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Newsletter

Well done to all, we have made it to the end of term one together adopting the new rules and routines. We would like to wish you all a restful half term and will be ready to see you all again on **Monday 2nd November**. Routines for school drop off and collection will remain the same and we thank you all for supporting us with this.

This year due to Covid restrictions we are unable to sell poppies in school, however all children will be participating in a remembrance session to appreciate and understand the importance of this day. Should you wish to make donations we ask that this is done within the community.

Have a great half term.

Mrs Dinnis

HARVEST DONATION

On behalf of the school community we made a food donation to the local food bank. This was supported by the magic breakfast team. We hope that it will benefit the wider community and remind our parents that should they wish to send in a donation themselves to the local foodbank this would be gratefully received.

Thank you.



SNACKS/ PACKED LUNCH

Can we please ask parents to not bring in peanuts/nuts for snack or lunch to support medical needs within the school.



Thank you

MEDIA FORMS/PHOTO PERMISSION

If you have not already done so, can you please return your child's media form to your class teacher.

Thank you

UNIFORM

Please remember to clearly mark your child's school uniform with their name. We have several cardigans and jumpers in our lost property that are not named.



PRIMROSE CLASS

The PE day for Primrose class will be changing from a Friday to a Tuesday starting after half term.



Thank you.

FLU VACCINATIONS REMINDER - ELECTRONIC CONSENT

Remember to book your child's on-line flu vaccination:- <https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

Vaccinations will take place on **Tuesday 24th November**. Please register online with them at least two working days before.

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



The poster features a blue background with the text "Young Carers" at the top. Below the text are two yellow silhouettes of a man and a woman. To the right of the silhouettes are the logos for "carerstrust" and "The Children's Society". The main text on the right reads "Lots of children look after someone at home who is ill or disabled". At the bottom, it says "Don't forget to let us know if your child is a young carer. If you have any questions about this please call to speak to either Mrs Burch or Mrs Wilkinson on 01752 365250 or email c.wilkinson@discoverymat.co.uk".

DINNERS

Please can you check your child's account and add credit today if you have an amount owing.

ALL LUNCHES MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE PLEASE.

Texts only get sent to parents with a dinner debt, so if you receive a text, please check your child's Parent Pay account.

Please contact the office if you need any assistance.



MindEd FOR FAMILIES

Are you a parent or carer who is concerned about the mental health of your child or teenager? Do you just want some hints and tips on parenting? MindEd for Families has advice and information from trusted experts and will help you to understand what problems occur, what you can do to best support your family, and how to take care of yourself. MindEd for Families is written by a team of specialists and parents, working together.

<https://www.minded.org.uk/>

SERVICE FAMILY CHILDREN

If your child has a parent or step parent who is a regular in HM Forces (this includes a parent who is on a full time commitment as part of the reserve service) can you please complete a form if you have not already completed one from the main reception office.



This information will be used to access important funding for Service children.

Thank you

YEAR 6 CHILDREN & PARENTS

Remember it's that time of year to make your Secondary School choice.

Important

Admission Deadline : 31st October 2020

Please find more information on the website

www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions

IMPORTANT DATES

Dates for your



2020/2021

26/10/20 - 30/10/20 Half Term

02/11/20 - School opens 8.45am

27/11/20 - Non Pupil Day

18/12/20 - Last Day of Term

21/12/20 - 1/01/21 Christmas Holiday

4/01/21 - School Opens 8.45am

15/02/21 - 19/02/21 Half Term

2/04/21 - 16/04/21 Easter Holidays

3/05/21 - May Bank Holiday

31/05/21 - 4/06/21 Half Term

23/07/21 - School finishes 3.00pm

26/07/21 - 03/09/21 Summer Holidays

Plymouth Library Service - October Half Term Activities

It's not possible to hold the Children's Festival inside libraries this year but don't worry, that doesn't mean the fun has to stop!

Join Above Bounds Theatre Collective for a week of storytelling - from traditional tales, to magical new worlds, artists will be bringing you a story a day from Monday to Friday during October half-term.

Why not gather the family round and head to the [Plymouth Libraries Facebook page](#) every day at 10am to watch the fun unfold, and let those little (and big) imaginations go wild!

You can find out more about Above Bounds by following them on social media: @abovebounds, [facebook.com/abovebounds](https://www.facebook.com/abovebounds).

Look out for more information and current opening hours on [our website](#)

www.plymouth.gov.uk › **libraries** We really look forward to seeing you again over the next few weeks.





October Half Term Challenge 2020

Pumpkin Carving!

Ask an adult to help you draw a face or picture onto a pumpkin and carve it out. See how it looks with a light or candle inside!

Shake it up!

See how many words you can make with the letters from:

TRICK OR TREAT

Get Decorating!

Make some Halloween decorations using materials found in the house! See what you can do with items that would have gone in the bin!

Explore outside!

Go exploring outside on an Autumnal walk – make a note of things you find or see that are unique to Autumn.



Get Drawing!

Draw a picture of what you can see outside. Try to include the Autumnal colours and leaves!

Film Fun!

Watch a Halloween themed film and write a review of it. What happened in the film? What did you think? Would you recommend it? Send it to a friend

Get Experimenting!

Choose and complete a science experiment from <https://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/>

Collect extra Children's University credits during your half term break by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit when you take evidence of your activity to your teacher or local Children's University. This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did! To get a stamp code for Children's University Online email contactus@childrensuniversity.co.uk





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FREE CRICKET SESSIONS!

Please book your place in advance. Contact Katie Holland: katie.holland@devoncricket.co.uk/07498 751414



Come along to your local Wicketz hub, make friends, have fun and stay healthy!

WHERE: Manadon Sport & Community Hub, 121 St Peters Road, Plymouth, PL5 3FD

WHEN: Thursdays 4pm - 5pm

WHO FOR: Boys & girls aged 8-16 of all abilities welcome. Booking your place in advance is essential.

COST: Free!

WHAT TO BRING: A drink (not fizzy). Wear appropriate clothing for indoor and outdoor activities.

Starts 8 October

Join us for a fun day learning different dance styles and techniques, leading to an exciting end performance. The day will be taught by a graduate of the Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) well-versed at delivering energetic and memorable workshops. Great for both new and experienced dancers to work together and create a one off, unique piece!

LOCATION: Sherford Vale School, 10am - 3pm.

AGE: Open to anyone aged 7+ looking for some fun dancing all day!

All **COVID-19** guidelines will be followed to ensure we can have a great, safe day dancing together! This does make places limited.

JOIN TODAY

Please email balletmarina@outlook.com for all enquires and to book your place!

