



NEWSLETTER



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Make a Wish Foundation

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new year at school. It will certainly be a happy new year for a child supported by The Make a Wish Foundation. Thanks to the talent of your children and the remarkable generosity of those who came to watch our Christmas performances we will be sending £467.87 to the Make a Wish Foundation to allow them to make dreams come true for very ill children.

Mrs Nicholls

Unfortunately Mrs Maroney is still unwell and will not be back with her class this half term. Fortunately for us Mrs Nicholls, who taught Class 5 last year, is back from her time abroad and has agreed to rejoin us to teach Class 4 for this period. We are very pleased that the children will be taught by somebody who is familiar with the 'St Joseph's Way' of teaching and learning.

Foundation Stage Entry September 2019

Tuesday 15th January is the last day that parents can apply for a school place for a child to start school in September of this year. The children eligible will have been born between Sep 1st 2014 and August 31st 2015. If you have, or know of other parents who have, children of that age please make sure you have made your online application to Plymouth Local Authority Admissions as well as completing and returning our supplementary form to the school. On a number of occasions in recent years we have had to refuse places for siblings of children in school because an application was not made before the closing date. We were listed in The Herald's 'ten hardest schools to get into' for this year and we already have more supplementary forms in than we had at this point last year.

Senior Administrator Vacancy

There is an advert on the 'About Us' tab of our website for the senior administrator post made vacant by Ms Taylor's departure. The closing date is 5.00pm on Monday 14th. We will also soon be advertising Ms Taylor's old Family Liaison Officer position, and for Meal-Time Assistants. Safer Recruitment is a process that we take very seriously. This means that we need to be able to trace residential and employment history of all applicants as well as having professional references for applicants. If you are considering applying for one of these positions please bear that in mind when completing your form.

Active School

There are lots of sporting activities coming up. On Monday of next week seven children will be representing the school at Marjons in a netball competition. On Tuesday all of the Key Stage 2 children will have coaching in table tennis and on Friday Year 5 & 6 will learn how to row on indoor machines before taking part in an inter-house competition. The best rowers will go on to represent the school in a rowing festival later this term. After school clubs for yrs 1-6 will also start next week.

Attendance

Our overall attendance figure stands at 95.75% which is just short of our 96% target. Individual classes averages are:

Foundation	95.95%	Class 1	95.14%
Class 2	94.96%	Class 3	97.41%
Class 4	95.49%	Class 5	95.49%
Class 6	94.49%		

