# **Beechwood Primary Academy** Weekly Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"





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# 16th July 2021

### POLICE AND PLYMOUTH HOPE VISIT







Year 4 had a visit from PC Kirkup and the team from Plymouth Hope.

They learnt about what it means to be a refugee and why they would need to flee their country.

'They feel threatened by war' - Tyler

'We should welcome refugees as need a safe place to live,' - Ebony

'They will make dangerous journeys to settle in countries like England.' - Dayton

We are really looking forward to welcoming the team back next year to work with Year 5 when they will continue this work on celebrating difference within our community in Plymouth

### YEAR 4 DOJO AWARDS



Holly, Lacey-Mai, Ben, Sarah and Levi (absent) have all earned 100 dojos and can now wear mufti for a day. Well Done Children!

### YEAR 1 DOJO AWARDS



A big well done to Lily, Zakk, Heidi and Sintija from Tower Class who have earned a mufti day for getting 100 dojo points!

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM

In preparation for the start of the Autumn Term, we would like to remind parents of our uniform guidance and policy.

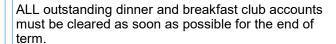
Please refer to our website which provides information on the correct uniform for Beechwood Primary Academy.

All school uniform, book bags, etc can be ordered through the following website:-

### www.myclothing.com

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please can you PAY IN ADVANCE for all lunches.



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 if you need any assistance.

#### IMPORTANT CHANGE TO LUNCH MENU

Summer lunch menu 2021amended choices for wk. I W/C Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice One	Crispy coated chicken strips with seasoned wedges (H/W)	Home made pizza cheese and tomato, pepperoni (H/W)	Beef pasta bake with garlic bread (H)	Roast chicken, stuffing with roast potatoes and gravy (H)	Fish fingers/breaded fish or crispy costed pollock with chips or pasta
Choice Two	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes
Vegetables	A selection of hot and cold vegetables with be served. These will vary depending on the individual unit.				
Dessert	**Thumbprint cookies or fresh fruit(H)	Fruit or yoghurt (H)	**Sultana and apricot cookie, yoghurt or fresh fruit (H)	fresh fruit platter, yoghurt or fruit(H)	**Orange and pineapple sundae yoghurt or fresh fruit(H)

Please note that baked beans can be offered as an alternative to the vegetable choice with agreement from the school.

\*\*Dessert of the day may be subject to change in a particular unit and is subject to staff availability. All recipes used will be from the current published menu and allergens must be checked and communicated with the school.

# IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2022?

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It may seem a long way ahead but now is the time to start thinking about your child moving from primary school onto secondary school. If your child was born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011 you will be eligible to apply for a secondary school place.

Information about applying for a place and the individual secondary schools will be on our website from Monday 6 September 2021 at <a href="www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions">www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions</a>. From here, you can apply online for school places and read the guide for parents which contains the links to the individual schools admission policies and forms.

Applying online is quick and easy - all you need is an email address. Once you have applied we will let you know which school your child has been allocated on Tuesday 1 March 2022.

### Remember:

All Plymouth's 18 secondary schools hold 'open events' for families to visit the school and speak to staff. Please refer to the individual schools websites for dates and further information.

If you are applying for a place at a faith school on faith grounds, you must also fill out a supplementary form, which you can obtain from our website or from the school.

Some schools give priority to children of members of staff and will ask for submission of a supplementary form as proof.

Please read the admission policy for each school carefully.

If you are applying for a place at a girl's grammar school, you must register to take the 11-plus examination through our website. For boys grammar school please refer to the schools website. The closing date for registering both boys and girls is 31 August 2021.

The deadline to apply is 31 October 2021 www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

### **DIARY DATES**

### (These dates may be subject to change)

### 2020/2021

Mon 19th and M&M Productions

Thurs 22nd July
Mon 19th July to Thurs 22nd July—Balanceability

Mon 19th July Yr6 Bikeability

Mon 26th July to Tues 7th Sept - SUMMER BREAK

#### 2021/2022

Mon 6th Sept Non Pupil Day Tues 7th Sept Non Pupil Day

Mon 11th Oct Individual pupil Photographs
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 Friday 8th April Non Pupil Day

Mon 11th April to Frid 22nd April – EASTER BREAK

### **RENN READING WINNERS**

This weeks word count winners are as follows:-Week ending 16/07/2021 Key Stage 1– Charm Class 12 565 words read.

Lower Key Stage2- Pride Class 185 074 words read.

Upper Key Stage 2– Flamboyance Class 538 094 words read.



### **ATTENDANCE**

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the attendance for week beginning **5th July 2021** 

86.7%
90.5%
90.0%
95.8%
92.2%
94.0%
90.7%
97.0%
91.9%
97.4%
91.4% -
96.7% -
95.8%

Well Done Swarm Class!



### **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.

### 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.

#### 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.

### **FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE**

Please follow us on our Facebook page at Discovery Multi Academy Trust.

Please refer to our school website for latest news and calendar dates.

### WEDNESDAY WALKERS CLUB

Next Wednesday 21st July will be the last session for our Wednsday walkers for this term. We will be resuming our walks from Wednsday 8th September.

Everyone is welcome to join in.

### PLYMOUTH INFORMATION ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR SEND



#### Disability Football

Hunter District Football Club are currently looking into setting up an additional needs mixed group football team based in Plymstock for children age 10-14 years. The club would like to hear from families whose children may be interested in becoming players for this team.

The team is very much focused on inclusion and would be open to children with ASD, Down's Syndrome, hypermobility, hearing impairments, visual impairments, cerebral palsy, learning difficulties or those with any additional needs or medical condition. Fully qualified coaches would be provided, although parental support would be essential depending on the circumstances.

If you have a child who may be interested, please email Ross Hart at: mwelfare.hdfc@gmail.com

### Connect with us on Facebook

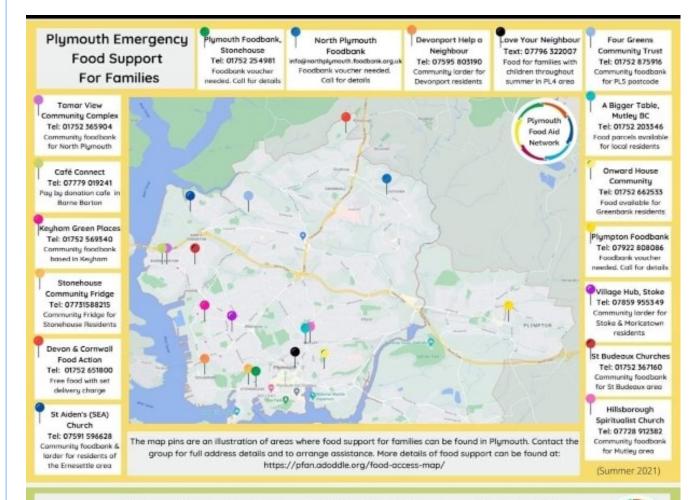
We regularly post information, activities and events happening in the Plymouth area

on our Facebook page. Stay up to date by Facebook.



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If you no longer wish to receive notifications from us about future newsletters or events, please click <u>UNSUBSCRIBE</u> and we will remove you from our mailing list.



# More Support Available For Plymouth Families

### Plymouth Food Aid Network

## Uniform Store Plymouth

A pop-up shop (run through summer school holidays) and an on-going 'Click and Collect' service to support families kit out children with free school uniforms.

www.uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk

### Plymouth Football Boot Bank

Plymouth Football Boot Bank offers used football boots, goalie gloves, shin pads, etc in good condition to parents of young players who may be having financial difficulties. E: plymouthfootballbootbank@yahoo.com

### Baby Basics - Baby Bank

Our baby basics include items such as nappies, wipes, nappy cream, weaning products, formula milk, muslins, cot sheets, teething aids and blankets.

E: babybasicswhitleigh@salvationarmy.org.uk

### Suited to Help

Supporting unemployed men with donated clothing suitable for a job interview. We aim to reduce the barriers to employment, financial impact and promote self-confidence.

E: suitedtohelp@gmail.com

### Children's Storehouse

We offer donated children & baby clothes, toys, shoes, equipment and hygiene items E: storehouse@plumouthvineyard.org.uk

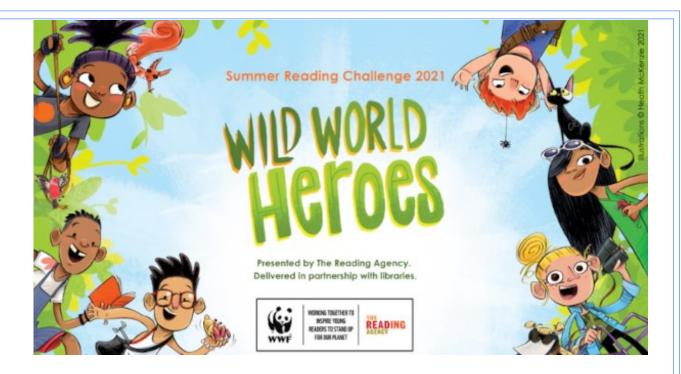
### Bramble's Pet Food Bank

A Pet Food Bank in Plymouth to help people who have furry loved ones and are struggling to feed them in these challenging times.

Facebookbook.com/PetFoodBankPlymouth

## **Healthy Start Vouchers**

www.healthystart.nhs.uk



For this year's Challenge, The Reading Agency has partnered with WWF to create 'Wild World Heroes', which will inspire children to take action for nature and the environment. Join the Wild World Heroes for an exciting adventure in the fictional town of 'Wilderville'. Through reading books, collecting rewards and learning all about our planet, Challenge participants will help the Heroes make Wilderville a greener place to live.

The Challenge is the perfect summer activity to build young readers' skills and confidence during the long break from school. It is available in all Plymouth libraries from 1 July until 11 September.

Children can also take part online through the official digital Challenge platform.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

### **Plymouth Libraries**



### **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 so not confuse this with Universal Free School Meal entitlement for children in Years Reception to Year Two.



#### **COVID-19 INFORMATION PAGE**







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







### 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-theapp.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



We will be continuing with all our existing Health and Safety measures until the end of term, this includes the notification of the self-isolation of pupils if required . There will be no changes to the social distancing measures in place at the beginning and the end of the day.

This is to continue to support the Health and Safety of all our children, staff and community especially in light of the significant increase in cases in Plymouth.

Lisa Evans

Head of School



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/

