



Year Group News

Foundation Stage

Your children have settled so well into the routines and experiences that come with each day at school. We are so proud of how they have lined up to come into school each morning, put their belongings in the right place and eaten their lunch as well as clearing their own plates! You have obviously prepared them very well so pat yourselves on the back and breathe a sigh of relief! Next week we will begin to get our teeth into our topic of Autumn. We will be looking at the book, 'Leaf man' and gathering Autumn treasures to create our own pictures from a range of natural resources. We will also begin to teach letters (m,s,a,d,t) using the 'Readwrite inc' programme which is newly adopted by the school. We are excited about this and think that you will be too. Keep an eye out for an information session on this programme of learning coming soon. We are currently in the process of renewing our 'TAPESTRY' online learning journal and again, we will keep you informed and updated when this is up and running so that you can be part of your child's learning journey too.

Year 1

The Year 1 children have launched into their exciting Enchanted Woodland topic. Next week we will continue our writing based on 'The Gruffalo' story. Children will be making 'wanted' posters and will practising using capital letters and full stops. In Maths, children will be counting forwards and backwards. Children will have the opportunity to plant their own 'grass head' in Science and will be exploring what a plant needs to grow. If you have any empty yogurt pots, please send them in for us to use. Could please ensure your child has a named P.E kit in school.

Year 2

Welcome to all our Year 2 children we hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break? Next week, in Year 2 the children will be re-telling The Gruffalo using story maps and planning their own versions. Our class reading text is Tidy, by Emily Gravett, the children will be re-reading this story to focus on vocabulary and new word meanings. In maths, the children will be carrying on with their learning on tens and ones, using the part-whole model and Dienes to help find different ways to show two digit numbers. As part of our Enchanted Woodland topic we will be focusing on habitats and why certain woodland animals choose to live where they do. Homework books will come on Monday with their first activity to complete. This will then be returned to your child's teacher by the Friday.

Year 3

Year 3 have settled in fantastically over the past week. We have started our new topic 'Flow' with a trip to Radford to look at the river. The children enjoyed helping the adults to measure the flow rate of the river and take water and soil samples. Throughout the rest of the term we will be thinking about rivers around the world and the way pollution affects the rivers in our country. This term we are focusing on the text 'The Wind in the Willows' the children have enjoyed reading the story and learning extracts with actions. Next week we will begin to write our own versions of the story. Some reminders for the start of term; in Year 3 children are expected to bring their own fruit which will be eaten during playtime, children should bring water in their bottle to be kept in the classroom and the finish time for Year 3 is 3:20.

Year 4

After enjoying Treasure Island this week, next week we will be planning our own versions of this adventure. Spellings will focus on prefixes and will be tested on Thursday due to the non-pupil day on Friday. In maths, we will continue to work on rounding to the nearest 100 and will be counting in thousands. In 'The Blue Abyss' topic, the children will be looking at the layers of the ocean in more detail and we will be attempting to rear our own Brine Shrimp!

Year 5

We are really pleased with how well your children have settled in to Year 5! It was great to see some of you at our 'Welcome Meeting' this week. If you were unable to attend, please look at the Year 5 page on our website to view a copy of our presentation. Last Friday, we were lucky enough to have a visit from Clive Pig, an inspiring story-teller, who engaged the children in our 'Pharaohs' topic. Next week in English, we will be planning a class story linked to our core text 'Secrets of a Sun King' and in Maths we will be continuing our learning about the place value of numbers, working with numbers within 10000. Your child's TimesTables Rockstars log in information can be found in the inside cover of their Homework Book. Please encourage your child to log in and play regularly.

Year 6

Year 6 have settled in very well. We have completed our first Assessment Week and all the children showed great perseverance. Next week, we will continue working on place value in maths and the children be writing their own 'wishing story' based on our class reader 'The Switch'. As we continue our ID topic, we look forward to noticing family resemblances based on this week's homework task.



A polite reminder that next Friday 20th September, the school will be closed to children due to a non-pupil day for staff training.

Some housekeeping reminders for the start of the school year....

Uniforms

Please can you ensure that your child's belongings and uniforms are clearly labelled to enable us to reunite them. Please also ensure that your child has brought home the correct item of clothing. We value your support in sending your child to school wearing appropriate school uniform, especially footwear. Black, enclosed school shoes - high heels and trainers are not allowed. You are also reminded that extreme haircuts are not acceptable for school. If you are in doubt, please ask at the office, or look at the school website.

Jewellery

Watches and small stud earrings are the only jewellery allowed in school. Earrings must be taken out for PE. Bracelets of any kind are not allowed in school.

PE Kits

Please can your child bring their PE and Games kits in at the start of term. If it is taken home to be washed, it must be returned on a Monday as PE days are sometimes swapped around. Trainers/plimsolls will be needed for Games (not Reception children). Please look at the school website for a list of PE and Games kits requirements. Kits will be sent home at the end of each term break.

Nut-Free School

Please remember that due to severe nut allergies within the school, Goosewell Academy is a nut-free school. We would be grateful for your cooperation by not sending items into school that contain nuts, including food items such as houmous or chocolate spread.

Water Bottles

Children's concentration is improved dramatically when they drink lots of water. Please don't forget to send your child in with a water bottle for the classroom - please remember that only water is allowed in the classrooms. Water bottles are available from the school office priced at £1.40.

Handwriting Pens

Uni-ball blue gel pens and blue Berol handwriting pens are available from the school office for 40p.

Key Stage 2 Fruit

Please provide your Key Stage 2 with a piece of fruit each day to be eaten at breaktime. Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will still be provided with fruit each day.

School Money

Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) children need to pay for school dinners - £2.20 per day via SchoolMoney. Please ensure that your child's SchoolMoney account is topped up in advance or you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch until the account is in credit.

Bikes/scooters/balls before and after school

Whilst we are keen to encourage the riding of bikes and scooters to and from school, for the safety of all of our children, families and staff, please ensure that they are not ridden in the playgrounds at the start or end of the day. Balls are also not permitted in any playground before or after school.

Year Group Knowledge Organisers

For information on your child's topics for the terms, please remember to look at the appropriate year group on the website under:

- > Year Groups
- > Knowledge Organisers

Or click on the following link: <https://bit.ly/2IO1bHC>

Music Tuition

Our music tutors return next week for the first week of tuition. Please ensure that your child's Schoolmoney account for music lessons is paid by **14th September 2019**. Please remember to bring your instruments on the following days:

- Mondays: Keyboards (provided)
- Tuesdays: Violins
- Thursdays: Guitars
- Woodwind

School Crossing Patrol

On our return from the summer break, we learnt that Mrs Patey, our amazing School Crossing Patrol person, has decided to hang up her lollipop stick and hat after seventeen years of getting Goosewell children (and grown ups!) to and from school safely. We thank Mrs Patey for her dedication to our children, many of whom she has seen grow into adults, and for standing in all weathers on Furzehatt Road with a cheery smile and wave. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Patey, or Judith as she is known to many, into school in the near future to say a fond farewell and thank you. The Chair of Governors has been in touch with the Local Authority and the position will be filled at the earliest opportunity.



PTA News

Your PTA needs you!

Did you know that a new Chairperson will need to be elected in order for the PTA to continue running?

If you are enthusiastic, organised and wanting to make a difference in your child's school please do contact the PTA via email on pta@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk for further details about this exciting opportunity.

Please take serious consideration into this role as without a Chair the PTA will no longer run. The benefits that the PTA offer the school and children are so valuable and would be sadly missed by all.

The PTA run many events throughout the school year with the aim of raising funds to supply items to the school and to aid the pupils learning. The main committee organise these event and run them together with assistance from our wonderful staff and parent volunteers.

If you think you could make a difference, please consider this opportunity and check the website for the date of the AGM, which is due to take place in early October.



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- ★ Congratulations to the staff and children of The Gosling Trust who were rated as 'Good' by
- ★ Ofsted after an inspection during the summer break. The Gosling Trust provides additional
- ★ support for families outside regular school house, including Breakfast, After School and Holiday
- ★ Clubs and is run by qualified, experienced staff within its setting at Goosewell Academy.

* Doors will now open from 7.30am *

Cook will be trialling a new menu next week - please see table below for lunch options next week. Jacket potato and lighter choice options will remain the same.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef chilli con carne with rice and tortilla	Chicken pie with diced potatoes	Bangers and cheesy mash	Roast gammon with roast potatoes	Non pupil day
French bread cheese and tomato pizza	Quorn nuggets with diced potatoes	Vegetable lasagne and garlic bread	Linda McCartney sausages with roast potatoes	
Flapjack	Apple crumble and custard	Custard biscuits	Fruit platter	

Please check the school website for details of upcoming open events at local secondary schools, including UTC Plymouth who will be taking Year 7's from September 2020: [click here](#).

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students

I am writing to invite you to attend our Year 6 Open Evening on Tuesday 17th September.

Plymouth School is a unique community that believes in and actively promotes the traditional values of courtesy, respect and compassion. We have a dedicated, enthusiastic and inspiring team of well qualified and highly skilled staff who provide excellent teaching and support. This enables our students to become creative and independent thinkers and develop a genuine love of learning, which brings them great success.

The evening will begin with a presentation in the Main Hall at 6.30pm and will be followed by an opportunity to view the school and meet staff and students. Our Open Evening continues to be very popular and as a result we are expecting a large number of visitors to attend again this year. If you arrive for the 6.30pm presentation and the Main Hall is full, you will start with a tour led by staff and sixth formers before a second presentation commencing at 8.00pm.

We are incredibly proud of our school and we strongly encourage you to come along to our Year 6 Open Evening so you can see for yourself what Plymouth School is a special place to learn. A Year 5 Open Morning will take place in June 2020.

Best wishes

Rob Pearsall
HEADTEACHER

Please note for your convenience due to our current extensive building programme, parking will be very limited on site.



OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILD

 **Plymstock School**

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO OUR

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 17th September in the Main Hall

Senior Leadership Team and Student Welcome at 6:30pm
 View the school facilities Activities in all departments Meet staff and students

We are incredibly proud of our school and look forward to showing you why Plymstock School is a special place to learn.

SUCCESS TOGETHER

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Parent Support Adviser News from Jo Penk

Don't forget to look at the PSA section of the Goosewell Academy website, for information on clubs, support and activities for families throughout the year. You can find further details by clicking [here](#). Please also see attached details of a consultation that Plymouth City Council would like parents/carers to be involved with regarding early help and targeted support linked to family hubs across the city. Please click [here](#) for further details.



Mayflower 400 – 2020, a historic year commemorating a unique moment for Plymouth

Mayflower 400 will commemorate the 400 year anniversary of the historic journey of the Mayflower with an extensive programme of activities around the city. This will include a public commemoration event on September 16, 2020, the day the passengers left Plymouth on the Mayflower and set sail for America in 1620.

From cultural exhibitions, outdoor installations and live shows to community activities and sports programmes, there will be something for everyone during Mayflower 400 year.

With over 30 million Americans being able to trace their ancestry to the first settlers of the Plymouth colony, the Mayflower 400 year will involve four nations, Netherlands, UK, USA and the Wampanoag nation who were key to their survival in the first winter as they struggled to come to terms with their new surroundings.

National and International Connections

Prior to the Mayflower's departure from Plymouth, England, Mayflower history was written in many towns and cities - each of them detailed in the Mayflower trail. The trail includes Austerfield, Scrooby & Babworth, Gainsborough, Boston, Immingham, Worcestershire, Leiden, Holland, Harwich, Rotherhithe, Southampton, Dartmouth, Plymouth and Plymouth, USA. All of these locations play a collective part in the story of the Mayflower and the people involved.

Mayflower 400 in Plymouth

Launching with Illuminate – a spectacular light-based festival in Plymouth from 28 November – 01 December 2019 marking one year to go until the 400 anniversary of the Mayflower landing in America, over 100 events will take place here in Plymouth.

Find out more...

Go to www.mayflower400uk.org/plymouth to find out all about it and follow @mayflower400uk on social media.

[@mayflower400uk](#) #Mayflower400 #GetOnBoard2020

NEW FOR 2019

JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING

Contact for further information:
E: Coachsarah5@outlook.com
M: 07834715058

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

Plymouth Tennis Club, Devon Cross Playing Field, PL9 7AZ

OPM JUNIOR RUGBY

RFU RUGBY

COME AND JOIN US

TAG & CONTACT RUGBY FOR KIDS AGED 3+

TRAINING:

SUNDAYS 10 - 11.30 AM

THURSDAYS 6 - 7 PM - AGE SPECIFIC

KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS, ELBURTON

CONTACT DAVE ON 07905 447323

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Dates for your diaries

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 17th

Plymstock School Open Evening for Y6 6.30-8.30pm

Wednesday 18th

Welcome to Year 3 Meeting 4.15-4.45pm

Thursday 19th

Welcome to Year 4 & Residential Meeting 4.15-4.45pm

Friday 20th

Non Pupil Day

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th

Year 2 Bikeability Balance Week

Future dates:

Friday 20th September

Monday 14th October

Tuesday 15th October

Friday 18th October

Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October

Monday 28th October

Tuesday 29th October & Wednesday 30th October

Wednesday 30th October

If you didn't receive a text regarding the 'Welcome to Year Group' meetings last week, please ensure that the school office has the correct mobile number for you. Thank you.

Non Pupil Day

Individual School Photos

Siblings (Goosewell) School Photos

Non Pupil Day for staff training

Term Break

Term 2 starts

Parents Evenings 3.30-6.20pm

Parent Forum 9.00-10.30am

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