



The Pilgrim Post



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest

Thank you for all your kind donations of food for our Harvest Festival today. Our visitors from the Food Bank charity were overwhelmed with the amount and variety of food that was collected. Well done to all the classes for their wonderful songs, poems and performances in our Harvest celebrations today. It was lovely to see parents and carers attending the assemblies to help us celebrate.

Parking

Please could I remind parents and carers who bring their children to school by car that we have an arrangement with Sainsbury's (Western Approach) whereby you can park in their car park for FREE at key drop off and pick up times (08:35 to 9.15 and 14:55 to 15:35). Recently, we have had requests from the police and the parking department to reduce the congestion and parking on double yellow lines around school. Parking on the double yellow lines puts the safety of children walking to school at risk. I appreciate that parking on the roads is a problem in this area but I would ask that parents and carers who travel to school by car use the Sainsbury's car park. All you need to do is to fill in an application form with your vehicle details and we can issue you with a permit from the school office. I am sending an application form home to you with this Newsletter in the hope that more people will use this option. It would be great if we could soon see a reduction in the number of cars parked on double yellow lines outside school.

Attendance Awards

As you know, we like to celebrate and reward good attendance at school. Each week, in assembly, we celebrate the class who have the best attendance and at the end of the year we present 100% attendance medals to children who have come to school every day for the year. This year, I would like to introduce an **additional award to encourage good attendance**. Any child who has had 100% attendance for a half term will have a 'Golden Ticket' entered into an end of year prize draw. This will give each child the possibility of having **up to 6 tickets** in the draw by the end of the year. We will then draw 3 tickets with prizes of £50 book tokens being awarded to each winner. With all these awards on offer, I am sure that we will be able to achieve our attendance target of 96.3% this year!

It is hard to believe that we only have one more week until half-term. Let's hope the sun keeps shining for our Year 6 who will be taking part in their residential experience next week!

Mrs Meek

Writer of the Week

Year 1

Macie S, Melody L

Year 2

Lacey H, Hachem K

Year 3

Ethan J, Theo P

Year 4

Maddison W

Year 5

Amelia L

Year 6

Tristan E

Mathematician of the Week

Year 1

Eduardo G, Peter B

Year 2

Denis R, Archie T

Year 3

Rayan A, Rafal W

Year 4

Summer B

Year 5

Silas C

Year 6

Allan T

Plymouth Radio/Rhino Play 'Springy Rocker' competition

Please support our 2 entrants:

Lacey and James

**by voting on Plymouth Radio website
(PlymouthRadio.com)**

**Competition closes at midnight 18th
October!**

Attendance - Our Target is **96.3 %**

Week Ending 14th October 2016	Whole School Attendance	Best Class Attendance	Best Class Punctuality
Last Week	95.7%	Yr 6 Eagles 99.3%	Yr 6 Eagles (1 late)
Year to Date	95.7%	Yr 3 Chameleons 97.4%	Yr 6 Eagles (8 lates)

MEALTIME ASSISTANT VACANCY

£8.25 per hour Mon-Fri 12.15-1.30pm (term time only)

Required from November 2016 to join our MTA team in a range of duties assisting children with their lunches, supervising outdoor play activities and supporting good behaviour in the playground. Applicants should be patient, understanding, responsive and able to build positive relationships with children whilst establishing boundaries. Ability to work in a team is essential.

Experience of working with children would be advantageous but training and support will be given. **All applicants must complete an application form available on our school website:**
www.pilgrimprimaryschool.co.uk or see the School Office for further details.

An enhanced DBS is required for this post. Interviews will be held before the end of term

MacMillan Donation

Well done to Donna Harris, our PSA, who 'Braved the Shave' for MacMillan charity a few weeks ago. The final total raised, including money from the coffee morning and our Mufti Day, is:

£601 ... WOW!

Bikes and Scooters

Just a reminder that we ask that bikes and scooters that are left on site are locked for security purposes. There are times that the school gates are open and I have noticed that sometimes we have the odd scooter or bike left accidentally on site overnight, so a lock is essential!



Dates for your Diary...



Coming Events

Year 6 residential: Wednesday 19 October to Friday 21 October

Half Term: Monday 24th October -Tuesday 1st November (Monday 31st October is a NON PUPIL DAY)

Parent/Teacher meetings: Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd November

School Disco: Friday 18th November

Assemblies: 04/11/16 YR3 Mrs Forgan - Chameleons
 18/11/16 YR6 Mrs Buck - Eagles
 02/12/16 YR5 Mr Scott - Dolphins