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This week's year group news...

Reception We are very excited to welcome everybody back to school next week. The theme of Spring will continue with a focus on Mother's Day. We will be creating cards and gifts and generating simple similes to describe our Mummies. There will also be a huge focus on PSED with the children rekindling friendships and adjusting to the rules, routines and interaction that come with each day. Time will be spent reinforcing school rules and there will be a gentle approach to continuous provision to allow children to ease back in to initiating their own learning experiences and making use of the bank of skills that they have built up until now. Much time will be given for conversation, interaction and enjoying each other's company. In phonics, we will spend the week recapping on phonics skills acquired so far so that Read Write Inc groups can be up and running in the following week and Maths will see us consolidating our experiences of numbers up to 9 and using a range of resources and games to have fun with the properties of number. See you on Monday everyone !!

Year 1 It has been great to see all your science photos this week and very exciting to see the beans starting to grow! We have also really enjoyed seeing photos from home learners and the children who are in school being super scientists (or rather, bees!) and getting up close inside a daffodil to see the different parts. It's that sense of wonder and curiosity that lights up a spark of enthusiasm for learning that is just a joy! Next week, of course is a very exciting moment as we will be welcoming all children back to school on Monday. We are really looking forward to seeing everyone and have missed you all. We thank families immensely for all your support shown to both us and your children during this difficult time; we really could not have asked for more. In maths, we will be completing the current block of learning on Place Value, numbers within 50 counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. As such could we please ask that children have their maths workbook with them, if it is at home, when they return on Monday? Thank you. In our writing, we will be moving away from Riddles and looking at the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. This week will be practising retelling the story, sequencing the story, as well as reading sentences based on it. We have some more exciting science investigations to do as well. We will be learning about the function of a flower stem. The experiment will involve coloured water and a white flower. We'll say no more and let your child tell you all about it! Finally, we would like to introduce Miss Parkins. She is a student teacher who will be based in 1WH and will be supporting various groups of children over the next 6 weeks. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Year 2 Firstly well done to all of you. We are so proud of how you have adapted and continued to learn at home and in educate. We can't wait to welcome you all back into school next week. In English next week we are looking at the features and language used in riddles and will be writing our own riddles about minibeasts. In our reading sessions we will be exploring the fantastic book 'Tidy', we will be assessing phonics in these sessions too. Could we please ask that you bring your Maths workbooks into school next week so we can continue our shape learning. We will continue to monitor the growth of our beans and will be designing our own fantasy gardens.



More year group news...

Year 3 & Year 4 The first English block that we will start with full classrooms will be based on narrative story writing. What genre and style of story we will keep a secret so it's a surprise for next week! However, for the opening week, we will introduce our model text, discuss that genre of writing, and discuss its key features. Once that is complete, the challenge for this first week is for the children to know the plot of our model text from start to finish - and back again! We will ask the pupils to story map the plot, summarise paragraphs, as well as act out sections of the story! Finally, we will work together to create an alternative version of our model text. This will be the first step towards the children writing their very own story based on the model we will share. Year 4 Maths next week is relating fractions to decimals, exploring how to represent decimals in different ways and exploring what happens to numbers when they are divided by ten. Year 3 will be adding and subtracting amounts of money to give change, using both £ and p in practical contexts. We are looking forward to seeing all of you on Monday :)

Year 5 Year 5 staff are excitedly preparing for the return of all of our children next week. We have set aside some time to ease our classes back into the routine of being in school, as well as some PSHE opportunities to discuss our different lockdown experiences and the 'new normal'. In English, we shall be continuing our unit based on *Charlotte's Web*, by writing sections of our own innovated friendship story throughout the week. Reading will include several Cracking Comprehension question and answer activities using a variety of poetry extracts. In Maths, we shall be continuing our fractions learning. Our Beast Creator topic work will involve looking in detail at the lifecycles of minibeasts and other animals. As always, please ensure that your child consolidates their learning at home using Timestable Rockstars and Accelerated Reader. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back into our classrooms next week.

Year 6 We look forward to welcoming you all back next week Year 6! We will continue to explore the unique country of Mexico, from its towering temples and stunning geography to its pulsing rhythms and fun festivals. This week, the children have been learning about 'The Day of the Dead' festival and researching the varied landscape of the Chihuahuan Desert. In the following lessons, they will discover more about the mysterious world of the ancient Mayan civilisation. In English sessions, the children have been researching and creating their own Mexican tourist information leaflet. When we return to school, they will be reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar and using this to inspire their own writing. The book centres on an unlucky teenage boy named Stanley Yelnats, who is sent to Camp Green Lake, a juvenile detention centre in a desert in Texas, after being falsely accused of theft. In our reading sessions, the children will continue to apply their viper skills when reading and discussing the mysterious storybook 'Tuesday' by David Wiesner. Our Maths learning this week has focused on calculating the area and perimeter of shapes, including triangles. Next week, we will be calculating the area of parallelograms and investigating volume.

Please ensure that your children have dusted off their school uniform, pens and reading books in preparation for next week. Also, the children need to bring their CGP and WR workbooks back to school too. Thank you for your continued support and stay safe.



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This week's highlights & reminders:

Return to School - 8th March

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all year groups back into school on Monday 8th March. In order to keep everyone safe, here are a few reminders for you:

- ◆ To avoid a mass congregation of parents and children at the start of the school day, we are trialling a new procedure. Doors will be open and staffed from 8.40am to 8.55am with registration at 9.00am. This provides a 15 minute window for all children to arrive and walk straight into class without the need to wait outside. **We do ask parents, where possible, to come on site between these times only if it is essential to do so.** Pick up times will be 3.15pm for all children, apart from Year 3 & 4 who will finish at 3.20pm.
- ◆ **We will be operating a strict one way system around the school.** Please familiarise yourself with the new one way system, which is illustrated on the map sent home with this newsletter. Your cooperation will be appreciated.
- ◆ We have forwarded a link by text to all families today regarding Lateral Flow Testing for all household bubbles with school age children. This can also be found on the DFE website or by clicking [here](#).
- ◆ Face coverings to be worn by all adults on the school grounds, at all times please.
- ◆ Please could your child wear their Games kit to school on the following days:
 - ⇒ Year 1 — MONDAY
 - ⇒ Year 2 — THURSDAY
 - ⇒ Year 3 — TUESDAY
 - ⇒ Year 4 — WEDNESDAY
 - ⇒ Year 5 — FRIDAY
 - ⇒ Year 6 — WEDNESDAY
- ◆ A reminder to park and drive safely and considerately around the school in the coming weeks and to avoid using the staff car park for parking or as a cut through. Where possible, please park and walk to collect your children to avoid congestion in the immediate vicinity which puts the safety of all of our families at risk. Thank you.
- ◆ Please ensure that ALL uniform and belongings are named - it is impossible to reunite items without them being named, and we are currently unable to facilitate parents/carers attending onsite to search for lost items
- ◆ At this present time of being Covid 19 aware and to avoid cross contamination, we kindly remind you to avoid letting your children use the climbing frames and trim trails at the start and end of the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping all of our school community safe on our return to school.



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The Gosling Trust

This week we will be saying a fond farewell and thank you to one of our Gosling Trust trustees, who has been part of the school and our afterschool facilities since the 1990's, Mr Julian Taylor. Julian served on the Board of Governors when the Goosewell Infants and Juniors were split between two sites, merging as one in 1996. He has since been a respected member of the Board of Trustees of The Gosling Trust from 2002, ensuring that we are able to provide additional support to families outside regular school hours. Thank you for your services to the children of The Gosling Trust and Goosewell Primary Academy Julian, and we send you our very best wishes for the future.

Parent Support Advisor - Jo Penk

Don't forget to look at the PSA section of the Goosewell Academy website, for information on ideas, support and activities for families throughout the current lockdown. Don't forget that your children can also use the [Worry Box](#) link if they have a worry that they would like some help with. By clicking on the link, Mrs Penk can talk to your child about their worry on our return to school and together they can work out how to make that worry shrink.

Click [PSA](#) to keep informed of all the most recent updates from [Plymouth Information Advice & Support for SEND](#) and [Route-ways](#).



SEND & Celebration Part 1
Virtual Conference
8th - 12th March
2021
Evening Sessions

KEY SPEAKERS

Luke Jackson
Well renowned author and public speaker, Luke has written several books including *Freaks, Geeks and Asperger's Syndrome*
Tuesday 9 March @ 6.15pm

Dr Carrie Grant MBE
Carrie has 4 children, all of whom have SEND, she is a keen campaigner and contributes to many forms of media on Health and Education
Tuesday 9 March @ 8.00pm

Samantha Renke
Actress, presenter, speaker, writer and disability rights campaigner, Samantha was named 3rd most influential disabled people in UK in 2020.
Wednesday 10 March @ 8.00pm

Local Heros Thursday at 6.15 celebrating the achievements of local young people

Join us on Monday 8th March for a Round Table discussion with organisations, MPs and Councillors starting at 7.00pm

with Plymouth Parent Carers Voice
In order to attend you must register as a member with PPCV, sign up today!

COME JOIN US

Mellow Mums Group

Being a mum can be tough and Home-Start's aim is to be there for parents when they need us.



Mellow Mums is an informal, one-hour session, via Zoom, each week to give mums a chance to meet others and feel less isolated. It is an opportunity to chat but with no pressure to share anything that you don't want to. We want the group to be led by Mums and so each week you will have a chance to tell us what you would like. It could be videos, guest speakers, information or just to chat with other people who know what you are going through. It will be facilitated by a Home Start Co-ordinator for eight weeks and there will be no more than 10 attendees each week.

The group is suitable for mums with a child under 2 years old.

The next group starts on Monday 15th March, 9.30am – 10.30am.

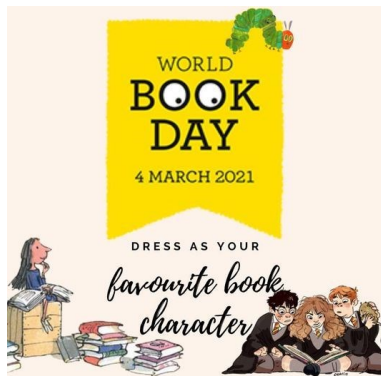
If you are interested in attending or would like to know more contact us at homestart.shpt@gmail.com and we will send you a link to access the group via Zoom using your phone, tablet, laptop or computer.



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World Book Day 2021



Thank you to everyone who participated in this week's World Book Day...we have really enjoyed hearing about your favourite books and book characters. If you missed the exclusive episode of 'The Masked Reader', you can find it on our Goosewell Primary Academy YouTube channel, or by clicking on the link [here](#). Thank you too to all of our lovely families who answered our call to share their favourite stories with our school community, you can also watch Mrs Clarke's edited version on our YouTube channel, or by clicking on the link [here](#). When the children return to school, the £1 World Book Day vouchers will be sent home.



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