

Plymouth College Preparatory School



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Weekly Newsletter for 9th September 2016

From the Headmaster

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to a new year. We have so much to look forward to over the coming months and I hope your children are all looking forward to the journey. Can I remind parents and grandparents that should you have any concern, no matter how minor, please do not hesitate to get in touch. You have had calendars for the term ahead and as always the newsletter will contain all the up to date information you need to plan for future events. Finally your child's planner/reading diary provides another way of getting a message to your child's form teacher.

The sun is shining and the children have all returned looking very neat and ready for action so I am sure that we are looking forward to a term of tremendous achievement.

Change of Nomenclature

We have felt for a while that the word 'Kindergarten' does not reflect the academic work that is done by our youngest pupils.

For this reason we are going to be changing the name. We are thrilled by the progress that was made by Mrs Dutta's pupils last year and feel that our policy of starting education at three should be reflected in the name.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual pupil photographs will be taken by Claire Tregaskis on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Every child will be photographed unless their parents request otherwise.

Similarly all siblings here at the Prep School will be photographed together as well unless parents request otherwise.

Please ensure that your child is in the correct uniform and that they bring their own hairbrush/comb should their hair need to be tidied before the photograph is taken.

Please notify Reception as soon as possible if you do not want your child/children to be photographed.

Claire will issue passwords to access your child's photographs in the newsletter for Friday 23rd September.

If you have any other queries, please contact Mrs Percival or Mrs Cox on the School Reception desk.

CLUBS LIST

If any parents have any questions / thoughts about this term's clubs list please could they contact me through the school office. The clubs list does change each term.

Year 6—Please note that we are aware of the pressures that Year 6 are under currently because of the 11+. We will therefore not be adding to the pressure by giving homework other than English and Maths over the coming weeks.

Headmaster's Commendations

Matilda James in 2AP for her excellent Italian Holiday Diary

Caden Wray-Williams in 2AP for his excellent Summer Holiday Diary

Edryd Wray-Williams in RFM for his excellent Summer Holiday Diary

Sebastian Bennett in 1MS for his excellent holiday diary of his visit to Thailand

Amelie Vanstone in 1MS for her excellent Summer Holiday Diary

Lost Property

Leo Morrison-Wells in 1MS has lost his school blazer

In July Bertie Mather, then in Year 6 left his rucksack behind which contained a black pencil case with his mobile phone inside.

Congratulations...

... to Millie Andrews in 6CG who had a very busy summer:

Millie took part in the Plymouth Leander Open Swimming Competition and won 3 silver medals in Backstroke, Butterfly and Freestyle.

Millie then went to the Pentathlon GB Tetrathlon (Swim / Run / Shoot / Fence) at Leweston School, Sherbourne, Dorset on Saturday 6th August.

She was awarded a Competitor medal and won the Bronze medal, coming 3rd over all in the Under 13 age group.

Well done, Millie; some fantastic achievements!

The medals were shown in this morning's Celebration Assembly.



Forthcoming Events

Monday 12th September

Individual School photographs
by Claire Tregaskis
All Day from 9.00am over 3 days

Year 2 Parents 'Meet the Teacher'
3.30pm

Tuesday 13th September

Year 1 'Meet the Teacher'
3.30pm

Year 3 'Meet the Teacher'
4.00pm

Wednesday 14th September

Year 3 visit to Grimspound
All Day

New Parents' 'Afternoon Tea' in the
Conference Room
3.15—4.45pm

Thursday 15th September

U9s A team rugby at St Peter's
Tournament, Lymptone
2.00pm

Friday 16th September

Year 4 visit to Mount Edgumbe Park
PM only

Saturday 17th September

U11s A team Rugby at West Buckland
tournament
2.00pm

FRIENDS DIARY

Dear Friends

Welcome back and a warm welcome to any of you who have just joined the School. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer.

Our next Friends Association Meeting is planned for 19th September 2016 and we hope you can come along and join us.

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 5th October 2016 at 16:00 in the Conference Room. During the meeting we will be presenting the projects and activities we have supported during the last school year. We hope you can offer your support to this meeting.

The positions of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary will become vacant in October. If you are interested in any of these roles, or helping on the Committee, please leave your details at Reception or fill in the form at the bottom of the attached letter.

We would also mention that the cloth book bags in House colours are available from Reception at a cost of £6.



Hayley Staples
Secretary

Dates for your Diary

Next Friends Association Meeting - 19th September 2016 @ 09:00 in the Junior Library

Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 5th October 2016 @ 16:00 in the Conference Room

Please note below a change we are making to the Friends Association Constitution, with immediate effect::

Resolution:

Section 6.8 of the association's constitution limits re-election of office holders to three consecutive years. Owing to the lack of volunteers for the treasurer's office, we propose to change the constitution to allow Mr Rosauro Aala FCA to be treasurer until the AGM in the year in which his younger child enters year 6. The retirement at this date will allow a smooth handover to a new treasurer in the final year before Mr Aala's children leave the school. The effect is that Mr Aala could be the association's treasurer for nine consecutive years. The risk to the association is that any errors or fraud may not be identified on a timely basis. The regular change of treasurer allows for the work of one to be reviewed by the successor. We believe that this risk is mitigated by the fact that Mr Aala is a qualified chartered accountant and is regulated by the ethical code of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and also by the fact that the association's accounts are examined by an independent examiner each year. Also, Mr Aala may be replaced, and is willing to be replaced, at any time that a new treasurer volunteers. This is a specific amendment and does not apply to other office holders nor future treasurers. We have proposed this amendment with a six year duration to avoid having to make this resolution annually.

Proposed – Kirsti Turner Moore. Seconded – Nicole Sutherland.

NEW PARENTS' AFTERNOON TEA'

All new parents this term, late joiners in the last two terms and all of Pre-School and Reception should have received their invitation to the Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 14th September at 3.15—4.45pm.

This will give you an ideal opportunity to meet with other new parents, some members of the Friends Association and some of the staff who teach your children.

If you haven't yet replied to the invitation, please could you confirm whether you will be able to attend as soon as possible, in order that we can arrange sufficient catering.

We look forward to seeing you.



Harvest Festival

The first of our major festivals is coming up on 14th October and we warmly invite all our parents and grandparents to attend our Harvest Festival Service. As usual we will be asking for donations for the Harvest Table and these will be donated to the Shekinah Mission. More details will follow in the next few weeks and we do really look forward to seeing many of you at our service.



A team from the Children's University (run by Plymouth University) will be coming into school on Tuesday 13th September to do a refresher assembly.

Can all pupils who are currently part of the scheme, please let Mrs Learnmouth have their passports to update awards and forward names to the Children's University of those children who have earned a Gold Award throughout this year. Please send in your passports by Monday 12th September.

Many thanks

PLYMOUTH COLLEGE SENIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

Saturday 8th October 2016—9.30-12.30

Enquiries to Mrs Aubrey-Fletcher—01752 505115

Or Email: registrar@plymouthcollege.com



Lilia Brodribb, now in Year 6, had her tenth birthday at the end of July. Lilia told friends and family that she didn't want any birthday gifts this year and that if they wanted to buy her something it should be cat or dog food. Lilia is pictured above with her birthday gifts which were all donated to Woodside Animal Shelter in Plympton. We all hope you had a well-deserved wonderful birthday!



Infant French Club



Extra Curricular French Club with Madame de Lavenère
will be starting next week

Classes will start as follows:

Thursday 15th September (for Kindergarten 11.05am)

Thursday 15th September (for Reception and Year 1—3.25—4.00pm)

Friday 16th September (for Year 2—3.25—4.15pm)

You should all have received a letter with dates and fees. All clubs will start subject to enrolment numbers