



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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15th July 2022



Heat Wave Precautions

Please remember to send your child in to school each day with a water bottle, hat and suncream. During this hot spell we have been allowing the children an extended breaktime earlier in the day while it's cooler and have then, as a precaution, kept them inside at lunchtime, which is the hottest time of the day. We will continue this during the next week also.



Year 6 Activities Day

Last week the children in Year 6 visited Mount Edgecumbe as part of an activities day organised by the Plymouth School Sports Programme.



They were joined by other schools around the city and took part in a range of events including archery, beach sculptures, volleyball, orienteering and much more. It was an exhausting but rewarding day, as the children worked creatively and collaboratively.



We would like to say a massive 'thank you' to parents and carers for their support at the end of the day with communicating and collaborating with each other; it was hugely appreciated.

Orinoco Womble visit

We had a very special visitor in school on Wednesday! Courtesy of Luna (Fowey) who won a poster competition about recycling some time ago, Orinoco Womble visited our school to speak to the KS1 and Foundation children about the joys and importance of recycling. The children (and staff) loved seeing a Womble in school!



Summer Fayre

What a successful, sunny event the Summer Fayre was last Friday. It was lovely seeing children and families enjoying being back together. A huge amount of £976.73 was raised for the PTFA! Thank you to the PTFA & school staff for your hard work both before and during, giving up your time to co-ordinate and support such a fantastic event.



Celebration Shout Out!

Please feel free to email the school with any pupil achievements or special efforts you'd like celebrated! We would love to share them with everyone through our newsletter.



Harry (Severn) has passed his Taekwondo grading and has achieved his Yellow Stripe belt. Well done Harry!

Reggie B (Thames) had his first Mixed Martial Arts grading last week and he has jumped up 2 belts to a Yellow Belt. Well done Reggie!



Owen (Lagan) achieved a double-grading passing his Purple Belt to a Yellow Belt in his martial arts class this week. We're so proud of him as he's not been doing it long and he's taken to it so well.



Renaissance Reading Program

When children have finished reading a book they take a Ren Reading quiz to answer questions on the book that they have completed. When quizzes are passed, the number of words in the books are totalled together and a weekly word count for each class is accumulated.

Each week we will look at the word count totals for each class. The winners of Key Stage 1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 will get a few minutes extra play at breaktime! Our winners this week are:-

KS1 - Thames Class - 21,603 words

Lower KS2 - Medway Class - 98,647 words

Upper KS2 - Tyne Class - 160,018 words



Well done to those classes!

PREMIER MULTI-SPORT CAMPS

INSPIRING ACTIVITY

SCAN HERE TO FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP

or visit premier-education.com/holiday-camps

Trustpilot ★★★★★ Based on over 12,500 reviews

MULTI-SPORT CAMPS NEAR YOU

Venue:	Widewell Primary School
Dates:	27th July - 2nd September
Times:	9am - 4pm
Price:	£70 (£18 Per day)
Ages:	5 - 12 Years old
Additional info:	Come and join us for a fantastic summer of Sports/Activities

PLEASE BRING

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!

Enjoy peace of mind, knowing that your children are in safe hands with our DBS checked coaches.

We've welcomed thousands of attendees over the years, so we know the best ways to keep children happy, active, and safe.

Book now for a summer holiday they will never forget.

KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022

MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

DUNELM

One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

YO! Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

HUNGRY HORSE

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

IKEA

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

DOBBIES

Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

MORE TO COME!!

M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.

AGES 5-12 YEARS OLD

PRESENTS

TOP BOUNCER TENNIS

TENNIS & SPORTS FUNDAMENTALS SUMMER CAMP 2022

WK1: 25th - 27th JULY WK2: 1st - 3rd AUG WK3: 8th - 10th AUG

WK4: 22nd - 24th AUG: FESTIVAL WEEK FILLED WITH GAMES, MATCHES & FUN

@MANNAMEAD TENNIS CLUB, PL3 5JR

£15 PER SESSION

DAILY SESSIONS

9AM - 12PM (5-8 YRS) OR 1PM - 4PM (8-12 YRS)

SPACES AVAILABLE EVERYDAY FOR FAMILIES WHO ACCESS BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS; SCAN CODE TO BOOK.

BOOK NOW @ www.high5sportscamps.co.uk

Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

We all know how quickly children outgrow school uniform and that often families have items that have hardly been worn but no longer fit. It seems a real shame that these clothes either go to a recycle bank or simply get thrown away.



We have introduced a Pre-Loved school uniform system in our school. Donated items are available to families throughout the year and will, we hope, make sure that children get the best wear out of school uniform. If you have items of school uniform that your child has grown out of but are still in good condition, please send them into school clean. Coats and shoes will also be welcomed.

The uniform is situated in the school's external foyer. Thank you to those that have donated already!

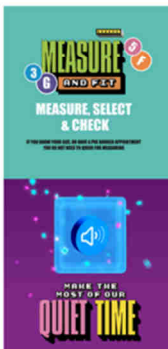


WHY NOT BOOK A SLOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR EXPERT FITTING ADVICE?

From their very first crawling shoes to robust and stylish school shoes or shoes for those big weekend adventures, our kids in-store fitting experts will help you find the perfect fit for their growing feet. Plus, we have a personal shopping and fitting service for adults too!

With Hundreds of Clarks stores to choose from, skip the queues and book a 15 minute measure and fit appointment at a time that suits you.

Clarks combine almost 200 years of expert shoemaking with everything they know about caring for growing feet to provide unbeatable all-day comfort. Their shoes pass up to 60 tough tests, from flexing leather 500,000 times to pulling laces to destruction. The results? The best shoes ever, keeping little feet happy all day long.



IN-STORE FITTING

Avoid the queues and book your in-store measure and fit appointment online now at www.clarks.co.uk

Plus, take along your child's most recent pair of Clarks shoes and they'll check if they're still a good fit.

QUIET IN STORE FITTING

Shoe shopping can be overwhelming for some children. If you think a shopping experience without crowds, noise and bright lights would be better, then book a QuietTime appointment

To book, contact Clarks Plymouth 01752266447

Opening hours,
Mon to Sat 9.30am-5.30pm
Sunday 10.00am-4.00pm

Clarks.

Summer FEAST OF FUN-Days

Over the summer we have three wonderful opportunities to come and enjoy free activities and free food/lunch.

10th August (10:30-1pm)

17th August (10:30-1pm)

24th August (10:30-2:30pm)

Come and join us. Every day there will be games, activities, craft and a fun Bible story with lunch provided and on the last day it is a special celebration, with a bouncy castle, face painting and lots of other fun 'stuff'.

Please register by emailing minister.derrifordchurch@gmail.com

or drop it into the church letter box.

The address is Derriford Church, Powisland Drive, Derriford.

Please note, a responsible adult will need to stay with your child



TRANSFORMING PLYMOUTH TOGETHER
CHURCH ACTION FOR A FAIRER CITY
www.transformingplymouthtogether.org.uk/initiatives/feast-of-fun

With thanks to Plymouth City Council's Fit and Fed Provision



School Uniform Reminder

Please send your child in the correct uniform as outlined in the School Uniform Policy on our website. Children should wear grey trousers, skirt/pinafore or shorts **not leggings**.

Please remember that flat, sensible, safe, black shoes (no trainers) should be worn.

Hairclips and headbands should be plain and should not cause obstruction to anyone's learning, or cause distraction to any learner.

Children need to have their PE kit in school, as they will change in school for PE sessions. Please ensure that PE kit is as outlined in the uniform policy.

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.

"For health and safety reasons, all pupils are required to remove earrings during PE lessons."

Reminder - Alternative Pick-Ups

If you know that your child/ren will need to be collected by someone other than the usual parent/carer please contact the school office to notify us, if possible before 2:45pm. Thank you!



StreetSafe

Want to improve the safety of our local area? If you feel unsafe in any area in Plymouth please use this website to report it:

[StreetSafe | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.police.uk)

StreetSafe is a pilot service for anyone to anonymously tell us about public places where you have felt or feel unsafe, because of environmental issues, e.g. street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism and/or because of some behaviours, e.g. being followed or verbally abused.

Scooters & bikes

Please ensure that all bikes and scooters are locked when you leave them in the bike/scooter shelter near the main gate. Thank you.



Absence during Term Time

If you take your child on holiday in term time without the prior approval of the school, you may be issued a £60/£120 Penalty Fine, per parent, per child. Other unauthorised absences could incur the same fine.

Uniform Store Plymouth

The Uniform Store Plymouth is a free service for families to kit out their children for school. Through donations of good quality school uniform, we give these items out to those in need, free of charge – no referral is needed. We operate a pop-up shop in Plymouth City Centre throughout the school summer holidays, and a 'Click & Collect' service that operates throughout the year, where parents/carers can order the uniform that they need for their children and collect it from our collection point.



To place an order for school uniform, families can visit our website:

www.uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk and select the items required. Our collection point is at Redeemer Church, St Barnabas Terrace, Plymouth PL1 5NN and is open every Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 12pm. For more information please email us: hello@uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk

Current Covid-19 Guidance

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting. Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

Children and young people aged 18 years and under who have a positive test result

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.



Attendance For Week Ending 8th Jul 2022

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

**Well done to Fowey KS1 and
Mersey KS2 for the highest attendance!**



Tamar	93.6%
Lynher	95.6%
Fowey	96.8%
Avon	90.9%
Thames	93.3%

Severn	95.6%
Medway	95.3%
Trent	96.5%
Lagan	94.7%
Clyde	95.0%
Mersey	96.8%
Tyne	94.1%
Wye	96.5%

Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2021/2022 TERM DATES

Thur 21st July
Tue 26th July
Wed 27th July

Year 6 Tyne & Wye Leaver's Assembly 2pm
School finishes at 3.15 pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS START

2022/2023 TERM DATES

Wed 7th Sep 2022
Fri 21st Oct
Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct
Fri 25th Nov
Fri 16th Dec
Mon 19th Dec 2022 - Mon 2nd Jan 2023
Tue 3rd Jan 2023
Mon 13th Feb - Fri 17th Feb
Mon 20th Feb
Fri 31st Mar
Mon 3rd April - Fri 14th April
Mon 17th April
Mon 1st May
Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd Jun
Fri 23rd Jun
Tue 25th Jul
Wed 26th Jul

School starts 8:45am
School finishes 3:15pm
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
School finishes 3:15pm
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
School starts 8:45am
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
School finishes 3:15pm
EASTER HOLIDAYS
School starts 8:45am
Bank Holiday
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
School finishes 3:15pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS START

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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 log/get back to you. Alternatively, email 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



Have a lovely weekend!
Jackie Sparrow - Head of School