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Friday 11th December 2020



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Newsletter



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FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER IS A NON PUPIL DAY

Well we have nearly made it to the end of term. It has been lovely to get through the term so far with the children engaging in their learning, and working with us alongside our new routines in light of COVID.

As we approach the end of this term, I want to ensure that I have wished you all a very merry Christmas and ask that you all remain safe and well through the Christmas break. It is going to be a different one for us all, and I ask you all to continue to follow the COVID government guidance to keep your family and our community as safe as possible, and ensure that if your child or a member of your household displays any symptoms of Covid that the family self isolates until the test results are back.

Uniform

As we return to school on **January 4th 2021**, can I please ask that children continue to wear the correct school uniform. For those on a PE day, this is a plain dark (blue or black) bottoms and a plain dark (blue or black) zip up hoodie. Tee-shirts should be white.

School uniform should be grey bottoms (skirt, trousers, shorts, dress) and a white polo shirt with a navy blue cardigan or jumper. School shoes should be plain black. It is important for me for the children to look smart as they represent the school and I hope you will all support with this into the new year. All uniform should be clearly labelled with the child's name (we have had many lost items this term and it becomes very hard to match items with children again without a name).

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to Charlie Child in Year 5 to ask if we can move our Christmas Jumper day to **Thursday 17th December** to support the national charity Save the children. This is a great idea and something we all enjoy celebrating so for everyone (and a donation if you wish to)
CHRISTMAS JUMPER MUFIT DAY WILL BE ON THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER. Thank you.

Christmas Lunch

Below we have listed the day each of our bubbles is having their Christmas lunch. I can assure you that in between bubbles on the same day, there is a gap to ensure that the whole dining hall is cleaned down prior to the next group coming in, following our COVID risk assessment. The team from CaterEd have worked hard to ensure that all the children have a wonderful lunch as normal – and we hope they enjoy the festive lunch as well.

Monday 14th December - Nursery, Foundation and Daisy class (Snowdrop, Forget-me-not, Daisy)
Year 5/6 Bubble (Teasel, Cornflower and Honeysuckle)

Tuesday 15th December – Year 1 and 2 (Buttercup and Bluebell)
Year 4 (Primrose and Poppy)

Wednesday 16th December – Year 3 (Dandelion and Violet)

Please note that on the days above, the only other lunch option will be a Jacket potato.

**Thursday 17th December Menu will be Fish & Chips, Quorn Nuggets & Chips
or Jacket Potato**

Attendance for w/c 30/11/2020

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the current class attendance data.

Daisy	92.7%
Bluebell	98.5%
Buttercup	89.3%
Violet	92.4%
Dandelion	97.1%
Poppy	99.6%
Primrose	95.2%
Teasel	92.8%
Cornflower	97.3%
Honeysuckle	97.5%

CHRISTMAS GIFT

We have had a couple of enquiries about gifts for teachers. Should you wish to give your child's class teacher something, we ask that it is dropped off to reception, clearly labelled, by **Tuesday 15th December**, so that it can be left for 48 hours for the teacher, following our risk assessment.

Thank you



CHRISTMAS LUNCH PAYMENTS AND LUNCH PAYMENTS END OF TERM

Please ensure your child's Parent Pay lunch account is topped up if they are in Year 3 to Year 6. All meals need to be paid for in advance please.

Children in receipt of Universal Free School Meals (Rec/Yr1/Yr2) and if you are in receipt of Free School Meals do not need to pay.

Thank you.



IMPORTANT DATES

Dates
for your

DIARY

2020/2021

17/12/20 - Christmas Jumper Day

Mufti for a donation please.

17/12/20 - Last Day of Term

18/12/20 - Non Pupil Day - School closed

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

CLUBS

A reminder that this terms clubs have all finished now. Thank you to the children for your commitment and participation, I know the teachers have been really impressed with your engagement to this and have seen your confidence rise in class.

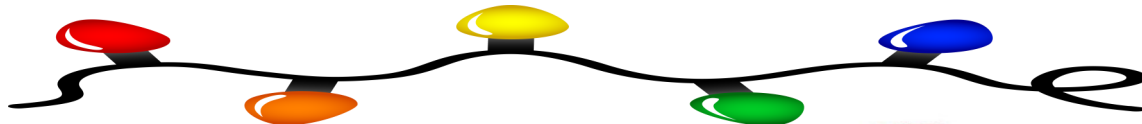


MESSAGE FROM THE SITE MANAGER



Important message for all parents. Please ensure when entering and leaving the school grounds that all adults and children keep to the main path and do not go up near the Forest School/Dome area or onto the field until further notice. This is to keep everyone safe at all times.

Thank you



Winter Challenge 2020



Get Crafty!
Make a kindness jar. Take turns coming up with random acts of kindness that you would like to complete as a family. Find out how here:
<https://tinyurl.com/yvh8e844>

Get Writing!
Write a letter to someone you haven't seen for a while and tell them what activities you have taken part in with Children's University.

Get Baking!
Bake these festive Gingerbread people to share with your family!
<https://tinyurl.com/yca1rppf>

Get exploring!
Explore nature with a winter scavenger hunt. Find out more here:
<https://tinyurl.com/y5bqr7r>



Get researching!
Research another country's winter traditions and write a fact sheet! Present these facts to your family and help them learn something new!

Relax!
Learn how to *Settle the snow storm* with these simple mindfulness exercises
<https://tinyurl.com/y54p9247>

Science!
Make you own indoor snow with two ingredients!
<https://tinyurl.com/y7oamr9w>



Collect extra Children's University credits during your winter break by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit when you take evidence of your activity to your teacher or local CU. 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@childreuniversity.co.uk

NSPCC 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.



Overloaded - When a lorry carries too much weight, it can be overloaded to the point of breaking down. And when parents are burdened with stresses like poverty or lack of support, the weight of these problems can overload their mental and emotional capacity to take care of their children's basic needs. However, just as we can unload an overloaded lorry by bringing in other lorries, or moving some cargo by train instead, we can provide social supports to overloaded parents that offloads sources of stress, and help improve their capacity to care for their children. This Here's an animation to illustrate the metaphor: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETP7TcbC2g0&list=PLqA6Qvva4sNtS7AOONhiXoNsHIAhTBJG&index=3&t=0s>

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

FLU VACCINE

Please ring the number below if you missed the flu vaccination.

0300 247 0082

COMMUNICATION

If you are not receiving emails or texts from school, please ensure that you have activated your ParentPay account and that we have the correct email address for you.



All parents who have not activated their ParentPay have been sent activation letters this week explaining how to set this up. Thank you



Time for YOU

in these challenging times

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



Now, more than ever, Time for You is essential

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



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Could this be for you?

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"The group has been a life-line "

- 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 from 8th January 21

WEEKLY: 12 weekly zoom meetings (term time only)

HOW: By zoom - For you if your children can safely be distracted while you speak+ listen 'privately'

COST: Free **BOOKING ASAP ESSENTIAL** - priority booking if on means tested benefits

INTERESTED: Text 07855529582 or Facebook message on @mums4achange or e: jo@mums4achange.org

RUN BY: Jo Ball - life and career coach, mum of 2, with a background as an Arts Therapist. **SUPPORTED BY:** Clare Gale has a child with complex medical needs. Clare did the group, loved it and wanted to share it. Clare's in the final stages of her counselling qualifications.

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We would like to wish you all a

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

Last day of term Thursday 17th December

School returns Monday 4th January

