

Beechwood Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

“Living, learning and thriving”



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MAYFLOWER 2020 CELEBRATIONS

During Educare over lockdown, a group of Key Stage 2 children from all of our three schools worked together with adults to build a floatable cardboard boat via a zoom workshop. As you can imagine, this was a challenge. However, with a lot of hard work they created an amazing final result!

The boat was intended to be entered into the annual IMECHE cardboard boat race, along with other schools in Plymouth, which normally runs from the Mayflower Steps on the Barbican. This year was especially exciting because the boat needed to be Mayflower themed to celebrate Mayflower 2020 in the city. Sadly, due to the current situation this event was cancelled, but we would still like to celebrate and share the children's achievement and hope you agree the finished produce is very realistic!

Miss Glynn—Oakwood STEM lead.



FLU VACCINATIONS - ELECTRONIC CONSENT



Remember to book your child's on-line flu vaccination:-

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of access (SPA)

Telephone : 0300 247 0082

Email : vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2020/2021

Mon 28th Sep to Mon 26th Oct to	Fri 2nd Oct - Bike to School Week
Fri 18th Dec	Fri 30th Oct - HALF TERM
Mon 21st Dec to Mon 15th Feb to	Last Day of Term
Mon 22nd Feb	Fri 1st Jan - CHRISTMAS BREAK
Thurs 1st April	Fri 19th Feb - HALF TERM
Fri 2nd April to Mon 3rd May	Non Pupil Day
Mon 31st May	Non Pupil Day
Mon 26th July to	Fri 16th April - EASTER BREAK
	Bank Holiday
	Fri 4th June - HALF TERM
	Tues 7th Sept - SUMMER BREAK

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL CHOICE

Please be reminded that it is that time of year for Year 6 children to make their choice for secondary schools.

We have been asked by Plymouth City Council to email information to you. Please ensure you have your child's Parent Pay account activated.

The deadline for Admissions is **31st October 2020**.

Please use following link:-



www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions

PAYMENTS REMINDER

All lunches and breakfast club need to be paid for in advance. Please keep your child's Parent Pay account topped up. Please let the office know if you require a bar code letter to enable Paypoint payment. Thank you.



ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

Can we please remind you that if your child is sick it is your responsibility to phone the school and let us know the reason. This is really important, especially in the current climate. If we are unable to contact you it may result in your child receiving an unauthorised mark.

Also if your child is absent due to an appointment, please either post a copy of the appointment letter in the sealed box in the foyer area or complete an absence request form prior to the appointment. All forms can be found in the foyer area.

If your appointment is due to a cancellation or short notice then proof of the appointment will need to be brought in the following day.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



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.

BREAKFAST CLUB BOOKING

Please note, if you would like your child to attend our Breakfast club, there is now a new booking system on Parent Pay.



Please log onto Parent Pay and select the breakfast club option, select the booking option first, this will allow you to enter the days that you want to book and then make your payment. You will be able to book the whole term in advance.

It is not our intention to limit numbers to our Breakfast Club, but it allows us to provide a safe environment for the children and staff attending.

Please contact the school office if you require any additional information. Thank you.

SCHOOL COATS

Could you please ensure your children have their coats in school each day as the weather is still very changeable. We cannot accept coats at the front reception if the weather changes during the course of the day. Thank you.



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)



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/>



We did not have any suggestions in the ideas and suggestions box this week.



*Have a great Weekend
Mrs Evans - Head of School*

PLYMOUTH INFORMATION ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR SEND



Ballard Trust School Grants

The Albert Casanova Ballard Deceased Trust provide grants for school uniforms and additional kit such as books, football boots etc. Trustees of the Estate of Albert Casanova Ballard invite applications from parents of boys aged 11-16 years old who attend the Air Defence Squadron, Plymouth secondary and central schools or organisations and clubs in Plymouth.

Applicants must live within the City of Plymouth, live within seven miles of the Ballard Institute and attend a secondary school within the city.

The latest update is that due to Covid-19, successful applicants will be refunded retrospectively.



An advert with further information on how to apply will appear in Plymouth Live on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 September 2020.

The closing date for requesting application forms is Wednesday 30 September 2020. The closing date for completed applications is Thursday 22 October 2020 with the reimbursement being received during October half term.

Time for YOU

In March the "Time for YOU" groups for mums of children with additional needs were delivered by zoom proving to be really successful. Funding has now been secured to deliver two new 12 week groups starting Wednesday 16th September and Friday 18th September. Please see the flyers below for further information or email: jo@mums4achange.org

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in these challenging times

A small supportive zoom group for mums of children with additional needs

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Share with others who get what it means to be a mum of a child with additional needs during these times

Re-fuel, play with coaching tools + images and say what needs to be said

Listen to what YOU need and how this fits into your life now

Are you in DEVON or CORNWALL

Could this be for you?

<https://bit.ly/2Eszjlm>
jo@mums4achange.org
fb @mums4achange

"The group has been a life-line to me during lock-down."

- A small, safe and supportive zoom group for mothers
- Take some time for you with others who get it
- Your child doesn't need an official diagnosis

WHEN: Fridays 9.30-11.30 am from 18th September

WEEKLY: 12 weekly zoom meetings (term time only)

HOW: By zoom - If your child(ren) can be distracted safely while you speak+ listen 'privately' you can come.

COST: Free **BOOKING ASAP ESSENTIAL** - ltd spaces
Priority booking if you are on means tested benefits.
Funded by People's Health Trust using money raised by Health Lottery South West.

INTERESTED: Facebook event <https://bit.ly/2Eszjlm> click 'Reserve me a spot' to find out more or email jo@mums4achange.org Please any benefits you get.

RUN BY: Jo Ball - life and career coach, mum of 2, with a background in Arts Therapy. SUPPORTED BY: Clare Gale who has a son with complex medical needs and loved the group so much she now helps run it.

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