 and KS2 Disco
4.15 to 5.30pm

(A Disco for all age groups)



LONDON TRIP - YEAR 6

This trip has now been set up on Parent Pay. Could you please return the permission slip and pay a £50.00 deposit by **Friday 5th October 2018** if you would like your child to attend. The balance for this trip needs to be paid by the end of January 2019. You are able to make small payments as often as required. Please contact the office for further information or a bar code to pay at a paypoint machine. Thank you.



BABY NEWS!

We would like to pass on our congratulations to Mr and Mrs Francis whose precious baby boy arrived recently. Toby and his mum are both doing well.

Congratulations to the proud parents, we hope you get some sleep soon!



ABSENCE REQUEST

Please provide proof of any medical appointments before they occur. For any other absences, please complete an absence request form in advance to allow authorisation by the Head of School.

Please attempt to make all appointments out of school time. Thank you.



Have a great weekend!
Mrs Evans - Head of School