



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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Jubilee Picnic Afternoons



We have very much enjoyed the Jubilee picnics this week even if the weather hasn't always been our friend!



All of the children made the best of it and we have been pleased with the number of parents/carers and grandparents that joined us and enjoyed the songs that the children performed. A special moment for all was Mr Kelleher singing the National Anthem during Warleigh's picnic!

We look forward to sharing lots of photos of the picnics and today's tree-planting event and announcing the winners of the Jubilee Hat competition after Half Term. We have seen some amazing entries that the children have clearly put a lot of effort into!



Enjoy your Half Term week and the Platinum Jubilee celebrations! We look forward to seeing you back on Monday 6th June.

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.



With Flying Colours - Mersey Class

Our class has been very lucky this year. We are taking part in a TR2 project called With Flying Colours. Every week we take part in drama and art activities and at the end of the year we are hoping to present a show!

We were given bright t-shirts which we love!



Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

We all know how quickly children outgrow school uniform and that often families have items that have hardly been worn but no longer fit. It seems a real shame that these clothes either go to a recycle bank or simply get thrown away.



We are introducing a Pre-Loved school uniform system in our school. Donated items are available to families throughout the year and will, we hope, make sure that children get the best wear out of school uniform. If you have items of school uniform that your child has grown out of but are still in good condition, please send them into school. Coats and shoes will also be welcomed.

The uniform will be situated in the school's external foyer. There will be a voluntary contribution box located with the uniform.

Renaissance Reading Program

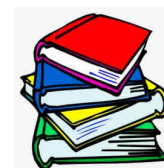
When children have finished reading a book they take a Ren Reading quiz to answer questions on the book that they have completed. When quizzes are passed, the number of words in the books are totalled together and a weekly word count for each class is accumulated.

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 - 17,619 words

Lower KS2 - Trent Class - 230,522 words

Upper KS2 - Tyne Class - 163,040 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."

As the weather is improving, please ensure that you send your child with suncream on, a sun hat and a full water bottle.



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.

Scooters & bikes

Please ensure that all bikes and scooters are **locked** when you leave them in the bike/scooter shelter near the main gate.

Thank you.



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 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

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.



Attendance For Week Ending 20th May 2022

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

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



Tamar	91.9%
Lynher	95.2%
Fowey	90.7%
Avon	93.3%
Thames	93.3%
Severn	95.3%
Medway	95.5%
Trent	95.4%
Lagan	97.1%
Clyde	92.5%
Mersey	92.4%
Tyne	88.3%
Wye	95.0%

Train to Teach?

Do you want to make a difference every day? Have you considered primary school teaching?

We are proud to work in partnership with the Devon Primary SCITT who provide “Outstanding personalised training, professional development and personalised support” (Ofsted)

As a school, we are keen to ensure that the next generation of teachers are really well trained, so we regularly host trainees from the Devon Primary SCITT.

Judged to be the top school-based provider of ITT in the country in 2019, and rated Outstanding by Ofsted, they are also very personal and supportive!

“I have felt completely supported with every step of my teaching journey, by both the DPSCITT staff and the staff at my placement schools.” (Nancy – former Trainee)

DPSCITT are holding their final Interview Days for 2022-23 on June 6th (in Plymouth) and June 20th (in Exeter). Apply before 27th May / 10th June to be considered for interview.

To find out more about DPSCITT’s award-winning course, please visit www.dpscitt.ac.uk or contact Laura on 01392 790164 / admin@dpscitt.ac.uk.



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Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2021/2022 TERM DATES

Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd Jun
Mon 6th Jun
Mon 6th - Fri 24th Jun
Fri 10th Jun
Thu 16th 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

HALF TERM

School starts 8:45am

Year 5 Swimming Lessons

Year 3 Severn & Medway Learning Assembly 2:40pm

Sports Day (weather permitting!) EYFS/KS1 am, KS2 pm

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

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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
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



*Have a lovely Half Term break!
Jackie Sparrow - Head of School*