



# The Pilgrim Post



February Issue 2 – Friday February 5<sup>th</sup> 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last fortnight seems to have flown by! I can't believe we only have four more days at school until we break up for half term on Thursday. Last week saw our Year Five's out and about, visiting the Marine Aquarium and the Peninsula Dental School, and on Friday, Mr Pryce's class put on a great assembly full of information and a lot of laughs!

This week the children, staff and parents have enjoyed a fantastic 'Story Telling' week. The school has been alive with visitors, including a local story-teller, the Theatre Royal Plymouth and parents reading stories to children in different languages – thank you. We have been 'dropping everything and reading' when the bell rings and on Tuesday after school it was great to see so many families joining us in the hall to create stories based on a variety of puppets and props. The children have had a great time and have also written lots of exciting stories of their own. Today it was super to see so many children dressed as mythical creatures or book titles, and we were entertained by Miss Bourne's Year 1 children retelling the story of The Three Little Pigs in assembly this morning. You did a great job! Thanks to Miss Dale with a little help from Ms Wootton for organising such an enjoyable week for the children.

On a different note, you may have noticed that we have been able to put the play equipment back onto the Key Stage 1 and 2 playgrounds. I'm pleased to say that the temporary fencing will be removed on Monday to enable the children to use it once again and in the future we plan to spruce it up with a lick of paint. Watch this space...

**As this is the last newsletter before our forthcoming holiday, that only leaves me to wish you a good half term – roll on spring time and some sunshine!**

Mrs Meek

## Writers of the Week

### Foundation

William Savage  
Macie Saunders

### Year 1

Oscar Mohammed  
Sayeeda Akther

### Year 2

Evelyn O'Brien  
Rafal Wojcik

### Year 3

Turkan Kilinc

### Year 4

Gabriel Baktys

### Year 5

Ellie-Marie Gilley

### Year 6

Milo McGrellis-May

## Mathematicians of the Week

### Foundation

Tyler Johnson-Egerton  
Daniel Clinton

### Year 1

Alissa Lock  
Layton Plummer

### Year 2

Abdullah Al-Saedi  
Ella-Dior Tremaine

### Year 3

Ellie Welbrock

### Year 4

Corey Harrison

### Year 5

Joseph O'Brien

### Year 6

Jake Boyle



## Dates for your Diary...



### Changes to the lunch menu next week

A reminder that we have varied the lunch menu next week (a separate letter has been sent home):

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb      Chinese New Year  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>      Pancake Day pudding  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>      Valentines Menu

### Class Assemblies

These are held on **Fridays in the school hall at 9.15**. Please try to come along to your child's assembly to help us celebrate their learning.

**Friday 26 February - YR 2 Miss Hardington**

**Friday 4 March - YR 5 Mrs Forgan**

**Friday 11 March - YR 4 Miss Camm**



### Change to Parent's Evening Dates

Due to unforeseen circumstances the dates given in the last newsletter will now have to be changed to:

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March: 3.30 – 5.30pm

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March: 3.30 – 6.30pm

### Half Term Dates

**We have a staff training day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February (NO PUPILS)**

**HALF TERM is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

**So the last day at school is Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February and back to school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

### Attendance - Our Target is 96.3 %

<b>Week Ending 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b>	<b>Whole School Attendance</b>	<b>Best Class Attendance</b>	<b>Best Class Punctuality</b>
<b>Last Week</b>	<b>94.9%</b>	<b>Yr 6 99.7%</b>	<b>Yr 5 (1 late)</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>96.1%</b>	<b>Yr 5 98.0%</b>	<b>Yr 5 (12 lates)</b>

### Hand Foot and Mouth Disease

**Just for your information:** There has been a case of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease reported to the school. The symptoms for parents to keep a watch for are: high temperature, loss of appetite, sore throat, ulcers in the mouth and a red rash on the hands and soles of the feet.