

Beechwood Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"



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DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2020/2021

Mon 26th Oct to	Fri 30th Oct - HALF TERM
Fri 27th Nov	Non Pupil Day
Fri 18th Dec	Last Day of Term
Mon 21st Dec to	Fri 1st Jan - CHRISTMAS BREAK
Mon 15th Feb to	Fri 19th Feb - HALF TERM
Mon 22nd Feb	Non Pupil Day
Thurs 1st April	Non Pupil Day
Fri 2nd April to	Fri 16th April - EASTER BREAK
Mon 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Mon 31st May	Fri 4th June - HALF TERM
Mon 26th July to	Tues 7th Sept - SUMMER BREAK

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL CHOICE

Please be reminded that it is that time of year for Year 6 children to make their choice for secondary schools.

We have been asked by Plymouth City Council to email information to you. Please ensure you have your child's Parent Pay account activated.

The deadline for Admissions is **31st October 2020**.

Please use following link:-



www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR HOME SCHOOLING DURING ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE



For children who are self-isolating or quarantining, we are pleased to direct you to the following link for Home Learning:-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zknj4xs>

Please click on the appropriate year group and you can access lots of activities for your child. Your child's teacher will also be in contact on eSchools or tapestry and they will be happy to answer any questions or respond to messages relating to Home Learning.

If you require any information about logging into eSchools or Tapestry, or any information about your child's learning while they are away from school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office who can make sure your query is directed to the teacher.

Thank you.

PARENT QUESTIONS

As we are unable to hold parent meetings in the usual way this year, please forward any questions you may have to the following email address by **Wednesday 7th October**.

beechwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk

All questions will be responded to the following week. Thank you.

MAGIC BREAKFAST DONATION

We hope that you enjoyed the cereal and bagels sent home with children this week, which was very kindly donated by the The Department of Education. We hope to receive a similar donation every two weeks. Thank you.



Building stronger families



RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Reach Outdoor Residential - Year 5



Unfortunately, due to the current pandemic, we are having to cancel the Year 4 Reach Outdoor Residential.

All deposit monies paid will be refunded back to you next week. Thank you.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Please see below the timetable for when your child will need to come to school in their P.E. kits following our recent letter :-

Reception Classes	Friday
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Monday
Year 4	Thursday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Friday



CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as possible.



Catch it! Bin it! Kill it!

We are entering the cold and flu season and with the current situation regarding Covid 19, it is even more important that children remember the Catch it! Bin It! Kill it! routine.

This, along with regular handwashing throughout the day is a vital way to reduce the transmission of infection, not only for Covid but also colds and flu during these challenging times.

Please reinforce the Catch it! Bin It! Kill it! routine with your children at home.

Thank you.



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

Book a test

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP

NHS APP

The new NHS Covid19 app is now available to download.

This app is available for anyone **aged 16 years and above**. Please follow the link for further information.

<https://covid19.nhs.uk/pdf/introducing-the-app.pdf>

DFE HELPLINE FOR EDUCATION

The DfE have set up a helpline for Education advice regarding the Covid-19 virus for staff and parents.

Phone : 0800 046 8687

Email : DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours : 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

COVID TESTING

If parents or carers are unable to book a local Covid test slot, then they can use the email below explaining that the test is for a child attending a Plymouth school. The CCG team will triage those families with children and adults with symptoms and book them in for a test and provide information on how to get to the site. A priority is given to key worker parents, to help support the local key worker workforce and get staff back to work.

d-ccg.cornwalldevon.urgenttesting@nhs.net

FLU VACCINATIONS - ELECTRONIC CONSENT LINK

Please follow the link and complete the consent form if you wish your child to receive their flu vaccination in school on Tuesday 19th November . **Deadline : 27th October 2019.**

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/devon>



For upcoming events for the Plymouth Schools Sports Partnership or to read some of our blogs, please visit www.yourschoolgames.com and search for our school.

<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/> <http://www.plymouthssp.co.uk/>



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



Have a great Weekend!
Mrs Evans - Head of School

STAY HOME

New to Plymstock
For Military parents & their friends

Aggies In The Ark
Plymouth, UK

**MINI TOTS IN PLYMSTOCK
& PL9 AREAS!**

ZOOM SESSION
Monday afternoons 12.30pm to 1.15pm

New zoom session for parents of pre-school children
45 minutes of Toddler Group activities, rhyme time, simple crafts, stories and fun.
Whilst we are at home not able to go to groups Aggie's Pastoral Workers Jenn & Zoe will be running these sessions.
For meeting ID & more info contact Jenn Collings on Aggies in the Ark - Plymouth, Facebook page or jennintheark@aggies.org.uk

PIC•COLLAGE

Aggies In The Ark
Plymouth, UK

Whether you are a beginner or like to dabble, we will be painting together, learning new skills and tips together
Contact Jenn for zoom meeting details & supplies list.

Monday evenings
7.00pm to 8.45pm
Zoom sessions

Contact jennintheark@aggies.org.uk or on Facebook messenger

PIC•COLLAGE

LIVE TUESDAY'S

12.00 TO 1.30PM

Jenn is LIVE on Tuesday at Aggies in the ark - Plymouth on facebook

Christmas Makes Week 2 Table Decoration

Aggies In The Ark
Plymouth, UK

Contact jennintheark@aggies.org.uk for more info

PIC•COLLAGE

Aggies In The Ark
Plymouth, UK

New day & time

Next Meeting
21st September

MONTHLY Zoom get together
Monday mornings 10-11am
Every 3rd Monday in the Month

Do you have a child/ren with additional needs/SEN?
We would love you to join us for our drop in zoom session to share time with one another.

This is a safe & confidential group and anything discussed will not leave the group, whilst adhering to Aggies safeguarding policy. You will need to obtain the private password from Jenn each week.

Please contact Jenn Collings on Facebook messenger or jennintheark@aggies.org.uk for session ID and further information.

PIC•COLLAGE

How are you feeling today?

happy anxious sad angry excited calm

6 things you can do to help you feel good

Talk to someone you trust about how you're feeling

Go outside and get some fresh air

Listen to your favourite music

Keep active - run around or play games

Eat lots of healthy food

Have a good night's sleep

Need someone to talk to?

Call Childline for free 0800 1111

In an emergency, text SHOUT 85258

REQUEST FROM NURSERY

Nursery Class would like to ask parents if they have any spare girls or boys trousers / jogging bottoms that their children have grown out of.



Please pass them into the reception area. Any donations would be gratefully received.

Thank you.

PRESS RELEASE – Plymouth Dads Project launches with Apple Pressing

An exciting new initiative aimed at fathers, grandfathers, uncles, male carers and all father figures and their children is launching on 3rd October. The Plymouth Dads Project is for fathers in Plymouth and the surrounding area who want to have fun with their children, both boys and girls, of all ages.

Project Co-ordinator and founder of The Dangerous Dads Network, Ian Blackwell, explains: 'We have been fortunate in securing a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund to run two Saturday dads' group events in Plymouth each month, as well as 'Conversation Cafés' for men on Tuesday evenings. These will all be free events'.

'The Saturday events are open to all dads and male carers and we have planned some great activities, such as apple pressing, Forest School fun with fire-lighting and campfire cooking, making Christmas presents and lots more. All dads can attend with their children, both daughters and sons. Over the years our events have really caught the imagination with families, carers and partners. Events are hugely popular with dads from all walks of life attending to have a few hours of fun with their children and to make best use of the amazing green spaces on offer in Plymouth. Due to COVID restrictions, we do need people to book first. We are also ensuring all our activities are COVID-secure and we will be following the latest guidance'.

'We are really pleased to launch our activities in Plymouth on Saturday 3rd October, starting at 1pm, with an apple pressing and cider-making events at the Hams Wood orchard, PL2 2HP. This is for dads with children aged 5 and over. Then on Saturday 10th October, starting at 2pm, we are running an 'autumn leaves' session at Just Imagine PL6 5DS for dads with children aged 5 and under. Please book by emailing info@dangerousdads.org.uk or phone 07934 739098'.

'We are also hosting Conversation Cafés for men once a month on a Tuesday evenings. These are for dads to come and meet other dads, to talk about the challenges and rewards of being a father, and to get any support or guidance they might need from professional staff. There will also be pizza. The Conversation Cafés are free to attend, but again people will need to book in advance. The first Café event is Tuesday 20th October 7-8pm at Tamar Folk Children's Centre, at Victoria Road Primary School PL5 1RH.'

'Just to remind people, the events will be free and run by experienced workshop leaders. We will have COVID measures in place to keep everyone safe'.

All further info contact Ian or Chloe:

info@dangerousdads.org.uk
www.dangerousdads.org.uk

07934 739098





Sat 3rd Oct, 1-3.30pm, Apple Pressing
For over 5s and their dads @ Ham Woods, PL2 2HP

Sat 17th Oct, 2-3.30pm, Autumn Leaves
For 0-5 years and their dads @ Just Imagine, PL6 5DS

Tue 20th Oct 7pm, Dads' Conversation Café
Dads /male carers only-@ Tamar Folk CC, Victoria Road Primary, PL5 1RH

Sat 14th Nov, 1-3.30pm, Campfire Cooking
For over 5s and their dads @ Ham Woods, PL2 2HP

Sat 21st Nov, 2-3.30pm, Build a Story
For 0-5 years and their dads @ Just Imagine, PL6 5DS

Tue 24th Nov 7pm- Dads' Conversation Café
Dads /male carers only-@ Tamar Folk CC, Victoria Road Primary, PL5 1RH

Sat 12th Dec, 1-3.30pm, Christmas at the Cabin
For over 5s and their dads @ The Cabin, Bame Barton, PL5 1 EJ

Tue 15th Dec 7pm- Dads' Conversation Café
Dads /male carers only-@ Tamar Folk CC, Victoria Road Primary, PL5 1RH

Sat 19th Dec, 2-3.30pm- Christmas Creating
For 0-5 years and their dads @ Just Imagine, PL6 5DS

Calling all dads and male carers (step dads, uncles, grandads...) come meet other dads, make new friends, enjoy fun FREE activities with your children on Saturdays and discuss the challenges and successes of being a dad at our Tuesday Conversation Cafés- a safe space to talk all things dad & eat pizza...

Please book your FREE place through info@dangerousdads.org.uk or call/text 07934739098.

Limited places to ensure we can provide safe, socially distanced events and the right amount of refreshments so booking is essential...

FREE Events for Dads-Autumn Series 2020