



# Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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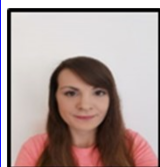
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## 9th July 2021

### Welcome!

The children had the opportunity to meet their new teacher at our class swaps today. They all enjoyed meeting and taking part in a range of activities to start to get to know each other. Don't worry year 5, we will arrange for you to see your new teachers next week! We had a few new faces join us today and we are delighted to share a little bit about the new staff who will be joining us in September.



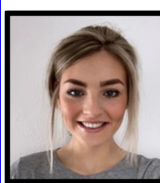
#### **Mrs Field – Year 1 Fowey Class**

My name is Mrs Field. I have been a teacher for the past eleven years working with foundation and KS1. I'm already part of the Discovery MAT working at Weston Mill. I have led phonics, English and History. I'm originally from Birmingham but now live here in Devon. I enjoy walking my two dogs in my free time and love reading books.

My favourite lessons are reading, writing and art as I love to be creative. I'm really looking forward to getting to know the children and parents at Oakwood in September, I hope you all have a really lovely summer!

#### **Miss Hoppins – Year 4 Trent Class**

My name is Miss Hoppins, and I am very excited about joining the year 4 team in September. My enthusiasm for teaching was prompted by an opportunity to teach swimming at the age of 14. The subjects I enjoy teaching the most are Science, PE, and Maths. I have a 3-year-old black cockapoo called Buddy who, along with my family and friends, I enjoy spending time with at the beach. Beside teaching I also have a passion in travelling. My hobbies include playing the piano and swimming. I love trying new things, in the summer one of my goals is to learn to surf. I am looking forward to a year of learning, fun and adventure in year 4 and I cannot wait to see you all in September.



#### **Miss Downing – Year 5 – Clyde Class**

I am very excited to meet you all and to start my teaching career with year 5. I hope to bring lots of energy, fun and creativity to the classroom and around the school, embarking on a learning journey together. I have a passion for English and chose this as my subject specialism. I hope I am able to encourage you to love English as much as I do! I also enjoy teaching Maths and History topics. In my free time I love to keep fit and active through weight training, walking and running. This energy will be reflected in my PE lessons. I hope you have a great summer holidays and I look forward to seeing you in the autumn term.

#### **Mrs Edwards – Higher Level Teaching Assistant**

I have worked in Southway for many years and have been part of the Discovery MAT working at Beechwood Primary. I believe that the most important life skill that anyone can have is the ability to read. It helps us to discover and understand so many things in our world. I have enjoyed encouraging children to read, pass their REN quizzes and take part in weekly competitions. My two favourite subjects are history and geography. Away from school I love football and have supported Man Utd for as long as I can remember and I am very excited about the Euros! I am really looking forward to meeting and working with you all from September.



## Class Organisation for 2021-2022

The theme for the class names this year is Rivers.  
Do you know where your class river is located?

Year Group	Class Name	Teacher
Reception	Tamar	Mrs O'Carroll - EYFS and KS1 Team Leader
Reception	Lynher	Mrs Watson
Year 1	Fowey	Mrs Field
Year 1/2	Avon	Miss Crocker
Year 2	Thames	Mrs Tearney and Mrs O'Brien
Year 3	Severn	Mr Ticehurst
Year 3	Medway	Miss Sherrell
Year 4	Trent	Miss Hoppins
Year 4	Lagan	Miss Kelly
Year 5	Clyde	Miss Downing
Year 5	Mersey	Mrs Catherwood and Mrs Collier
Year 6	Tyne	Mr Kelleher - KS2 Team Leader
Year 6	Wye	Miss Glynn
Assistant Head of School (AHOS)		Mrs Catherwood
Inclusion Coordinator (INCO)		Mrs O'Brien

### Celebration Shout Out!

We like to celebrate the achievements of our children. Please email the school with your child's special moments. We would love to share them with everyone through our newsletter!



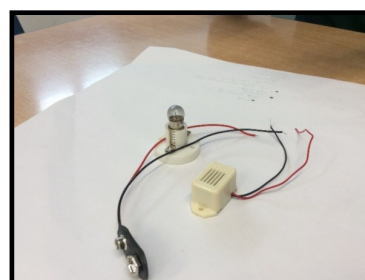
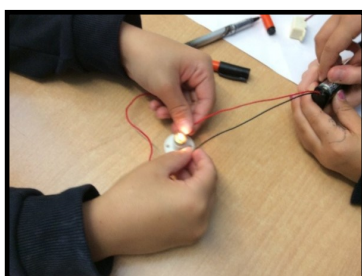
Well done to Lincoln (Puffin) for being awarded this trophy at his Swift football club!



Shout out to Marley (Starling) for taking her Brownie Promise and becoming a member of 1st Roborough Brownies!

### Year 4

This week in year 4, we have been learning all about electricity. Electricity is part of our everyday life and something we could not live without. We have learnt about how electricity is generated and the importance of renewable energy, and we even made our own electrical circuits.



# Attendance For Week Ending 2nd July 2021

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

**Well done to Puffin KS1 and  
Osprey KS2 for the highest attendance!**



Robin	91.2%
Owl	98.6%
Wren	97.9%
Dove	98.0%
<b>Puffin</b>	<b>99.2%</b>

Jay	91.8%
Starling	91.0%
Skylark	96.6%
Goldcrest	96.1%
<b>Osprey</b>	<b>98.0%</b>
Kestrel	96.9%
Peregrine	97.0%

## Menu Change for the remaining 2 weeks of Summer Term:

Summer lunch menu 2021-  
amended choices for wk. 3  
W/C Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice One	Beef burger with herb diced potatoes (H)	Cheese wheels with waffles (H/V)	French bread pizza: cheese and tomato or ham (H)	Roast gammon with roast potatoes and gravy (H)	Fish fingers/breaded fish or crispy costed pollock with chips or pasta
Choice Two	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes
Vegetables	A selection of hot and cold vegetables will be served. These will vary depending on the individual unit.				
Dessert	**Flapjack, yoghurt or fresh fruit(H)	Fruit segments or yoghurt (H)	**Chocolate brownie and ice cream, yoghurt or fresh fruit (H)	Fruit salad, yoghurt or fresh fruit(H)	**Shortcake fingers with fruit, yoghurt or fresh fruit(H)

Please note that baked beans can be offered as an alternative to the vegetable choice with agreement from the school.

\*\*Dessert of the day may be subject to change in a particular unit and is subject to staff availability. All recipes used will be from the current published menu and allergens must be checked and communicated with the school.

Summer lunch menu 2021-  
amended choices for wk. 1  
W/C Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice One	Crispy coated chicken strips with seasoned wedges (H/W)	Home made pizza cheese and tomato, pepperoni (H/W)	Beef pasta bake with garlic bread (H)	Roast chicken, stuffing with roast potatoes and gravy (H)	Fish fingers/breaded fish or crispy costed pollock with chips or pasta
Choice Two	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes	Selection of jacket potatoes
Vegetables	A selection of hot and cold vegetables will be served. These will vary depending on the individual unit.				
Dessert	**Thumbprint cookies or fresh fruit(H)	Fruit or yoghurt (H)	**Sultana and apricot cookie, yoghurt or fresh fruit (H)	fresh fruit platter, yoghurt or fruit(H)	**Orange and pineapple sundae, yoghurt or fresh fruit(H)

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**Argyle Community Trust**  
Home Park, Plymouth, PL2 3DQ

**Manadon Sports & Community Hub Fit & Fed Project 2021**

Dear Parent/Carers,

Argyle Community Trust is delighted to be holding the fit and fed project during the Summer holidays from the 2<sup>nd</sup> until 27<sup>th</sup> August at Manadon Sports & Community Hub for children age 6 to 14, who are eligible for pupil premium funding. The days will run from 9am until 3pm and will consist of a variety of different sporting activities and will include some nutritional activities where the children will spend some time learning about the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Children who attend the course will be provided with lunch each day however it is recommended that children bring plenty of fluids with them which can be taken outside when participating in the sporting activities.

Numbers are strictly limited to only 44 spaces and will be offered on a first come first serve basis. When booking onto the course you will be able to select which weeks you would like to book your children on to using the drop down menu at the top of the booking form or if you would like to book onto all 4 weeks, this option is also available.

If you would like your child to take part, then please book into this via the below link:  
<https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/soccer-roadshow-in-plymouth/>  
The bookings are password protected and you will need to use the password FITTED to book.

All children who attend the course must have a parent/carer sign them out after each session, coaches will not let children leave the premises unless a signature has been obtained, so please expect a telephone call if you have not signed for your child.  
Children will need to bring suitable clothing for the weather including coats if it is raining as the sporting activities are likely to take place outside. All sessions will align the safety measures put in place from the Government and the FA during the Covid 19 period.

Our coaches are CRB checked, hold a UEFA coaching qualification and have Emergency First Aid Training. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the ground on 01752 562561 Ex 4 or Email: [Dom.Luongo@pafc.co.uk](mailto:Dom.Luongo@pafc.co.uk)

Kind Regards,  
Dom Luongo  
Plymouth Argyle Community Trust  
Schools and Participation Officer

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**Central Park Hub Fit & Fed Project 2021**

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**PLANET SUPER LEAGUE**

**REPRESENT PLYMOUTH, PLAY FOR THE PLANET**

Planet Super League is the tournament for football fans who care about the environment. Complete green activities over the summer to score goals for your club.

**HOW IT WORKS**

1. Take on over 60 green activities
2. Win points for your football club
3. Get your club up the league

It's totally free to take part in Planet Super League. There are over 30 football clubs taking part and thousands of households across the country. You'll represent your football club, have fun completing planet-saving activities and compete for prizes.

**LED POWER ON**  
Score goals by getting the team out and about under their own steam with just tasty snacks for fuel.

**SCREENS OFF**  
Power down for the evening and enjoy some face time with your family.

**VEGGIE KEEPER-UP**  
Work on your speed and agility by going meat free for the day and piling up the veggie for star player energy levels.

**"More how PSL encourages me to be more environmentally friendly without wagging a finger at me... We are having fun as a family and doing something good at the same time."**  
- Verena Kiddy  
Kiddie County team, Notts County

Find out more and sign up for free at [planetsuperleague.com/play](http://planetsuperleague.com/play)



## Covid Reminders

No child should come to school if they, **or anyone they live with**, has symptoms of Covid-19. These are:

- A new persistent cough
- A high temperature
- A change in their normal sense of taste or smell.

Please ensure that you contact the school **immediately** to inform us if your child or a member of your household becomes unwell and requires a Covid-19 PCR test at a test centre, or if you are advised to self-isolate or have outcome of tests. Please leave a message on the school answerphone if this is before or after school hours. Children who are required to isolate at home can continue to work using their eSchools account.

Please remember that if you use the 30 minute Lateral Flow Tests for you and your family and have a positive result—you **must go on to get a PCR test at a test centre**. If positive please make sure that you inform us at school promptly. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

### **Reporting absences for children**

Please contact the school by 9:15am to let us know if your child will be absent, providing details of the reason for the absence. This ongoing communication will enable us to ensure that we continue to keep children safe and follow all necessary government guidelines. We appreciate your continued assistance.

### **Social Distancing Reminders**

- Please remember only one adult when dropping off or picking up your child, which helps to reduce the number of adults on the premises.
- Wear a mask or face covering when on the school grounds (unless you are medically exempt).
- Please make sure you keep a social distance from all other adults on the school grounds when dropping off or waiting for your child.
- Please ensure that younger children remain with you at all times.

### **Department for Education - HELPLINE FOR EDUCATION**

The DfE have set up a helpline for education advice regarding the Covid-19 virus for staff and parents.

Phone : 0800 046 8687

Email : [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours : 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)


**Thank you very much for your understanding and continued support in helping to keep our school community safe.**

**CATCH IT**  
Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.

**BIN IT**  
Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.

**KILL IT**  
Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as possible.





If your child has:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in, sense of  
smell or taste

This could be a sign of  
coronavirus

**Book a test**

If your child has:  
a runny nose, is sneezing or  
feeling unwell  
But they don't have:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in,  
sense of smell or taste

These are  
**not normally symptoms of  
coronavirus**

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial  
111 or see your GP

## PE Days

Please send children to school wearing school PE kit on the following days as outlined below:

**Monday - Osprey**

**Tuesday - Goldcrest**

**Wednesday - Dove, Puffin, Jay, Kestrel**

**Thursday - Starling, Peregrine**

**Friday - Robin, Owl, Wren, Skylark**

Please ensure that the kit is weather appropriate.

Thank you!



## School Uniform Reminder

Please continue to send your child in the correct uniform as outlined in the Uniform Policy on our website. Children should wear grey trousers, skirt/pinafore or shorts **not leggings**. PE kit should only be worn on PE days. **Please ensure that PE kit is as outlined in the uniform policy. Please remember that flat sensible safe black shoes (no trainers) should be worn.**

Please ensure that children bring coats in case of rain. As the weather hopefully improves children can bring sun-hats and should have sun cream applied before school if required. No sunglasses in school please. Thank you.

## 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.

Uniform Policy on our website:

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## 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



**0-5 years  
Parents Service**  
07480 635188



**5-19 years  
Parents Service**  
07480 635189

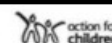


**11-19 years  
Young People's Service**  
07480 635198

Livewell

## Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

(Ages specified in terms as of 2014)



Tik Tok  
Twitter  
Facebook  
Instagram  
Pinterest  
Google+  
Tumblr  
Reddit  
Snapchat  
Secret



YouTube  
Keep  
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WeChat  
Kik  
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## Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



### 2020/2021 TERM DATES

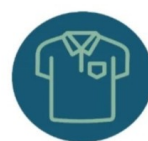
Thu 15th Jul  
Fri 23rd Jul  
Mon 26th Jul - Fri 3rd Sep

Year 6 Leavers BBQ 5-6:30pm  
School finishes 3:15pm  
**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

### 2021/2022 TERM DATES

Wed 8th Sep  
Mon 25th - Fri 29th Oct  
Fri 26th Nov  
Fri 17th Dec  
Mon 20th Dec - Mon 3rd Jan 2022  
Tue 4th Jan  
Mon 21st Feb - Fri 25th Feb  
Mon 28th Feb  
Fri 8th Apr  
Mon 11th Apr-Fri 22nd Apr  
Mon 2nd May  
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd Jun  
Tue 26th Jul  
Wed 27th July - Wed 31st Aug

School opens 8:45am  
**HALF TERM**  
Non-Pupil Day  
School Finishes  
**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**  
School starts 8:45am  
**HALF TERM**  
Non-Pupil Day  
Non-Pupil Day  
**EASTER HOLIDAYS**  
May Bank Holiday  
**HALF TERM**  
School finishes at 3.15 pm  
**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**



**Uniform  
Store  
Plymouth**

**No Click & Collect  
Service until  
Tuesday July 27th**

### 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 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 good weekend, be safe!  
Jackie Sparrow - Head of School*