

Issue No 1 - 11th September 2020

This week's year group news...

Reception It has been an amazing first week for your little ones and you should all feel extremely proud of them. They have settled so happily and quickly to new routines and new faces. We would like to thank you for being so fantastic at remembering different timings, different entrances and exits and all of the new routines brought by these unusual times. Next week we will be embracing the oncoming season of Autumn and talking about changes that we might see in our environment. We will be introducing our first 'Read Write Inc' sounds - m, a, s, d and t in phonics and looking at number 1 in terms of formation, counting, matching 1:1 and real-life contexts.

Thank you for filling in your permission slips for TAPESTRY which is being set up as we speak. Can we please take this opportunity to remind you to ensure that your child's name is on any clothing or items that they bring into school. Many thanks and enjoy your weekends with your children. I imagine that they will be very sleepy!

Year 1 Hello new year 1 parents! Firstly, thank you for all your support settling into our first week back. We are so proud of how well everyone has returned to school and taken all the changes in their stride. We have had a very busy week exploring our new classrooms, getting used to new routines and meeting all the new adults working with us. We also managed to make time for a Queen's tea party.

Next week will be just as busy, still getting used to all the new routines, activities and expectations. But, in Maths, we will also be practicing counting forwards and backwards, starting at different numbers. In English we will be reading 'The Queen's Hat' and completing lots of challenges based on this story.

Other things to note.

- ⇒ PE day is Monday, please can all children wear their PE kit to school.
- ⇒ Home learning tasks will be sent via Microsoft Teams on a Friday.
- ⇒ Please make sure EVERYTHING your child could misplace is clearly named...bags/ jumpers/ water bottles/ packed lunch boxes/ bookbags etc

Have a great weekend and a good rest after a busy first week!! Miss Tugwell, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Hilton

Year 2 We have been very impressed with how well the children came into school last week. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces. For our second week of the new term, Year 2 children will be labelling a map of the UK finding the capital cities the countries and creating a key. In maths, the children are continuing to review the Year 1 number knowledge. The children have enjoyed reading our writing text 'Katie in London' and we are now ready to create their own story maps. Can we just remind all families that our Games day is on Thursday and this is when your child comes into school in the games kit.

Next week's virtue is:

Commitment

An agreement or pledge to do something in the future.



More year group news...

Year 3 Welcome back to our brand new Year 3! We have loved having you all back in school this week and have been impressed by how well you have all settled back in to school and your learning. Well done! We have enjoyed completing lots of PSHE sessions this week as well as starting our topic learning. Next week, we will continue to look at Treasure Island in our English lessons and will begin to explore the story further to create our own class version. This will also be the text that we are reading at 3 o'clock. We will be focussing on place value in our Maths lessons and thinking about the value of each digit within a number. This term our topic is The Blue Abyss and we will begin to explore the creatures that live in the oceans around the world and the layers that make up our oceans.

Year 4 A huge welcome back to year 4 who have impressed us with the way they have settled back to school after six months off! This term we will be learning about the Blue Abyss, starting with considering the needs of living creatures in order to raise our very own brine shrimp! We will also be studying food chains within the ocean and considering what would happen if any of the creatures became extinct. In maths, we will recap some Year 3 objectives, representing numbers to 1000 in various ways and looking closely at place value before moving on to placing numbers to 1000 along a blank number line. Continuing with our reading text 'One World,' we will be answering retrieval questions, exploring the deeper meaning behind the author's words and thinking about how we can use his message to make the world a better place. In literacy, we will use our Treasure Island text to explore writing in paragraphs, expanded noun phrases and describing a setting in detail before we plan our very own swashbuckling adventure!

Year 5 We are really pleased with how well your children have settled into Year 5! It has been lovely to hear them playing and chatting as they rekindle their friendships in addition to making new ones. The children are all looking very smart in their uniform and they have certainly spoken positively about being back at school. We have introduced our 'Pharaohs' topic by locating Egypt and its significant landmarks on a map. Our first reading text links to this topic and the children are certainly hooked by the plot of 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx'. Next week in English, we will be planning a class story linked to our model 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 10,000. Your child should have brought home an Accelerated Reader book, which we would like them to read daily in readiness for completing their first quiz.

Year 6 We have been very impressed with how the Year 6 children have returned to school with big smiles and positive attitudes towards their learning. This week, the children have been introduced to our English text 'The Switch' and our Reading text 'The Lonely Sea Dragon'. In Maths, we have begun a block on Place Value, using various practical representations of numbers up to 10,000,000. The children have been enthusiastic about our 'Identity' topic and have thought about their own qualities and characteristics. Next week, we will continue the above units of learning. We will plan our own stories based on 'The Switch', find out what happens to the sea dragon in Reading sessions and focus on the communities the children belong to. Year 6 will have Games on a Wednesday and will need to wear their kits to school. Please make sure your child has a pen in school because we will start looking to award pen licences next week. Homework and weekly spellings will be set from Monday via the Microsoft Teams 'Assignments' facility. Children will be shown how to use this in class and will be told their log on details. Their password is unique to them so they must keep this private. Please encourage your child to read regularly and take Accelerated Reader quizzes at home. Let's see who the first Year 6 'Millionaire' is going to be! You should have received a text about Bikeability which is planned to take place during the week commencing 12th October. This is always a fantastic opportunity for children of all abilities. More details to follow! Have a fantastic weekend everyone!



This week's highlights & reminders:

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 year. We have a [Worry Box](#) link if your child has a worry that they would like some help with. By clicking on the link, Mrs Penk can talk to your child about their worry and together they can work out how to make that worry shrink.



Aggies in The Ark

New day & time

Next Meeting
21st September

MONTHLY Zoom get together
Monday mornings 10-11am
Every 3rd Monday in the Month

Do you have a child/ren with additional needs/SEN?
We would love you to join us for our drop in zoom session to share time with one another.

This is a safe & confidential group and anything discussed will not leave the group, whilst adhering to Aggies safeguarding policy. You will need to obtain the private password from Jenn each week.

Please contact Jenn Collings on Facebook messenger or
jenn.arkcommunityproject@hotmail.co.uk
for session ID and further information.

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 and there will be no more than 10 attendees each week.

The group starts on Thursday 1st October at 11.30am

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



HOME START
South & West Devon



ChatHealth

NEW Health Visiting and School Nursing TEXT SERVICE

PARENTS. CARERS. YOUNG PEOPLE.

If you'd like some health advice or support, but are a bit worried about seeing or talking to a professional, our new ChatHealth is perfect for you!

Simply text one of the numbers below and one of our team will text you back

 <p>0-5 years Parents Service 07480 635188</p>	 <p>5-10 years Parents Service 07480 635189</p>	 <p>11-19 years Young People's Service 07480 635198</p>
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Livewell

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

Devon Flu Vaccination Programme 2020/21 - IMPORTANT

Dear Parents/Carers,

Your Reception to Year 6 child, they are eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.

It is anticipated that this will be delivered in schools between October 2020 to December 2020, this will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time.

Flu vaccination is one of most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA): Tel: 0300 247 0082 Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

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Knowledge Organisers

Your child's knowledge organisers for their next year group will be available on the school website. Please follow this link and look under your child's year group for further information: [Year Group Information](#)

Applying for secondary school place to start in September 2021

If you live in Plymouth and your year 6 child was born between 01 September 2009 and 31 August 2010, you can apply online for a secondary (year 7) school place for your child from 23.59 on 3 September 2020. Please click on the image below for further details. You should have received an email from the school office today, outlining the procedures that you need to follow. Please do also search the individual school websites for details of their forthcoming open events.



Plymouth Schools Football Association

Does your Year 5/6 child play football for a team, at a high level? Plymouth Schools Football Association will shortly be holding trials for the upcoming season. If you would like to register your interest for your child to be considered for the trials, please send an email to Miss Thomas, Sports Leader ethomas@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk by Wednesday 16th September 2020.

Reminders

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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
- ◆ 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.



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