

Beechwood Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"



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DOJO REWARD WINNERS

Ellie and Dylan in Memory class have finally reached 100 Class Dojo's for excellent learning. They can now wear mufti to school for a day - Well done Ellie and Dylan. This is well-deserved!

Important Information

YEAR 5 SWIMMING LESSONS

Year 5 swimming lessons will now take place on 17th to 28th May. Children will attend school at their usual time and must come to school in their uniform. Please can you ensure that your child/children come to school with their swimming costumes and towels and they will also need to bring a plastic bag to store their wet clothes.



DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)

2020/2021

Thurs 29th April	Yr6 Respect Festival Workshop
Mon 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Mon 17th May	Yr5 Swimming Lessons Begin
Mon 24th May	Sports week- More details to follow
Mon 31st May	Fri 4th June - HALF TERM
Thurs 8th July	Year 6 Prom
Thurs 15th July	M&M Productions
Mon 26th July to	Tues 7th Sept - SUMMER BREAK

2021/2022

Mon 6th Sept	Non Pupil Day
Tues 7th Sept	Non Pupil Day
Mon 25th Oct to	Fri 29th Oct - HALF TERM
Fri 26th Nov	Non Pupil Day
Mon 20th Dec to	Mon 3rd Jan - CHRISTMAS BREAK
Mon 21st Feb to	Fri 25th Feb - HALF TERM
Mon 28th Feb	Non Pupil Day



ATTENDANCE

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the attendance for week beginning **19th April 2021**

Cloud	94.2%
Nest	92.3%
Tower	95.8%
Aurora	94.4%
Charm	95.5%
Dazzle	98.0%
Pride	94.3%
Swarm	96.6%
Memory	93.5%
Parliament	94.8%
Flamboyance	96.6%
Wisdom	89.8%
Pandemonium	99.5%

Well Done

Pandemonium Class !



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.



Children are now be able to choose a sandwich /wrap for their lunch for Summer Term starting on the 19th April. All our other lunch options will remain available as well . A New lunch menu has been sent home via email and also on our website and Facebook page.

FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE



Please like our Beechwood Primary Academy Facebook page to follow updates and school events. Also you can refer to our school website for the latest news and calendar dates. Thank you.

CHILD ABSENCE

If your child is unwell and is due in school, please leave a message on the child absence line by 9.00am each morning. Thank you.



LATENESS

We would like to emphasise the importance of arriving at school on time. The POD doors open at 8.45am daily to allow children to be in class and ready for their lessons which begin at 8.55am. Thank you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS FREE SCHOOL MEALS CRITERIA

You may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child/ren if you receive Universal Credit, Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Income Related Element of Employment and Support Allowance, Guaranteed Credit element of Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of £16,190 or less.

We would urge parents who may be eligible for Free School Meals for the children to contact the school office for a form as soon as possible. This is very important, even if your child does not wish to take up the free meal. The register of FSM entitlement affects our overall school budget and we may be missing out on funding as a result.

Please do not confuse this with Universal Free School Meal entitlement for children in Years Reception to Year Two.



Think Autism! Think Alerting Derriford Autism Service!!




The Derriford Autism Service is working hard to increase the number of Autistic people alerted on the hospital systems. These alerts tell members of nursing staff that you are Autistic and may need reasonable adjustments. We can alert children, young people and adults with or without a formal diagnosis. Please contact the team if you wish to alert yourself or someone you know.

Call 01752 432134 or email plh-tr.derrifordautismservice@nhs.net

Have a lovely weekend!— Mrs Evans

COVID-19 INFORMATION PAGE



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 - CALL 119

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

POLITE REMINDER

Could we please remind parents/carers to follow social distancing whilst on the school grounds and to stay behind the red lines outside of the POD doors. This is to ensure that children, staff and parents are kept safe and we can abide by the 2m distancing rule.

We also request that all parents/carers please wear face coverings whilst on the school grounds.

Thank you to everyone who is following these guidelines and being prompt dropping children off at the doors reducing congestion on the school grounds.

Thank you.



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/>



Plymouth Dads Project



Sat 24th Apr, 1-4pm, Bridge-building & Bread-baking

We are making campfire bread and building a bridge across the stream. Dads don't need to bring anything. It's free. For over 5s and their dads.

@ Ham Woods, PL2 2HP

Tue 27th Apr, 7pm– Dads' Conversation Café

We are back face to face, which means free pizza...

Dads /male carers only @ the Cabin, Barne Barton, PL5 1EJ and ONLINE

Sat 17th Apr, 2-3.30pm Interactive storytelling session of The Gruffalo

Using salt dough and other natural materials

@ Just Imagine, Christian Mill Business Park, Crownhill, Plymouth. PL6 5DS

SAVE THE DATE 2021

Events for Over 5s and their dads:

- Sat 8th May trip to Mt Edgecumbe
1-4pm (Meet at Cremyll Ferry at 1pm)
- Sat 12th June – TBC
- Summer Camp, 26th to 27th AND 3rd to 4th July

Events for 0-5 years and their dads:

- Sat 15th May, Sat 19th Jun, Sat 17th Jul

Dads' Conversation Cafés:

- Tue 25th May and Tue 29th Jun
7-8.30pm, the Cabin, Barne Barton, PL5 1EJ
And ONLINE (open to dads anywhere)

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

**Bookings@
dangerousdads.org.uk**

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- April Series 2021



Date: 13th April 2021

PRESS RELEASE – Plymouth Dads Project Building Bridges, Literally

As the country begins to open up so too does the Plymouth Dads Project. Our 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. As with all of our Plymouth Dads Project events, these sessions will all be free. There are events each week in April and throughout the rest of the year.

To kick things off we have an event on 17th April planned for under 5s and their dads. All father figures welcome to join us for an interactive storytelling session of The Gruffalo using salt dough and other natural materials. This will be taking place on Saturday 17th April, 1pm at Just Imagine, Christian Mill Business Park, Crownhill, Plymouth. PL6 5DS, and is open to all dads and male carers and their children aged under 5. You will need to book as numbers are limited.

Then for dads with children aged over 5, we will be heading to Ham Woods on the 24th April at 1pm for some forest fun. Dads and kids will work together to build a bridge over the stream and also get busy in the campfire kitchen to bake bread. Dads don't need to bring anything, other than their children of course. The event will be entirely free and run from 1-4pm at Ham Woods PL2 2HP. Again booking is essential as numbers are limited.

Also continuing are our Conversation Cafés for men once a month on 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. Covid has amplified the stress on parents and we are here to provide a judgement free environment for them to connect and converse with other dads. Also, complimentary pizza will be provided. The Conversation Cafés are free to attend and child-care costs can be covered if needed, but again people will need to book in advance. The April Café event is Tuesday 27th April 7-8pm at @ the Cabin, Barne Barton, PL5 1EJ and also on-line.

We are excited to see all the dads again and want to remind everyone that all events listed are entirely free (although donations are always welcome) and are run by our experienced, qualified workshop leaders. We will have COVID safe measures in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

To book please contact:

bookings@dangerousdads.org.uk

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