

Beechwood Primary Academy

Newsletter



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21st November 2022

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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Parents Dental
Workshop

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Non Pupil Day
SCHOOL CLOSED
TO CHILDREN

PARENT UPDATE



Thank you for your support for Children In Need this year. Plymouth charities are often beneficiaries of money from Child in Need so it is a fantastic charity for us to support. We really appreciate your donations and the children had a lovely time.

Year 1 had a great trip to Pizza Express as part of their topic and they had a great time experiencing how to make pizza and learning from a chef. Thank you to their teachers who organised and helped them on this trip.



Last week, we also focused on Anti-Bullying week. The children took part in different activities exploring kind behaviour and thinking about the impact of unkind behaviour.

We also explored that it is never ok to be unkind and that bullying is if someone is unkind to the same person over a long period of time, which also is not ok. We reminded children about how to be kind, things to say as part of our everyday focus on kindness and recognition for this and we explored different ways to help each other be kind, as well as what to do if someone is being unkind.

We never condone unkindness in any form and we help children to understand the impact of being unkind and how to make it better. This is an important social development and it is also important that children experience kindness in all areas of their life as well as understanding that the first part of making things better is to say sorry.

Children have also worked on online safety and the links with kindness when it feels like you are protected by not being directly with other people, a key area of learning in a world full of connected technology.

We are part of the National Online Safety programme which supports our teaching and learning, and has constantly updated resources to ensure that our information and support is as up to date as possible. This week, there is a non-pupil day on Friday, as staff take part in the next part of RWI (Read, Write Inc) professional development. This is part of our whole school focus to ensure that early reading develops the skills needed for life-long, fluent readers as well as making sure that all teachers and staff across the school are confident in the structures of teaching phonics reading.



On Thursday, the children are welcome to come to school in non-school uniform to bring in an item for their stall at the school Winter Fayre which is in Christmas week on Wednesday 14th December from 3.15pm-5.00pm, organised by our wonderful PTFA. A letter was sent home last week with the details for Christmas week

Mrs Bailey - Head of School

Parent Pay Sign Up

Please make sure that you are signed up to Parent Pay, even if you don't need to use the system to pay for dinners or other services, as we send out our communications using the email system.

We also post information on Facebook and use the text messaging system.

However occasionally messages only go to certain groups and these are sent either by text message or email through Parent Pay.

Please speak to the office if you need any more information about this.



We need your help with research to find out how we can best support the oral health of autistic children and young people in Plymouth



Who are we? We are a team of researchers, dentists and community engagement experts from the University of Plymouth and the Peninsula Dental Social Enterprise.

Why are we doing this research? Caring for your teeth can be difficult. For autistic children and young people there may be additional challenges. We know that autistic children and young people often have high levels of untreated tooth decay and gum disease and are more likely to have teeth taken out under general anaesthetic.

What do we want to do? We want to understand from autistic children, young people and those that care for them what influences how they look after their teeth and access dental care. The research will be used to inform the development of dental care services for autistic children and young people in Plymouth and beyond.

How are we doing it? We would like to talk to autistic children and young people about looking after their teeth and going to the dentist. We would also like to speak to the parents and carers of autistic children and young people about these issues. You are invited to take part if you, your child or the child you care for is:

- Autistic or on the autism pathway
- Aged 5-19 years
- Living or at school, college or work in Plymouth

As a thank you for taking part, you (and/or your child) will receive a £10 Love2Shop voucher

Interested in finding out more?

Please see <https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/research/access-to-dental-care-for-children-and-young-people>

Or contact Jo Erwin at j.e.erin@plymouth.ac.uk or on 07973 902024.

Thank you!

SMOKING AND VAPING ON SITE

Please can all parents be aware .

We do NOT allow smoking OR vaping on school premises or near the school buildings.

If you must do either , Please make sure you are not in view of the school premises.

Thank You



Help with cost of Living

Support for Cost of Living:

Are your children eligible for Free School Meals? [Free school meals | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/free-school-meals) If you think you might be eligible or just want to check, please complete the application here: [Apply for Free School Meals - About this form - PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK \(achieveservice.com\)](https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/free-school-meals)

Scan this QR code with your camera on your device to go straight to the Apply for Free School Meals from Plymouth City Council:



Plymouth City Council also has a website designed to support with different aspects of help available. Please follow this link:

[Cost of living support - Plymouth Online Directory](https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support)

DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2022/2023

Wed 23rd Nov	Parent Dental Workshop
Fri 25th Nov	Non Pupil Day
Tues 29th Nov	House Day
Thurs 1st Dec	Cairo Class Assembly
Wed 7th Dec	Josh Bygrave visit –Artist yr 6
Thurs 8th Dec	School Disco
Thurs 8th Dec	Lima Class Assembly
Thurs 8th Dec	Rock Steady Music Concert 9.30am
Fri 9th Dec	Dr Bike in school
Mon 12th Dec	Yr6 Choir Performance 6pm Markethall
Tues 13th Dec	Candlelit carol service – Muga 5pm
Wed 14th Dec	PTFA Winter Fayre
Wed 14th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 16th Dec	Last Day of Term Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Parties
Tues 3rd Jan	Return to School

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 14/11/2022

New York	86.4%
London	75.8%
Luxembourg	84.7%
Paris	97.4%
Capetown	92.1%
Lima	93.3%
Kingston	96.0%
Cairo	93.7%
Canberra	95.4%
Beijing	86.4%
Pompeii	88.9%
Nuuk	94.4%
Berlin	91.8%
Mumbai	96.7%

Well done!

The winners this week are :-

KS1 - London Class

KS2 - Nuuk Class

They will receive the Attendance Cup



YEAR 6 PARENT SUPPORT

A Family support advisor from the Early help and support team and a Youth Worker from the Community are going to meet with Year 6 parents at Oakwood Primary Academy on Tuesday 6th December at 2:15pm.

The first session will be about secondary school transition, adolescence and growing up. They will also be available if you have any questions. They are great at signposting about the different support networks and have links with many other agencies e.g, young carers, housing, health and youth support in the community.

If you're feeling anxious or have any worries/concerns about your child starting secondary school this will be a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have or just to talk to other parents who maybe feeling the same!

There will be tea, coffee and biscuits provided!

POD OPENING TIMES

Please ensure your child arrives on time for school each morning and come in through their POD doors. The POD doors are open from **8.45 to 8.55am**. Arriving late unsettles children.

They miss key elements which can have a negative impact on their learning.

Thank you.

ABSENCE REQUEST

ALL absences require either proof of medical evidence or a completed Absence Request Form. Please complete in advance of any absence to allow authorisation from the Head of School. It is preferred that medical appointments are taken out of school hours, but appreciate sometimes this may prove difficult. Thank you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please can you PAY IN ADVANCE for all lunches . ALL outstanding dinner and breakfast club accounts must be cleared as soon as possible . Texts only get sent to parents with a dinner and breakfast club debt, so if you receive a text, please check your child's Parent Pay account. Please contact the office on 01752 706360 if you need any assistance. Thank you.



YEAR 3

Year 3 have loved learning about dinosaurs so far this term!
Did you know that the people who dig out dinosaur fossils are called palaeontologists?
We became palaeontologists and dug out our own chocolate chip fossils from some cookies.
We had to be really careful not to damage them as we got them out!



ed's AWESOME LUNCHTIME MENU			CATE'S CORNER	
WEEK BEGINNING: 21ST OCT • 21ST NOV • 12TH DEC • 16TH JAN 6TH FEB • 6TH MARCH • 27TH MARCH	WEEK BEGINNING: 7TH NOV • 28TH NOV • 2ND JANUARY 23RD JAN • 28TH FEB • 13TH MARCH	WEEK BEGINNING: 14TH NOV • 5TH DEC • 9TH JAN • 30TH JAN 27TH FEB • 20TH MARCH	<p>REGULARS</p> <p>AVAILABLE DAILY</p> <p>DO VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION</p> <p>THE PLAYHALL LANE</p>	
CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2	
MONDAY Chicken & tomato pizza with garlic vegetables H/V	MONDAY Vegan balls with tomato sauce & mixed vegetables H/V/W/V/W	MONDAY Koushouri in spicy sauce with creamy meat H	MONDAY Beef burger in a breaded roll with jacket potatoes H	MONDAY Chicken & tomato pizza with garlic vegetables H/V
TUESDAY Beef chilli with rice & mashed chips H/V	TUESDAY Baked nuggets, fish sauce & berry wedges H/V/W	TUESDAY Bony pork bone and garlic bread H/W	TUESDAY Chicken & tomato pizza with berry wedges H/V	TUESDAY Beef chilli with rice & mashed chips H/V
WEDNESDAY Meatballs with tomato sauce served with pasta H/V	WEDNESDAY Vegan fishy packet with spicy potatoes H/V/W	WEDNESDAY Sweet and sour chicken served with rice H/V	WEDNESDAY Chicken & tomato pizza with berry wedges H/V	WEDNESDAY Beef chilli with rice & mashed chips H/V
THURSDAY Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy H	THURSDAY Courgette sausage with roast potatoes and gravy H/V	THURSDAY Roast gammon with onion sauce, roast potatoes and gravy H	THURSDAY Beef chilli with rice & mashed chips H/V	THURSDAY Beef chilli with rice & mashed chips H/V
FRIDAY Chingy hot dogs with french chips H	FRIDAY Vegetable quiche with french chips H/V/W	FRIDAY Fish fingers with chips H/V	FRIDAY Beef chilli with rice & mashed chips H/V	FRIDAY Beef chilli with rice & mashed chips H/V
FOODS Fresh fruit, veg, yogurt and fresh fruit	FOODS Fresh fruit, veg, yogurt and fresh fruit	FOODS Fresh fruit, veg, yogurt and fresh fruit	FOODS Fresh fruit, veg, yogurt and fresh fruit	FOODS Fresh fruit, veg, yogurt and fresh fruit

YEAR 1

This week Paris Class have spent time exploring a range of different instruments and learning how to play them. They will be spending the next few weeks creating their own piece of music.



YEAR 6

On Monday, Year 6 were lucky to participate in a workshop with The Ocean Conservation Trust. The children learnt all about the importance of seagrass to the marine life on our local coastline and what we can be done to preserve this. They used their engineering skills to design anchors that would not damage the seabed



FAMILY LEARNING

WELLBEING THROUGH CRAFTING

Do you have a busy family life, enjoy crafting, would like some "you time" or even just to learn new skills?

If the answer is yes then these courses may be for you! We are running courses where you will learn new skills... This may lead to a new hobby, provide you with some time for wellbeing, or even give you some business ideas to take forward to a new venture!

Christmas wreath crafting classes. Starts Tuesday 15th November and runs for 5 weeks, ending on the 13th December. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits provided. To find out more, please scan the QR code at the bottom. Look forward to welcoming you all!



Our FSA, Mrs Armstrong has organised these classes for parents.

Please scan the QRcode for more information. These classes will take place at Beechwood Primary. We look forward to seeing you.



WINTER FAYRE - NON UNIFORM DAY

Re: Non Uniform Day for Donations for Winter Fayre Stalls.

On Thursday November 24th, we will be holding a non-uniform day for donations for the Winter Fayre stalls, that the children will be running and raising money for the PTFA to contribute to school funds.

Please bring in the following items depending on your child's year group:-
Nursery – Baubles or sweets for prizes

Reception – Chocolate Prizes

Year 1 – Anything orange (chocolate orange, orange candle, carrots)

Year 2 – Bars of Chocolate

Year 3 – Candy Canes

Year 4 – Chocolate prizes (chocolate coins)

Year 5 – Wrapped hard boiled sweets (eg humbugs, eclairs)

Year 6 – Un opened soft drink bottles (eg coke, orange juice)

All children who bring a donation are welcome to wear non-school uniform on that day.

Please ensure that sensible shoes are worn to ensure children are safe in school.

If you prefer, your child is of course welcome to wear their usual school uniform. Children will need a coat as usual.

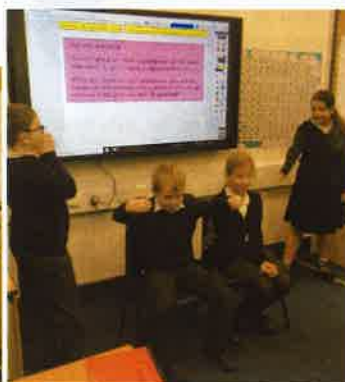
The PTFA would also welcome any good quality, nearly new toys or gifts for their gift stall and donations of chocolate or sweets.

Thank you for your support.



YEAR 5

In Nuuk Class we have been enjoying reading the book 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. We have been using our acting skills to create freeze frames from a part of the story. We have also been using our imaginative skills to plan and begin to write our very own adventure stories.



YEAR 6



Children from Mumbai dressed in spotty and yellow mufti to raise money for Children in Need

They did various different activities throughout the day and had lots of fun!



Join Above Bounds as they bring Becca's Children's Books to life with a series of pop-up story plays across Plymouth libraries.

60 minutes of **song, dance and puppets**, gives your child plenty of opportunity to be part of the story!

Free & no need to book, these family friendly sessions are suitable for all families with under 5s

Central Library - 11:00-12:00 Monday 21st November
 Plymstock Library - 11:00-12:00 Friday 2nd December
 Plympton Library - 10:30-11:30 Monday 30th January
 Crownhill Library - 10:00-11:00 Friday 24th February

To find out more follow us on:

@abovebounds
 @plymouthlibraries
 @beccaschildrensbooks



Request for Help

If you have concerns about your child's speech, language or communication, you or somebody who knows your child well, need to contact us in the first instance to discuss your concerns and the impact on your child. We will ask what you or their setting have put in place so far, and how well that has worked.



We may make some further suggestions or signpost you to other sources of support. We may be able to suggest some additional training to help a setting support your child. If we feel that some direct assessment or support from the service is required we will add your child to our waiting list for an assessment.

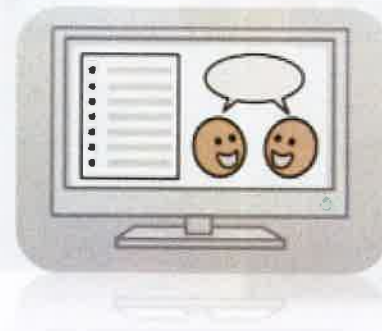
Contact details

Children's Speech and Language Service
Four Greens Community Trust
15 Whiteh Green
Plymouth
PL5 4DD
Tel: 01752 434844
Email: Livewell.childrens-sl@nhs.net
Website: www.livewellsouthwest.co.uk

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Children's Speech & Language Service

Parent/Carer Training Sessions



Free virtual information sessions for parents and carers on a range of speech, language and communication topics.

We support people to lead independent, healthy lives

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The i-THRIVE Framework

The Children and Young People's Speech and Language Therapy Service is provided according to the i-THRIVE framework. This promotes prevention and early help for speech, language and communication needs. See our website for more information on the i-THRIVE framework.



Parent/Carer Training



As part of our 'Getting Help' offer we deliver a range of virtual training sessions for parents and carers. You may be invited to book on to a session following a Request for Help call, or offered a space whilst your child is on the waiting list or on a caseload.

The training sessions are delivered by Speech and Language Therapists to small groups on Microsoft Teams. There will be some information and ideas from us on each topic and there may be an opportunity to share strategies that have worked for you at home.



If you are interested in attending one of these sessions please speak to your allocated therapist or contact the Admin Team on 01752 434844 to book a Request for Help discussion.

Sessions Available

'Attention Builders' will look at developing attention skills to support young children's communication.

'Signing to develop Speech, Language and Communication' explores why we sign and provides the chance to learn and practice a selection of everyday early language signs to get you and your child started.

'Speech and Cued Articulation' will talk about typical, delayed, and disordered speech sound development. You will learn about some strategies to support speech sounds, including Cued Articulation. There is also a video of Cued Articulation actions available on our webpage.

'Stammering' will discuss the causes of stammering and how you can best support your child at home. There will also be time to share your concerns and experiences. This session is aimed at parents/carers of children of preschool or primary age.



The sessions are run on a rolling programme with each topic being covered once every six weeks. The sessions last either an hour or an hour and a half depending on the topic.

Budgeting/finance and energy workshops

This is a new government initiative that is helping people to become more confident using maths in everyday life.

The workshops will be about sharing of ideas and how to use technology and maths to help you in your everyday life.

We will look at finance and what it means to you and various options that are available. It will link in with budgeting and energy, including use of the smart meter and how to calculate your energy usage, how to save energy and what items cost more to run, best buys in supermarkets and money saving apps, meal planning and sharing ideas to help one another.

This will be run over two consecutive weeks and will be led by the needs of the group and what they would like out of it.

There are several workshops that the government are providing so we will be looking for your feedback on what courses would be beneficial to the Beechwood Families.

Workshop dates- Thursday 1st of December at 9am till 11am

Thursday 8th of December at 9am till 11am

Hot drinks and biscuits provided



DR. BIKE
AT BEECHWOOD PRIMARY

9th December
2022

Bring your bike to school on this day to have it looked at by your Sustrans mechanic, for FREE!

PROTECT OUR PLANET



The poster features a blue sky background with white clouds. On the left, two people are shown holding a globe of the Earth. The text 'DR. BIKE AT BEECHWOOD PRIMARY' is in bold, dark blue letters. Below that, '9th December 2022' is in a large, dark blue font. A speech bubble contains the text 'Bring your bike to school on this day to have it looked at by your Sustrans mechanic, for FREE!'. A curved banner around the globe says 'PROTECT OUR PLANET'. The Sustrans logo is in the bottom right corner.

Please bring your bikes and scooters to the bike shed in the morning on the 9th December where Dr Bike mechanics from Sustrans will fix any issues and check they are in good working order. Please collect at the end of the day.



