



January Newsletter 2016

Hello and welcome back to school! We all hope that you have had a lovely Christmas holiday and we wish you all well for the coming year. The children have returned happy and smiling which is very good start to the term. Please do take time to read this newsletter as it contains some important information for you.

As ever if you have any concerns about your child or their learning please do arrange to meet with the teacher and if you would like to meet with me please do come in to the office to make an appointment.

Mrs L. Scott

URGENT – We will be sending out new contact sheets for **ALL PARENTS** to fill in with your contact details. If we do not have the correct information we are unable to ring you if your child is ill, has had an accident or if we need to speak to you about an important matter. We had a couple of incidences last term where we could not reach the parents of ill children which was difficult for us and upsetting for the child. Thank you for helping us with this.

Attendance

As you know the Local Authority checks all the attendance figures for all schools across the city so it is very important for us to have the best possible percentages each term. Each week in Friday's whole school assembly I announce the class winner for each week. Then at the end of the term I announce the overall winner. The class that wins receives £50 to spend on a treat or something for the classroom.

Our attendance target for this term is 96%

Fortunately, we ended the year with a figure of 96%! This is a brilliant result which we would like to continue this term. Unfortunately some children are still coming to school late in the mornings which means they are missing important teaching. Please ensure your child is in school every day so that they are able to learn, make progress and receive the education they deserve.

Police Alert

During the last week of term I had reports from older pupils of a man following them home when they were out and about in the community. I made contact with the local police and they were already aware of the situation. Please could you make sure that your child is not out on their own and that they know what to do if they become worried when they are away from home. Thank you

Morning Routine

This is a gentle reminder to you all that your child is able to go into their classroom from 8.45am every morning. Please do not send your child to school earlier than this as we are not responsible for their safety on the car park. At the end of term some children were once again playing in the car park before school which is extremely dangerous. No one is to be on site until after 8.45am. We often have visitors arriving into the car park at this time and we need to make sure that all pupils and younger brothers and sisters are safe. Thank you for your help with this.

Uniform and P.E. kits

I am very keen that the children come to school in their uniform every day please. Footwear has become an issue with children wearing very inappropriate shoes to school. Please could you make sure that your child wears **sensible black** shoes to school. Shoes and boots which are brightly coloured, fluffy, glittered or trainers are not suitable for school wear.

A few children still do not have their P.E. kits in school which means they are missing out on the their P.E. lessons. Please make sure your child has their kit in school every week. School P.E. kit is black or navy shorts with either a white t shirt or a coloured one which can bought from the office.

Clubs

Clubs will start again next week. If your child has requested to join a club please make sure that they attend every week. If they do not attend regularly their name will be removed from the list.

Non-Pupil Day

As you know we are part of the South West Plymouth Education Trust along with College Road, Mount Wise, Pilgrim, Marlborough, Morice Town and Drake Primary schools. This year our staff will be joining the staff from the other schools for a non-pupil day for a training day. This will be Friday the **12th of February** so please make arrangements for your child on this day as the school will be closed. Please see the chart below for other important term dates.

High Street Primary School term dates 2015 - 2016																		
		Sep-15						Oct-15						Nov-15				
Monday			7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday		1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
Wednesday		2	9	16	23	30			7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
Thursday		3	10	17	24			1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	
Friday		4	11	18	25			2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	
		Dec-15						Jan-16						Feb-16				
Monday			7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday		1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	
Wednesday		2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
Thursday		3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
Friday		4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	
		Mar-16						Apr-16						May-16				
Monday			7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday		1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
Wednesday		2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
Thursday		3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	
Friday		4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	
		Jun-16						Jul-16						Aug-16				
Monday			6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday			7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday		1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31
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The school year comprises:																		
School Terms:																		
Teaching Days (Statutory)						190	Term	Start	End	Days								
Professional Development days						5	1	01-Sep-15	23-Oct-15	39								
Occasional Days						5	2	02-Nov-15	18-Dec-15	35								
Sub-total						200	3	04-Jan-16	12-Feb-16	30								
School Holidays						54	4	17-Feb-16	24-Mar-16	27								
Bank Holidays						8	5	11-Apr-16	27-May-16	34								
Saturdays and Sundays						104	6	06-Jun-16	22-Jul-16	35								
Total						366				200								