



# Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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## 6th May 2022

### Learning Assembly Afternoons

This term we will be inviting parents to come into school one afternoon so that your child can share some of their learning highlights. We will be organising this into year groups. During this informal session, the children will share some of their learning highlights and 'wow' moments which may involve sharing art or design work, music, theme work and any other 'wow' learning outcomes that your child is particularly proud of. The Learning Assembly Afternoons will take place in the hall. They will start at 2.40pm and parents will need to enter the hall via the Community Entrance. At the end of the Learning Assembly Afternoon, children will return to class to collect their belongings and then parents can pick children up from their classroom as normal (or if in KS2 children can walk home if they have walking home permission). The children are looking forward to sharing their learning with you this term.



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May - 2.40pm - Year 1 Fowey and Year 1 children from Avon

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June - 2.40pm - Year 3 Severn and Medway

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June - 2.40pm - Year 4 Trent and Lagan

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July - 2.40pm - Year 5 Clyde and Mersey

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July - 2.40pm - Year 2 Thames and Year 2 children from Avon

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July - 2.40pm - Foundation Tamar and Lynher

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July - **2.00pm** - Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Tyne and Wye

### Safe and considerate parking

We have highlighted the need for safe and considerate parking at regular intervals over the year and the vast majority of parents have responded very positively, thank you.

Unfortunately, we have had a number of concerns raised either to school or to local councillors about cars parking inconsiderately by blocking driveways or littering outside residents' houses. We have also had parents observe other parents not driving or parking safely when dropping off children in the morning. The Council Parking Enforcement Team has been contacted in response to these ongoing concerns and will be a regular presence in our community taking appropriate action where necessary. **Please be respectful to our local residents when parking around the school.**

**No child should be put in danger because a driver is looking for a convenient place to park.**

**Parking a little further away, doing a Park and Stride to & from school is a great way to reduce congestion in the morning and afternoon and puts the safety of all our children first.**



## Celebration Shout Out!

Please feel free to email the school with any pupil achievements or special efforts you'd like celebrated! We would love to share them with everyone through our newsletter.



Soraya (Lagan) had a special evening with the Plymouth City Patriots basketball players at their home game at Plymouth Pavilions on Friday night. She ran out with them onto the court for their big entrance and then welcomed them all during their line-up with a high five! She had a presentation while the whole arena applauded for her. Team mascot Pat Riots presented her with her very own basketball, signed by all the players! She is a huge basketball fan and this has made her even more keen to play!

## CaterEd Jubilee Picnic Box Lunch

CaterEd are hoping to hold a Jubilee Picnic Lunch for pupils on Friday 27th May. The lunch will be in a Jubilee-themed picnic box and will hopefully include a specially-decorated biscuit. Further information from CaterEd to follow in due course!



As the weather is improving, please ensure that you send your child with suncream on, a sun hat and a full water bottle. A cagoule/shower coat might still be necessary for unsettled days. Thank you.

## Renaissance Reading Program

When children have finished reading a book they take a Ren Reading quiz to answer questions on the book that they have completed. When quizzes are passed, the number of words in the books are totalled together and a weekly word count for each class is accumulated.

Each week we will look at the word count totals for each class. The winners of Key Stage 1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 will get a few minutes extra play at breaktime! Our winners this week are:-

**KS1 - Fowey Class - 15,819 words**

**Lower KS2 - Lagan Class - 367,904 words**

**Upper KS2 - Tyne Class - 244,599 words**



Well done to those classes!

## School Uniform Reminder

Please send your child in the correct uniform as outlined in the School Uniform Policy on our website. Children should wear grey trousers, skirt/pinafore or shorts **not leggings**.

Please remember that flat, sensible, safe, black shoes (no trainers) should be worn.

*Hairclips and headbands should be plain and should not cause obstruction to anyone's learning, or cause distraction to any learner.*

Children need to have their PE kit in school, as they will change in school for PE sessions. Please ensure that PE kit is as outlined in the uniform policy.

## Jewellery

Children may not wear jewellery to school at any time (except for small studs, which **must be 5mm in diameter or smaller**, and watches) other than for religious or cultural reasons. Children in **Foundation** may **not** wear earrings in view of the physical aspects of their learning.

*"For health and safety reasons, all pupils are required to remove earrings during PE lessons."*

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## Reminder - Alternative Pick-Ups

If you know that your child/ren will need to be collected by someone other than the usual parent/carer please contact the school office to notify us, if possible before 2:45pm. Thank you!

## StreetSafe

Want to improve the safety of our local area? If you feel unsafe in any area in Plymouth please use this website to report it:

[StreetSafe | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](http://www.police.uk)

StreetSafe is a pilot service for anyone to anonymously tell us about public places where you have felt or feel unsafe, because of environmental issues, e.g. street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism and/or because of some behaviours, e.g. being followed or verbally abused.

## Attendance For Week Ending 29th April 2022

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%.

**Well done to Lynher KS1 and  
Clyde KS2 for the highest attendance!**



Tamar	95.0%
<b>Lynher</b>	99.2%
Fowey	85.6%
Avon	94.3%
Thames	93.7%

Severn	98.4%
Medway	95.2%
Trent	97.5%
Lagan	94.3%
<b>Clyde</b>	100%
Mersey	92.0%
Tyne	98.0%
Wye	98.5%

## Money Advice Plymouth

Money Advice Plymouth is a not-for-profit, independent debt and money advice agency that has been funded since 2005 to deliver a free, expert, confidential and impartial advice service throughout Plymouth; we aim to help people tackle debt problems by empowering them to address the issues they face.

We are experiencing a cost-of-living crisis. Massive increases in utility costs, combined with the high price of fuel at the petrol pumps, a bump in council tax and a 5% rise in the cost of food are causing huge stresses to families across the country at a time when we are all trying to get back on our feet financially and emotionally following a rocky couple of years.

Information released recently by the Office for National Statistics suggests that 25% of us are struggling to pay our bills. It's easy to assume that since everyone is in the same boat that there's nothing to be done. But that's not quite true. If you find yourself behind with bills, especially priority payments like mortgage/rent, council tax, utilities, TV licence, or are being contacted by credit cards and catalogues who are piling on the interest, the best thing to do is get some independent debt and financial advice. There are plenty of free services available - Citizens Advice, Stepchange, National Debtline as well as local services like us at Money Advice Plymouth. A good debt adviser will talk to people about their wider personal and financial situation to really try and understand what's going on. We're not here to judge - we know there are lots of reasons why people go through seasons where they're not coping well. We'll look at what's coming in and what's going out as well as any debts families may have - we can even help people who know they've got debts, but don't really know who with! We'll spot whether people are missing out on benefits or premiums and can advise on grants. We'll talk through debt options - everything from making token payments of £1 a month to creditors to going insolvent. We get that when people are stressed about debt or other personal circumstances, they might not be able to do everything themselves, so we'll also help negotiate with creditors and set things in motion. And this service is free, expert, confidential, and independent.

MAP staff have traditionally seen clients in their own homes, as our experience is that seeing clients in an environment where they feel relaxed means they are more able to engage, and so help us help them. We also offer telephone appointments.

If you need support or advice, call on **01752 208126** to make an appointment with one of our advisors. We also have an online contact form on our website:

[www.moneyadviceplymouth.org.uk](http://www.moneyadviceplymouth.org.uk)

## Uniform Store Plymouth

The Uniform Store Plymouth is a free service for families to kit out their children for school. Through donations of good quality school uniform, we give these items out to those in need, free of charge – no referral is needed. We operate a pop-up shop in Plymouth City Centre throughout the school summer holidays, and a 'Click & Collect' service that operates throughout the year, where parents/carers can order the uniform that they need for their children and collect it from our collection point.



To place an order for school uniform, families can visit our website: [www.uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk](http://www.uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk) and select the items required. Our collection point is at Redeemer Church, St Barnabas Terrace, Plymouth PL1 5NN and is open every Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 12pm. For more information please email us: [hello@uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk](mailto:hello@uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk)

## Updated Covid-19 Guidance

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting. Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

### **Children and young people aged 18 years and under who have a positive test result**

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.





## Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



### 2021/2022 TERM DATES

Fri 20th May  
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd Jun  
Fri 10th Jun  
Fri 24th Jun  
Mon 27th Jun  
Fri 1st July  
Fri 8th July  
Fri 15th July  
Thur 21st July  
Tue 26th July  
Wed 27th July

Year 1 Fowey & Avon Learning Assembly 2:40pm  
**HALF TERM**  
Year 3 Severn & Medway Learning Assembly 2:40pm  
Year 4 Trent & Lagan Learning Assembly 2:40pm  
**Non-Pupil Day (Jubilee day given)**  
Year 5 Clyde & Mersey Learning Assembly 2:40pm  
Year 2 Avon & Thames Learning Assembly 2:40pm  
Fdn Tamar & Lynher Learning Assembly 2:40pm  
Year 6 Tyne & Wye Leaver's Assembly 2pm  
School finishes at 3.15 pm  
**SUMMER HOLIDAYS START**

### 2022/2023 TERM DATES

Wed 7th Sep 2022  
Fri 21st Oct  
Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct  
Fri 25th Nov  
Fri 16th Dec  
Mon 19th Dec 2022 - Mon 2nd Jan 2023  
Tue 3rd Jan 2023  
Mon 13th Feb - Fri 17th Feb  
Mon 20th Feb  
Fri 31st Mar  
Mon 3rd April - Fri 14th April  
Mon 17th April  
Mon 1st May  
Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd Jun  
Fri 23rd Jun  
Tue 25th Jul  
Wed 26th Jul

School starts 8:45am  
School finishes 3:15pm  
**HALF TERM**  
**Non-Pupil Day**  
School finishes 3:15pm  
**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**  
School starts 8:45am  
**HALF TERM**  
**Non-Pupil Day**  
School finishes 3:15pm  
**EASTER HOLIDAYS**  
School starts 8:45am  
**Bank Holiday**  
**HALF TERM**  
**Non-Pupil Day**  
School finishes 3:15pm  
**SUMMER HOLIDAYS START**

#### Contacting School

If you are contacting school to report an absence or you have a query, please leave a message on the answer phone with your child's name and class (& reason for absence, if applicable) and we will log/get back to you. Alternatively, email [oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk)  
Thank you.

#### Newsletter Ideas



If you have any ideas about information or updates that you would find useful additions to our newsletter, please email your suggestions to:

[oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk)



*Have a lovely weekend!*  
*Jackie Sparrow - Head of School*