

MBHS PRIMARY FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th December 2023

Message from Mrs Macdonald - Head Teacher

We have nearly come to the end of the autumn term and 2023 - only Monday and Tuesday left before we say goodbye until Wednesday the 3rd of January 2024! It has been a BRILLIANT autumn term with so much learning and fun happening all over school! Many thanks for all of your support throughout the first term - please make sure you look at the diary dates below to see what's coming up in terms three and four.

Please enjoy a happy and safe winter holiday and enjoy the time with your families. We have collected a lovely amount of food for our community kitchen, and we have lots of donated coats and shoes on site, so if you are worried about being warm and fed over the holidays please do pop in and have a word with our lovely team, and we can offer some support before the end of term.

As this is the last newsletter of 2023 I will wish you the BEST of holidays - I will be on the gate on Tuesday at 3.20pm to say a wintry goodbye to everyone before seeing you in 2024!

Very Best wishes,
Steph Macdonald



Dates For Your Diary

What's on?	When's it Happening?	Year Group?	How to Pay? More Information
Pyjama Day	18.12.23	Reception	Letter came home this week.
Reward Event	19.12.23	All Years	See below!
Last Day of Autumn Term 2	19.12.23	All Years	N/A
Winter Holiday Holiday	20.12.23 - 02.01.24	All Years	N/A
First Day of Spring Term 1	03.01.24	All Years	N/A
Widening Horizons - Cattewater Harbour	11.01.24	Year 5	Part of ongoing Widening Horizons project
Winnie the Pooh Day	18.01.24	All Years	More information to follow
The Eden Project	20.02.24	Year 6	More information to follow
World Book Day	07.03.24	All Years	More information to follow
Comic Relief	17.03.24	All Years	More information to follow
Paignton Zoo	16.04.24	Year 1 & 2	More information to follow

A Winter Fayre Thank you!

Thank you so much to everyone who came and helped support MBHS at our Winter Fayre this week! It was delightful to see so many pupils and their families come and join in the fun. We had independent stalls, face painting, a raffle and each of our classes ran their own games and activities in the classrooms. We even had a visit from Father Christmas himself! **With your help we managed to raise almost £300**, which will go towards improving the school environment for our pupils! Thank you!!!!



Reward time

The pupils at MBHS have been earning so many merits this time. These merits have been converted into time for each class to use for their reward event which will take place on the last day of term. We have decided that for this reward event the children can wear mufti to school. The children can bring in something from home but we ask that this does not consist of lots of small parts that could be easily misplaced and we also ask that the item does not hold any sentimental value. We are not asking for donations for this mufti event but for those who would still like to donate, we ask for kind donations of long life food items for our Community Kitchen.



Community Kitchen

As you are aware, for our last mufti event we asked for donations to our Community Kitchen. We were overjoyed at the response we had to this and are happy to say we received lots of items that will go to support our families when they need it!

We know there are local food banks but we are also aware that hard times can affect any one of our families and unfortunately sometimes there is not enough support.

Our aim is that no matter your circumstances, should you need help, you can come and have a discreet chat with us at the school office and that we can help provide you with food to get you through a few days - no questions asked!

If you would like to use the community kitchen please just speak to us, or you can email us at high.st.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk and we can arrange a package for you. As Mrs Macdonald said we also have received donations of warm coats, clothing and shoes. We even have a few toys!



Spring Sports Clubs

Letters came home today with information of our new line up of sports clubs for the Spring term. Please remember that all current clubs end on Tuesday 19th December and your child will need to sign up again for the spring term. Spaces are limited so please apply today. We will send letters to inform you of the club/s your child has been allocated. Clubs will start on Monday 8th January. If you have not yet signed up please follow the link (<https://forms.gle/2vepreUnPHeYryzn9>) or scan the QR code below.



Attendance Winners



Our whole school attendance this week is: **92.5%**

Our weekly Class attendance winners this week are: **Year 2 with 98.3%!!!!!!**

Please be reminded that our attendance target is 96%

School Lunches

Please be aware that in our last two days of term there will be a change to our lunch menu. Please see the choices below:

**Monday: Cheese and tomato Pizza or Vegan Nuggets (both served with
Tuesday: Fish Fingers or Cheese and Tomato Quiche (both served with chips)**

There will be jacket potatoes available on both days.

When we return in January there will be a new menu. Each lunch costs £2.80 to those not eligible for Free School meals.

WEEK 1 W/C - MONDAY: 1ST JAN, 22ND JAN, 19TH FEB, 11TH MARCH				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H V Cheese & tomato pizza with seasoned wedges Allergens: (Wh), (So), (Mi), M/C (E)	CHOICE 1 - H Lasagne with garlic bread Allergens: (Wh), (Mu), (Mi), M/C (Bar, E, SE)	CHOICE 1 - H All day breakfast Allergens: (Wh), (Mi), (E)	CHOICE 1 - H Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy Allergens: (Wh), (Mi), (E)	CHOICE 1 - H Coated pollock served with fresh chips Allergens: (Wh), (F), M/C (Bar)
CHOICE 2 - H W V VE Vegan bolognese pasta bake Allergens: (Wh), (So)	CHOICE 2 - V VE Vegan balls with mixed vegetable rice Allergens: (So)	CHOICE 2 - H V VE Vegan all day breakfast Allergens: (Wh)	CHOICE 2 - H W V VE Vegan mince and onion pie (sliced potato top) & gravy Allergens: (Wh), (Bar), (So)	CHOICE 2 - H W V VE Cheese and tomato quiche Allergens: (Wh), (Mu), (Mi), (E)
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW				
DESSERT - V VE Fruit Salad, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (Mi)	DESSERT - H V Fruity flapjack Allergens: (O), M/C (Bar, Wh)	DESSERT - H V Creamy rice pudding Allergens: (Mi)	DESSERT - VE Fresh fruit platter, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (Su), (Mi)	DESSERT - H W V VE Spiced pear cake with custard Allergens: (Wh), (Mi), (E)
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD BAR / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT				
<p>Fresh fruit, local WESTCOUNTRY yoghurt and West Country milk available daily. Fresh drinking water is available throughout the lunch time period.</p> <p>All meals served with seasonal vegetables. Chicken alternatives to beef and pork upon request. One meal free day.</p> <p>H = HOME-MADE IN THE KITCHEN, W = WHOLE WHEAT INGREDIENTS, VE = VEGAN DISH, V = VEGETARIAN, Z = THE VEGETARIAN LINE.</p> <p>Allergen Key: Gluten (Gl), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Oats (O), Soya (So), Sulphites (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (Mi), Nuts (N), Eggs (E), Crustaceans (C), Celery (Ce), Fish (F), Lupin (L), m/c May Contain</p> <p>Allergens and ingredient information correct at the time of menu production but subject to change due to stock availability. Please speak to your catering manager for the most up to date information.</p>				

Staying Safe and Well - In the Holidays

During the school holidays, our safeguarding staff are not available or 'on call'. If you are worried or concerned about a child or young person, you can contact Plymouth Children's Social Care; the child or young person may be someone in your own family, or friend's or a neighbour's child. The services below are made up of professionals who can offer advice and support about a variety of issues, including how to keep children safe.

Plymouth Children's Social Care can be contacted on 01752 668000; select Option 1. Alternatively, you can email them at: mash@plymouth.gov.uk.

For non urgent concerns where you need advice about your own family, you can book a conversation with a Family Support Worker. They can talk through any worries and signpost further support. Book a conversation at www.plymouth.gov.uk/familyhelp

NSPCC Parents/carers can contact the [NSPCC](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) helpline on 0800 800 5000 for advice, guidance and reassurance if you are worried about a child.

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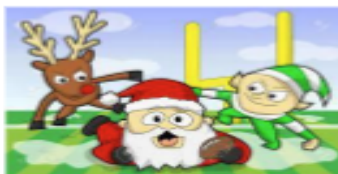
Children and young people can contact [Childline](http://www.childline.org.uk) on 0800 1111 for support.

0808 2000 247 There is a 24 hour helpline for anyone who is worried about or experiencing Domestic Abuse run by [Refuge](#).

If a child, young person or an adult is at **immediate** risk of harm, please contact 999.

Fit and Fed

The wonderful TGS who provide our sports clubs will be running a Fit and Fed programme through the Autumn term break. Please see the poster below for further information and how to sign your child up! Please note the link will not work, but we will also send this as an email attachment!



Holiday Club



TGS Coaching

Looking for somewhere fun, safe and reliable to send your children whilst you finish up the last of the Christmas shopping?!
Look no further, TGS Coaching has got you covered!

We have so many activities for your children to choose from! We've got Football & Dodgeball Tournaments, TGS Does Talent, Christmas Decoration Making, Christmas Disco and so much more!

Where: High Street Primary Academy School
Address: High Street, Stonehouse, Plymouth, PL1 3SJ
Dates: Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd December
Times: 9am-3pm
Ages: School Year 1 to Year 7
Price: £12.50 per child per day

Thanks to funding from [PCC](#) Fit & Fed project we are also able to offer FREE spaces to children who receive free school meals.

Click this [LINK](#) or scan the QR Code to reserve [you](#) space now!



For more information you can email us at tgscoaching@gmail.com





School Calendar

Please see below our term dates for 2023/2024.

	September 23	October 23	November 23	December 23
Monday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Thursday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
	January 24	February 24	March 24	April 24
Monday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Thursday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Friday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
	May 24	June 24	July 24	August 24
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30

Term	No. of Pupil Days
Autumn 1	33
Autumn 2	37
Spring 1	27
Spring 2	29
Summer 1	29
Summer 2	35
Total:	190

Public Holiday School Holiday School Inset Day