



Newsletter

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Holiday Dates:

Autumn Half Term
22/10/18 – 26/10/18

Non Pupil Day
26/11/18

Christmas Holiday
24/12/18 – 4/1/19

First day of Spring Term:
7/1/19

Spring half term:
18 – 22/2/19

Easter holiday:
8/4/19 - 22/4/19 (back on
23/4/19)

May half term:
27 – 31 5/19

Last day of summer term:
19/7/19

Event Dates

Child Assault Prevention
workshop:
27/9/18 @ 1.30 – 3.00

Y5 & 6 Residential:
15/10/18 – 17/10/18

Parent evening
18/10/18

Firework Evening
5/11/18

Children's University

This week we have had a visit from Plymouth University in preparation for our children to take part and be active in the Children University Scheme. You will have received a letter home explaining how the scheme works. Our hope is that the children, through taking part in activities that they already do, trying new activities and visiting places of interest, will widen their understanding of the world around them, develop new skills and interests and at the same time work towards achieving certificates in order to attend a special graduation ceremony at Plymouth University later in the year. Miss Coria is leading this initiatives and hopes that as many families as possible will take part. Good luck out there!



CAP



The Child Assault Prevention team will be visiting us in early October next term to work with children, staff and parents about how children learn to keep themselves safe and how adults can support this. This work is invaluable as it fosters children's own abilities to know what is acceptable behaviour and enables them to make good choices in order to keep themselves safe. They will be running a parent workshop on 27/9/ 18 in school between 1.30 - 3.00. I really hope you will be able to attend.

Attendance Policy

Just to remind you that the School Governors have reviewed the Attendance policy and have made some changes which **have taken effect from Sept. 18**. The changes consist of:

- Ideally the school would like 4 contact numbers as a list of contacts for a child
- The Headteacher is unable to authorise absence of any child with attendance below 96%. This will be calculated over the 12 month period prior to the date of application.
- Attendance of 96% is the threshold that may initiate actions throughout the policy

The policy has been up dated to help us to continue to improve the attendance of children in school. We have already made great strides in doing this and hope that this trend will develop further. With children in school regularly they will be able to achieve their full potential.

Learn about reading

Mrs. Looker is running a great 'workshop' activity for Reception and Yr1 parents to come in and find out about how we teach children to read. This will help parents to go beyond just listening to reading but actually support in the teaching of reading as well. Reading is such a high priority for our school as research shows that the more literate children are the greater their life chances. The activity will take place on **Thursday 20/9/18 between 9 – 10 in the Hub** (please come through Mrs. Rowntree's room). We look forward seeing you.



Admissions dates:

Just to remind any parents who are hoping to get a Reception place for their child in school for next September 2019 - that you **must** apply for this to the Local Authority- **EVEN** if your child is in the school Nursery. The closing date is 15/1/18.