



The Pilgrim Post



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year! It has been lovely to see the children back in school after a well-earned summer break. They have settled back into their new classes very positively and seem ready to get on with learning! I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the children and families joining our Foundation stage and also to our new staff joining us this year. I look forward to getting to know the new members of our school community over the coming year.

If you have looked at our website recently, you will see our new site beginning to take shape. I anticipate that the final version will be launched around half term. At that time, we will run some Parent/carers workshops to help you download the website app, navigate the site and give personal logins to allow you to access key information on the site. More information to follow...

Finally, I am sorry to announce that Mrs Chambers (from our Foundation Team) is leaving today to take up a position in Exeter. We wish her every success in the future.

Mrs Meek

House Teams

I am sure your child/children have already talked to you about our new 'House Team' system starting this year. We have organised the children into through-school teams, keeping siblings together in the same team and also allocated teachers to each team to get into the competitive spirit!

Our teams each have their own colour and the Houses are named after famous lighthouses in this region:

DOUGLASS - GREEN

SMEATON - RED

RUDYERD - YELLOW

EDDYSTONE - BLUE

The children will be having House Assemblies once a week in these teams and we hope to organise future events (such as Sports Day) in these House teams. Watch this space...

Attendance - Our Target is 96.3 %

Week Ending 16th September 2016	Whole School Attendance	Best Class Attendance	Best Class Punctuality
Last Week	95.9%	Yr 3 BF 98.9%	Yr 1 SW (0 lates)
Year to Date	95.9%	Yr 3 BF 98.9%	Yr 1 SW (0 lates)

Assemblies and Awards

As you are aware, we really value the support that parents and carers give to many aspects of school life, including attending assemblies to see your child perform their class assembly or receive important awards.

Due to our school expansion and rising numbers, it is becoming increasingly hard to fit all the children and all parent/carers into our main school hall during Friday Celebration assemblies. With an additional class this year, we have had to rethink the assembly and awards arrangements which will now be spread over a fortnightly cycle starting next week:

Week 1- Awards Assembly

In this assembly there will be:

- Star Writer award
- Star Mathematician award
- a short poem performed by a whole class or group
- Presentation any pen licences and/or calculators (for completing all maths challenges)
- Any certificates/awards for activities out of school that have come from home
- Class attendance winners

(if your child is receiving a special award in this assembly, you will be notified by text at the beginning of the week)

Week 2- Awards Assembly

In this assembly there will be:

- A class assembly presentation
- Pilgrim Pat on the Back (elected by the class pupils)
- Class attendance winners

Times Table Certificates/Maths Badges and Reading Karate wristbands will now be celebrated in our new House Assemblies.



Dates for your Diary...



Events this half term

Meet the teacher: 20/9/16 – 2pm for YR1-3 & 21/09/16 – 2pm for YR4-6

Assemblies: 30/09/16 YR2 Miss Hardington, 04/11/16 YR3 Mrs Forgan, 18/11/16 YR6 Mrs Buck

Harvest: Friday 14 October 2016

Yr 6 residential: Wednesday 19 October to Friday 21 October