

Beechwood Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

“Living, learning and thriving”



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DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)

2020/2021

Fri 27th Nov	Non Pupil Day
Wed 16th Dec	Christmas Lunch - Nursery/Rec/Yr1/Yr3/Yr4
Thurs 17th Dec	Christmas Lunch - Yr2/Yr5/Yr6
Fri 18th Dec	Christmas Jumper Mufti
Fri 18th Dec	Last Day of Term
Mon 21st Dec to Mon 15th Feb to	Fri 1st Jan - CHRISTMAS BREAK
Mon 22nd Feb	Fri 19th Feb - HALF TERM
Thurs 1st April	Non Pupil Day
Fri 2nd April to Mon 3rd May	Fri 16th April - EASTER BREAK
Mon 31st May	Bank Holiday
Mon 26th July to	Fri 4th June - HALF TERM Tues 7th Sept - SUMMER BREAK



FLU VACCINATION

If your child missed the flu vaccinations that took place in school on Tuesday 23rd November, please contact the following number:-

0300 247 0082



Thank you.

CHILD IN NEED

Thank you for your kind donations last week for Children in Need.



POPPY APPEAL

Thank you for your kind donations towards the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We managed to raise a massive £273.26



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Please be reminded that applications for Primary School Admission places are now open. Applications need to be completed by **Friday 15th January 2021**. Please see more information on:-

primary.admissions@plymouth.gov.uk



If you are experiencing domestic abuse and want to talk safely to someone about this, please contact Plymouth Domestic Abuse Service

on

[0800 458 2558](tel:08004582558)

or go online to contact us

<https://www.sanctuary-supported-living.co.uk/find-services/domestic-abuse/devon/plymouth-domestic-abuse-services-pdas>

Using these metaphors (written by the NSPCC) can boost our understanding of child development and increase support for ensuring children and young people have healthy development and grow up in supportive and loving families and communities.



Serve and Return - Like the serve and return rally in a good game of tennis, young children naturally reach out for interaction with adults through babbling, pointing, imitating facial expressions etc. This process helps them develop important language, cognitive, and social skills and actively builds a child's brain. Here's an animation to illustrate the metaphor: https://youtu.be/WspJdih_ljk

TEACHER TRAINING DAY

Polite reminder that there is a non-pupil day tomorrow (**Friday 27th November**) for staff training. Thank you.



Livewell Southwest are really excited to announce that they have launched two new, unique health websites for children and young people in Plymouth!

[Health for Kids](#) and [Health for Teens](#) cover subjects that promote health and wellbeing, with the aim of educating and helping young people to make the right choices and teach children about their health in a fun and engaging way.

Health for Teens is aimed at those aged 11 to 19 years of age, and features information on:

- Text your School Nurse
- Mental health support during COVID-19
- Dental health and finding a dentist
Support and wellbeing

Health for Kids is aimed at those aged four to 11 years of age, and their grown-ups. As well as a range of interactive games for little ones, the site will contain information on:

- Mental health support for new parents
- Online breastfeeding support group for mums
- Devon DadPad, an app for new dads
Common childhood illnesses

Both websites also have plenty of helpful reminders of Livewell's secure text messaging service, [ChatHealth](#).

ChatHealth allows parents, carers and young people in Plymouth to send messages to a dedicated number. Texts are responded to by the Livewell Southwest Health Visiting and School Nursing Team within one working day.



National Online Safety

Keep children safe online
National Education Group
Designed for iPad

★★★★★ 5.0 • 28 Ratings

Free

National Online Safety Platform

A new app has been developed for parents to use, to engage with the National Online Safety platform. You can download this app from your playstore (android) or app store (Apple) and use it on your phone or device at home. You will be able to access a range of resources, webinars and videos to help support keep your child safe at school.

Have a great Weekend!
Mrs Evans - Head of School

COVID-19 INFORMATION PAGE

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 - 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

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.



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/>

