

College Road Chronicle

Issue 8

Value of the month:
Courtesy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year to all our families; it's great to see everyone back and enjoying the new term.

As you may be aware, we are planning to turn the pond area into a Forest School for all the children to be able to experience outdoor learning. We want to get the children involved and feel ownership of the project so this term, they are planning their ideas; I know that some teachers have sent this for home-learning so that parents can have an input too. Once all the children have had a say about what they would like, we will be collating the ideas and a group of children and staff will work together to formulate a finished design. We would love families to get further involved once we start the actual 'build and create' stage, so please let us know if you would like to help. More details in due course. In order to create the forest school area, we have to raise a substantial amount of money, so the PTA have made it their fund-raising mission and have donated an incredible £2000! Thank you so much to them for all their hard work. In addition to the PTA donation, a local education charity called The Woodmancy Trust have also very kindly given us £2000 towards the project. A huge thank you to them too!

Uniform - could I remind everyone that trainers should only be worn on children's PE day and that black school shoes should be worn at all other times.

Belongings - it has come to my attention that quite a few children are bringing pencil cases, diaries and other personal belongings to school. We would prefer that children do not bring in these items (except for Year 6 children who are allowed a pencil case in class) as we cannot be responsible for their safe-keeping. If your child needs to bring in something of value, please ensure they hand it to their teacher to keep in a safe place in their classroom.

Get creative in Devonport & Stonehouse as part of the With Flying Colours project.

With Flying Colours is an exciting new play-making programme for young people. Working in local schools, children will co-create plays based on their own ideas and words. Each school will develop their ideas into performance pieces which will pop up in the local community in a whole manner of unlikely spaces and places.

For parents and community members there will be opportunities to support the young people through a variety of practical 'making' workshops which will include costume, props and set. The year will culminate with the school plays that have been developed featuring alongside a professional production in a community based festival in July.



FAMILY WORKSHOPS

February half term:

Make a Mask
Wednesday 19th February 2020 – 10:00 - 11:30
@ Devonport Library, PL1 4DP

Make a Puppet
Thursday 20th February 2020 – 10:00 - 11:30
@ Union Corner, PL1 3HW

Easter holidays:

Creative Writing
Tuesday 7th April 2020 – 10:00 – 11:30
@ Union Corner, PL1 3HW

Make a Puppet
Wednesday 8th April 2020 – 10:00 – 11:30
@ Devonport Library, PL1 4DP

May half term:

Creative Writing
Wednesday 27th May 2020 – 10:00 – 11:30
@ Devonport Library, PL1 4DP

Make a Mask
Thursday 28th May 2020 – 10:00 – 11:30
@ Union Corner, PL1 3HW

Workshops are open to families with children aged 5+ and are free to attend

'With Flying Colours' - our school is currently involved in this fantastic project in which our Year 5 and 6 children are writing plays with professional play-wrights, which they will be performing later in the year. This is part of a wider community project, which provides lots of FREE fun workshops for families to enjoy. You may remember that at our 'Meet the Teacher' evening we hosted a puppet-making workshop; this was provided by the 'With Flying Colours' team. On May 16th we will be inviting parents and families to attend a 'Big Build Day' to help the children create the set and

costumes for their performances. More details to follow nearer the time, but in the meantime, please have a look at the flier above which contains information about the workshops available in the next few holidays.

Thank you for all your support.

With best wishes,

Mrs Francis.

Learner of the Week Certificate Winners

Week Ending 10.01.20

KS1

Mrs Copp - Freddie Eccles
Miss Stone - Bella Bignell
Mrs Dinham - Lincoln Braidwood

KS2

Mrs Lenden - Robert Matei
Mrs Cox/Miss Corbett - Zahid Shohid
Mrs Rolfe - Gracie Dickson
Mr Mann - Ahdia Usman

Week Ending 17.01.20

KS1

Mrs Copp - Mia Dickson
Miss Stone - Holly Broadhurst
Mrs Dinham - Scarlett Higgs

KS2

Mrs Lenden - Lucy King
Mrs Cox/Miss Corbett - Ethan Ratcliffe
Mrs Rolfe - Evan Edwards
Mr Mann - Emily Lyndon

Please remember to return the Learner of The Week medals by Thursday 23rd January.

Important Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 15th January: Foundation Stage and Y6 national measurements for height and weight

20th January: Extra curricular clubs start

27th-31st January: 'Bikeability' for Y5 and Y6

14th February: Last day of Term 3

24th February: First day of Term 4 and the start of Heatree Residential week

9th March: Sports Relief Week

13th March: Extra curricular clubs finish

27th March: Last day of Term 4

Class Attendance

At College Road we monitor attendance extremely closely and feel you should be aware of your child attendance. If it falls below 92%, a letter will be sent home. 90% equates to your child missing half a day a week, every week!

Listed below are the class attendance percentages for last week.

YR	- 100%
Year 1	- 92.92%
Year 2	- 98.75%
Year 3	- 99.17%
Year 4	- 99.17%
Year 5	- 98.15%
Year 6	- 93%

Well done Foundation!



Class Assemblies

Our very popular programme of class assemblies, where the children share their learning with you, is back! Assemblies run for 20 minutes or so, and all parents and families of the class are very welcome to come along and hear about the class's learning, and stay behind and learn about how we teach 'maths fluency'. They start at 9.10am, on the following Fridays:

Y6 - 31st January

Y4 - 7th February

Y1 - 14th February

Y5 - 6th March

Y3 - 13th March

YR - 20th March

Y2 - 27th March

Hope to see you there.



Family Support Worker



Year 4 and 5 parents, we have been contacted by Devonport High School for Boys as they are really keen to ensure that parents across Plymouth are able to find out more about their school and feel confident about the application process. Over the next few weeks, they will be holding information sessions if you'd like to find out more. These sessions will take place at the following times and places:
Devonport Library - 23rd Jan - 4-5pm
Central Library - 30th Jan - 4-5pm
The Beacon Hub - 6th Feb - 4-5pm
There is a poster on the parent board about the application process and feel free to come and talk to me for further information.

Plymouth Junior Hockey Club is holding an open day on Saturday (19th Jan) at Bull Point Astro, St Budeaux. Attendance is free but you will need to confirm your place by emailing

committee@plymouthhockeyclub.org.uk.

Have a great weekend.

Alex

Just a few reminders...

The Children's Choice menu has now finished, so on Tuesdays, please refer back to the current menu.

With our unpredictable weather, please remember to send your child to school with a coat (don't forget to put their name in it!!).

If your child is ill, please call the school office before 8am and leave a message on our absence line.

Thank you

Crossing Patrol

We would like to make you aware that crossing patrol will **not be available** from Monday 3rd February (morning) until Friday 7th February (afternoon).

Please take extra care when crossing the road.

Thank you



Free School Meals - we need your help?

Children who are registered for Free School meals have an impact on how our school is funded. Pupil Premium funding is money given by the government to help children from lower income families to do their very best, but the money will help all of our children. There is more information about how we spend this money on our school website.

If you are in receipt of

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (but no working families tax)
- Universal Credit
- Guarantee element of pension credit
- Income related employment and support allowance

Even if your child is in KS1 (years YR to 2) and currently having universal free school meals, if you are eligible, you should still apply.

It's very quick and easy to check. Just log into

www.plymouth.gov.uk/schoolseducationchildcareskillsandemployability/freeschoolmeals.

click on **How to apply** and then **Apply for Free School Meals**, or you can request a paper copy from the school office.

Thank you



Times Table Rockstars



To help launch NumBots and re-launch the times tables rockstars maths site, we held a re-launch day on Thursday. It was fantastic to see so many children dressed as rockstars; a big thank you to the parents for helping with this.

Congratulations to Lily Rose and Oscar for winning the 'come to school dressed as a Rock Star' competition. Also, a big thank you to Mrs Copp for organising the event. Here are some of the amazing outfits!!

