



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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20th May 2022

Jubilee Picnic Afternoons

You will have received your specially-made invitation to join your child/children for a Jubilee picnic on one afternoon next week. We have organised them over 4 afternoons next week so that you all have plenty of room to have your picnic on the school field. (If the weather is wet, we will move the picnic for that afternoon to the hall.) The children have been organised into family groups so that parents only need to attend once and have the picnic with all their children on their allocated afternoon.



Monday 23rd May - Denham Jubilee Group
Tuesday 24th May - Plymbridge Jubilee Group
Wednesday 25th May - Saltram Jubilee Group
Thursday 26th May - Warleigh Jubilee Group

What to do on your picnic afternoon

Please come to the gate, by the bike shelter, for 2.00pm. (This will be the only entrance opened for the picnic.)

You will then walk around to your child's pod and collect your child from his or her class. If you have more than one child to collect please go to each class, this is so we can make sure that all children go to the correct adults.

Once you have collected your child, they will show you to the field where you can set up your picnic. Please bring a rug, blanket or something to sit on.

Please just bring light picnic snacks for your picnic, this might include some of the following such as crisps, buns, favourite biscuits, sausage rolls, a drink - entirely up to you but remember children will have had lunch earlier!

We will be giving children a specially-made decorated Jubilee biscuit made by Susan our Kitchen Manager and the children will also get an ice cream from our PTFA.

Some of our Super Six children will be supporting some activities to entertain the children. This will include sharing some of the songs the children have been learning!

At the end of the picnic, at 3.00pm, the children will go back to class so that they can collect their belongings. Parents can then pick them up at normal time from their pod.

What children need to do for their picnic

Children can wear **mufti** on their picnic day, in keeping with the Jubilee theme, so we are asking children to come in red, white or blue mufti or a combination of all three!

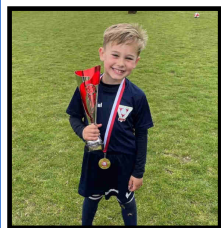
Children can wear their Jubilee hat – don't forget to bring it into school for the right day!



We hope you will be able to join in with our Jubilee Picnic afternoon and look forward to seeing you then.

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.



Last weekend Luca (Thames) and his football team played their final game of the league and won 5-4. They also played in the Saltash tournament where Luca's team won every game and became Tournament Winners, with Luca scoring 5 goals! Well done to Luca & his team!

Brodie (Medway) won Man of the Match at football on Saturday and on Monday he had his grading in Karate and achieved a double grading, so he went up TWO belt colours! He is now an Orange belt. Very well done Brodie!



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 from Monday 23rd May. There will be a voluntary contribution box located with the uniform.

Renaissance Reading Program

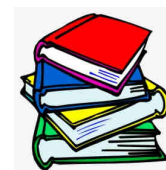
When children have finished reading a book they take a Ren Reading quiz to answer questions on the book that they have completed. When quizzes are passed, the number of words in the books are totalled together and a weekly word count for each class is accumulated.

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 - Thames Class - 14,393 words

Lower KS2 - Lagan Class - 664,475 words

Upper KS2 - Tyne Class - 253,605 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 \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/streetsafe)

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 13th May 2022

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

**Well done to Thames KS1 and
Wye KS2 for the highest attendance!**



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| Tamar | 90.9% |
| Lynher | 94.7% |
| Fowey | 94.0% |
| Avon | 96.3% |
| Thames | 96.7% |
| Severn | 88.9% |
| Medway | 94.8% |
| Trent | 95.7% |
| Lagan | 92.9% |
| Clyde | 98.8% |
| Mersey | 85.2% |
| Tyne | 99.3% |
| Wye | 100% |



DERRIFORD STREET PARTY & PICNIC SATURDAY 4TH JUNE 2022

Join us for a Street Party/Picnic to
celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
12.30 – 4.00pm at

Derriford United Reformed Church,
Powisland Drive

Fun and games for all
the family, including:

- Bouncy castle
- Bungee Run
- Hook-A-Duck
- Bowls
- Crafting
- Face painting



Feeling competitive?

Races, for all the family,
including:

- Egg & Spoon
- Wheelbarrow Race
- Three-Legged Race

See the overleaf for more
events and the Activities
Board on the day for timings.



Competitions

Best Fancy Dress, (children & adults!)
and Best Home-made Crown

Dust off your old 1950's outfit, or come
as the most marvellous Marvel character,
or perhaps a pretty princess...

Bring your own food, drink and chairs/blanket.

Free tea, coffee & juice available.

There will be a few tables set up on the street, or if you prefer, bring
your own table and chair or even a rug/blanket and have a picnic on
the grass.

Toilets available inside



Aggie's Community Waves
Plymouth

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday
1000-1130

Get Crafty

Join Aggie's Family Pastoral Worker Zoé for a craft
and chat session at the Royal Navy Community
Centre Radford

Tuesday
1000 ONWARDS

Walk & Talk

Aggie's Family Pastoral Worker Natasha guides
a walk around the Plymouth area.
The venue changes weekly to ensure Aggie's is
at a place near you.

Wednesday
1000-1130

Coffee, Craft and Chat

Natasha will guide you through a simple craft,
with time to chat and have a coffee at the
Royal Navy Community Centre Crownhill.

Booking is essential for all groups
Call or WhatsApp - 0787 4040 613

All of the Aggie's events are FREE
to personnel serving in the Royal Navy, Royal Marines,
Royal Fleet Auxiliary and their families.

Aggie's Community Waves
Plymouth

FAMILY PASTORAL WORKERS

Aggie's Pastoral Workers are available to listen to your
concerns, chat 1:1, provide you and your family with support
and signpost to other organisations as appropriate.

Zoé Lavers

Zoé has worked with service families in the Plymouth area for 5
years. As a qualified teacher Zoé has experience of school based
work as well as leading groups for Pre-schoolers and babies, but
also some adult learning sessions too. She is great friends with
Aggie's Storybook Waves friend The Gruffalo!

Zoé has worked closely with individuals in supporting different
needs with connections to other Agencies and other charities whom
we are linked.

Zoé has lived in Plymouth all her life and welcomes sharing some of
the history and geography with those who may be new to the area.

She attends a large church in Plymouth with her family.
Zoé enjoys walking, being out in the fresh air, spending time with
her family, fast cars and motor sport.

You can email Zoé.Lavers@aggies.org.uk

Natasha is married to Duncan who is in the Royal Navy and has been
a Navy wife for over 20 years. Natasha and Duncan have two
children and live with many pets who keep them busy at home in
Plymouth.

Natasha has experienced much of what Navy-Wife life brings,
through all the ups & downs of Military Life including all the mixed
emotions along the way; be it long deployments with the goodbyes,
the separation and the homecomings!

Natasha enjoys volunteering and fundraising for various
associations and is now very pleased to be officially part of the
Aggie's team.

You can email Natasha.Humphery@aggies.org.uk



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www.aggies.org.uk

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 23rd May
Tue 24th May
Wed 25th May
Thu 26th May
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd 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

Denham Jubilee Picnic 2-3pm
Plymbridge Jubilee Picnic 2-3pm
Saltram Jubilee Picnic 2-3pm
Warleigh Jubilee Picnic 2-3pm

HALF TERM

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

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 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 weekend!
Jackie Sparrow - Head of School