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Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy Primary and Nursery pupils, It has been really great to see many of you since the wider reopening of Marine Academy Primary and Nursery at the Pop-Up Library, Year 6 Afternoon Tea, New Reception Uniform Mornings and Annual Report collections. I really look forward to seeing everyone in September, when – with some adjustments – all of the children will be able to return to school from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

I know that many of you have felt an anxiety about the learning that has been missed this year since schools closed in March. I want to reassure you that learning is what we do best at Marine Academy. It is true that certain aspects of learning may have been delayed. However, we will have a clear programme of support in place in September for those that need it. We will adjust our teaching to match the needs of the class and individual pupils, in order for them to leave next year as strong as ever. Our Academy has always provided an ambitious and balanced curriculum and that will not change. We will not be doing endless booster classes or catch up lessons. Your children will be immersed in the very best kind of teaching and learning and end the year thriving, as they always have done. We have a brilliant approach to teaching and many school leaders from across the country visit us each year to see it in action. This is one of our strong points, we are not perfect and I am sure there will be some rocky moments in the Autumn but we will make sure that our children are more than ready for whatever is to come. We will also make sure that all of our mental health is well, as this is crucial before learning can happen; we will take care of that and then the learning will soar!

Take care, stay safe and have a wonderful summer. Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Siobhan Meredith



Marine Academy Primary and Nursery Newsletter July 2020

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS...



Term 1

First day of school: 2nd September 2020

(7th September 2020 for some new **Reception children**) Last day of school: 22nd October 2020 Term 2 First day of school: 4th November 2020 Last day of school: 18th December 2020 (at 1:00pm for Marine Academy Primary) Term 3 First day of school: 5th January 2021 Last day of school: 12th February 2021 Term 4 First day of school: 22nd February 2021 Last day of school: 1st April 2021 Term 5 First day of school: 19th April 2021 Bank Holiday: 3rd May 2021 Last day of school: 28th May 2021 Term 6 First day of school: 9th June 2021 Last day of school: 21st July 2021 **INSET and Occasional Days for Marine** Academy Primary and Nursery (School including Holiday Club closed): Tuesday 1st September 2020 – INSET day, Primary and Nursery closed. Friday 23rd October 2020 – INSET day, Primary and Nursery closed. Tuesday 3rd November 2020 -Occasional Day – Primary and Nursery Holiday Club Open. Monday 4th January 2021 – INSET day, Primary and Nursery closed. Monday 7th June 2021 – Occasional Day – Primary and Nursery Holiday Club Open. Tuesday 8th June 2021– INSET day, Primary and Nursery closed. Thursday 22nd July 2021 - INSET day, Primary and Nursery closed.

Dear Marine Academy Primary and Nursery children,

We hope you are well and continuing to stay safe. A huge well done to all of the Pre-School children due to leave to join Reception and children in Reception to Year 6 for such fabulous school reports! They were an absolute delight to read and I felt so proud of each and every one of you!

I hope you have enjoyed watching the videos from your new teachers and you are looking forward to joining the next year group. If you have not had a chance to watch them then you can click on the teachers' names below their faces and watch their special message to you!

Miss <u>Stephens</u> Penguin Class	<u>Mr Ferry</u> Class RAF	Mrs Marchant Class IMM	Mr Andrew and Mr Brooking Class 2TA	<u>Ms Bell</u> Class 3EB	Miss Gammage Class 4LG	Mrs Impey Class 5LI	Mr <u>Wilson</u> Class 6AW
<u>Mr Green</u> Puffin Class	<u>Miss</u> <u>Rowe</u> Class RHR	Mr Andrews Class ISA	Miss Watson Class 2CW	Miss <u>Newell</u> Class 3JN	<u>Miss</u> <u>Janes</u> Class 4AJ	Mr Druce Class 5AD	<u>Miss</u> <u>McNicholas</u> Class 6DM

Stay safe and keep smiling; I know it might feel scary when you think about coming back to school, if you have had lots of time off, but it really will be ok. The Primary and Nursery teams are just so excited to see you all and you really will feel like you have not had this gap. It is not long now until September, when we will all be able to be together again as the wonderful community of Marine Academy Primary and Nursery. Please remember: Work Hard, Be Kind and Amazing Things will Happen!

Have a really awesome summer!

From Mrs Meredith :)



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#### Staffing Changes from September

Many of you will have seen the Staffing Structure that was emailed to you on 15<sup>th</sup> July and there are some changes from this year to next. The changes to note for the next academic year are: Welcome back!

- Mrs Marchant and Miss Codner both return from maternity leave in September and Mrs Critchlow will return in January - it will be fantastic to have them back!
- Mrs Brenton begins her maternity leave we are all so excited to meet Baby Brenton!
- Mr Cuzner is going to be working in Year 5 and will teach in Class 3EB on Friday mornings.
- Mrs Howard who has been working as a Teaching Assistant, will now be working as a School Direct Teacher in Class 5LI.
- Miss Hartley and Mrs Hogarty join the Primary team as School Direct Teachers. Miss Hartley will be working in Class RHR and Mrs Hogarty will be working in Class 3JN.
- Miss Watson and Mr Brooking have both completed their year as School Direct Teachers and will now be working as class teachers in Classes 2CW and 2TA. We are really proud of them!
- We would also like to congratulate Miss Knowles, who also completed her year as a School Direct Teacher and is now going to be a class teacher at Ernesettle Community School. We wish her all the best and know that she is going to be fabulous!
- At the end of term, we said goodbye to Mr Benney and Miss Stoneman who have been working as Teaching Assistants.





It was fantastic to welcome our children and families in to collect their uniforms and meet Miss Rowe and Mr Ferry ahead of September. It was different to our usual arrangements but nonetheless, the mornings were made special for all of the children with a great goodie bag to accompany their uniforms - we really cannot wait for them to join us. It is wonderful that many of our new Reception children are already so familiar with us as they are part of our Pre-School and we know that they are looking forward to making lots of new friends too!

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In the final piece of post sent to children, there was the Curriculum Letter for next term. This letter contains information about the main topic for their learning in September and October. The topics are below and children could begin to research their topics over the summer break if they would like to!





We would really like to thank all of you who have taken part in '38 Things' this year, especially during such strange times. We really hope that the children have been able to feel a sense of pride and achievement for each 'thing' they completed. The importance of building character has never been so important in recent months and as a school, we are immensely proud of them for their efforts. Every child who managed to complete some of the activities will have received a participation certificate and for those who have completed their booklets, they will be invited to a special (albeit delayed) celebration in early September. There's also a video on the Marine Academy Primary Facebook page for all of the children, who submitted their '38 Things', to watch! We will definitely be continuing with '38 Things' next year so we look forward to lots of you signing up again!



Year 6 – I can't believe this is the last time I will be writing to you in the newsletter! You have worked incredibly hard this term looking at our topic of Globalisation and have been able to recap some tricky areas of Maths to ensure you are ready for Year 7 in September. It has been an

absolute pleasure to be part of every single one of your journeys and I hope that you will let me know how you get on next year. The farewell cream tea we had will be held as a very special and happy memory for us all. Just remember: Work Hard, Be Kind and Amazing Things Will Happen!

If you would like to do a little extra Maths practise yourself to cover all the content you will need to start Maths in Year 7, please use this link to sign up for a free refresher course: Sparx Numerise 'Secondary Ready'. You can create your own independent accounts which you can use over the holidays. <u>https://www.numerise.com/secondary-ready/</u>. Year 4 – although it has been a strange way to end the academic year, children have still been working hard until the very end! This term, the children were able to use the current situation when writing a persuasive letter encouraging the public to visit local zoos to ensure that they do not permanently close! In Geography, we have been learning about 'Natural Resources' and children have been able to showcase what they have learnt throughout the year. We are really sad that we have been unable to finish the year with you all but we look forward to seeing you all in September, even though you will be in a new class! We hope you all have a

wonderful summer and a break from all the amazing learning that you have been completing, you should all be very proud of yourselves! From Mr Wilson and Miss Gammage

<u>Pre-School</u> – The Marine Academy Primary Pre-School have created some amazing learning throughout their topic 'Let's Go to the Beach'. The children that have been learning at home and at school have amazed all of the Pre-School staff with their learning which has included retelling the story of 'Sharing a Shell', sorting shells by their size and talking about which objects float and sink.

All of the staff in Pre-School would like to wish the children who are graduating from Pre-School the best of luck in Reception or if they are moving to a new school! We are so proud of all that you have achieved during your time in Pre-School even during this tricky time. We will miss you all lots! We would also like to wish the children well who are returning or joining Pre-School in September, we hope you have the best summer and we will see you really soon!

Year 2 – And so we bring to a close of unusual summer term. We are disappoint that the term has ended like this and didn't get more time with our fabulo classes. The Year 2 children in school completed fantastic information texts we have seen some excellent one completed at home too. The children school also had a mini Sports Day toge and we hope you had chance to g running, throwing and catching just fo or with some competition. It was wond to see some children on the field to co their reports and to hear about how t got on at home.	inted we ous ol and ss n at ether jet or fun derful ollect they	Year 1 – The children in Year 1 have continued to produce excellent learning at school and at home. They have enjoyed their continued learning about the weather and all had a go at being weather presenters. They answered essay style questions and shared all of the amazing facts they have learnt this term in Geography. The children also loved taking part in the mini Sports Day and showed fantastic resilience when doing so, displaying many different skills both in school and at home. The Year 1 team couldn't be any more proud of all the children - they have continued to produce excellent learning, continued to have smiles on their faces and overall been superstars. Although the Year 1 team are sad to have not been able to see everyone, we cannot wait to see you all in Year 2 in September and look at all the amazing learning you will be doing. We wish you an amazing summer and a well-deserved break. You have all made up what has been a fantastic year group.			
We can't wait to see how well they all on in Year 3 and look forward to catch up with all the children when we are of to. We are looking forward to welcomi new group of Year 2 children; thankfull have already taught lots of the childr during lockdown at school. Have of fabulous summer!	hing able ing a ly we ren	Year 3 - This term, the children in Year 3 have been very busy! They have followed instructions to plant their own cress seeds and make their own fly trap/Chinese lanterns. The children have taken part in a virtual Sports Day and many of the children in Class Sharks learnt to do 'keepy uppies'! It was lovely teaching you all this year and it was a shame that it was cut short. We hope you all have an amazing summer. It was lovely to see some of your faces this week when collecting your reports! Good luck in Year 4, you will smash it!			
the Reception children for finishing their first year of school! All the team are immensely proud of their perseverance, progress and resilience through these very strange times. Although the year has ended not as planned, the children have still had a wonderful end to the term, reflecting on their learning, progress and preparing for their transition into Year One! We hope that all the children at home		<ul> <li>S - We have seen some amazing learning in school and being sent in m home, including awesome essays based on the Geography topic rgy and Sustainability'. The English learning has enabled the children to and and put into practise their writing techniques learnt this term, whilst Maths has been a variety of refresher lessons.</li> <li>dition, Year 5 have completed various wider curriculum activities, such Art, SMSC, Computing and PE. A big well done to all the children that cipated in the Virtual Sports Day and contributed to their teams' points.</li> <li>been a very different but incredible time in Year 5 and Mr Druce wishes but all the best going into Year 6. Miss McNicholas is so excited to be ntinuing to teach you and looks forward to seeing you in September.</li> <li>We hope you have an amazing summer, take care and stay safe!</li> </ul>			





Goodbye and Good Luck Year 6!

On the final day of Term 6, Marine Academy Primary welcomed all of the Year 6 children back to the Academy for a final farewell. There was ice cream, a barbecue, slushies and a selfie frame! The children had a great afternoon together and it was brilliant to reflect on their time at Marine Academy Primary. Many of this cohort were part of the original twenty six children who joined the Academy in September 2013, when Marine Academy Primary came into existence! Each and every one of them are incredible individuals, fantastic role models and have been a pleasure to educate. We are proud that we have been a part of their journey so far and wish them the best of luck for their time at

secondary school and the future.

To Marine Academy Primary Year 6 children, This year will go down in history. As you start your next big journey, This next chapter of your life, Know that we have watched you grow, With such happiness and pride. Smiles, laughs and tears, We have had along the way, You have come so far to the person, Stood in front of us today. You've said goodbye to teachers, You have waved farewell to friends, You've taken steps down corridors. That you may not walk again. But your exciting future awaits you, Make it all that it can be, No-one will forget the Class of 2020! Remember 'Work Hard, Be Kind and Amazing Things will Happen'! Take care, Marine Academy Primary Team























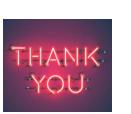






































# TINY Happy PEOPLE Your words build their world

When children start school they should be able to speak to their new friends in full sentences, ask teachers simple questions and understand what they are asked to do. When they have these skills, they will feel more confident and they will be happier. Many children starting school all across the UK today are unable to do these things. In England, 1 in 4 children starting primary school are behind with their level of literacy development (language, communication and literacy skills) by the time they start primary school. Language and communication skills unlock literacy, and that is why the BBC's Tiny Happy People initiative in conjunction with the Department for Education, aims to share a simple message for parents of children aged birth to four - talk to children from as early an age as possible. Their website https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people includes a range of online activities including parenting tips, films, articles and quizzes launched to help parents and carers develop the communication skills of their young children, right from the start of pregnancy. For example, on the website you will see a schedule for the week, which includes daily ideas and offers practical support through videos for each suggestion. There are also many links to songs and rhymes to share with your child. Many people have endorsed the Tiny Happy People initiative but perhaps the most well-known is The Duchess of Cambridge. Follow the link below to watch a video of her talking about her involvement: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/duchess-of-cambridge-thp/zbvcydm">https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/duchess-of-cambridge-thp/zbvcydm</a>



#### <u>Year 6 Art and Design Learning</u>

In Year 6, a group of children took part in an amazing citywide clay workshop that will be displayed at the University of Plymouth in September. They were one of twenty schools across the whole of the city who followed a series of distance learning Art lessons to create a clay cylinder, inscribed with patterns that had meaning to themselves. The clay will be fired in a kiln and then become part of the project's display. What phenomenal creations and design ideas they all came up with! We look forward to seeing the display later on in the year. Well done to all who took part!



#### **Online Safety**



Each month, we will continue to share with you some advice to further support your child to be safe online. If you have any questions or queries then please do contact a member of the Primary Admin Team or email

primary@marineacademy.org.uk to arrange a time to virtually meet with Mr Ferry our Computing and Online Safety Leader. He will always be more than happy to help you out!



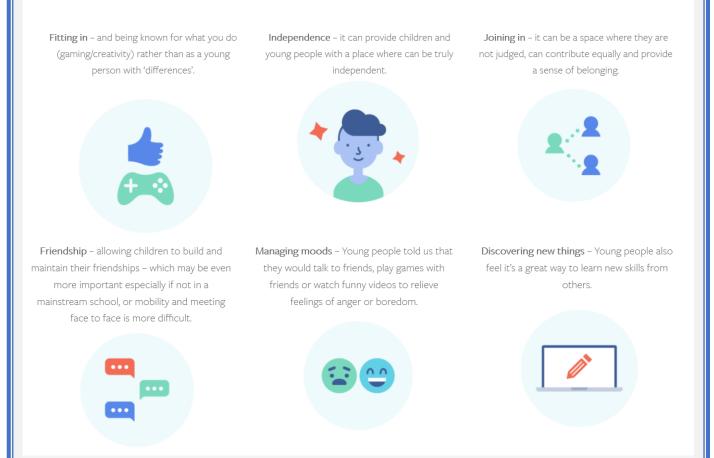


#### Understanding the Role of Social Media Advice for Parents & Carers

Click <u>here</u> to learn how connecting online can be more challenging for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and what impact it can have on their wellbeing.

#### How can social media support your child?

Connecting with others online is fast becoming a fundamental part of children's lives and this is no different for children with SEND. Being online brings the usual benefits of connecting, creating and sharing, plus some additional benefits that will often support their overall wellbeing. These include:



Sadly, children with vulnerabilities are more exposed to these online risks. So, it is important parents are aware that:

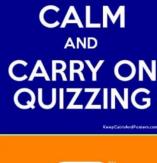
- Children with SEND are more likely to experience all online risks compared to those without any difficulties.
- Children with SEND are significantly more likely to experience Contact risks online. Examples of this including sexting under pressure and coercion. They appear to be preyed upon and singled out.
- Children with communication difficulties are also more likely to experience Contact risks. They are **more likely to spend time in chat rooms** than their non-vulnerable peers which facilitate direct communication and are known for explicit sexual talk, innuendos, and obscene language.
- Experiencing Contact risks is also associated with a greater risk of seeing harmful content and experiencing more aggressive behaviour online.

The total books and words read by all children on Accelerated Reader currently stands at... 10,296 books and .39, 874,373 words!

> Top Ten Number of Words Read So Far This Year: Ada (6IC) 3,253,566 Harry (5DM) 1,724,753 Jay (4LG) 1,607,916 Isaac (4AW) 1,350,357 Gabriel (5DM) 1,146,056 Santiago (6IC) 1,130,021 Ryan (4LG) 1,113,524 Freya (4AW) 1,085,942 Jacob (4AW) 1,059,630 Ava (5AD) 1,001,605

In case you missed it in last month's Newsletter...you can ake part in the Summer Reading Challenge 2020 by visiting <u>https://</u> summerreadingchallen <u>ge.org.uk/</u>





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Accelerated Reader The children will be able to continue to quiz at home until 31st August 2020. Any certificates that are achieved over the summer will be given out in September. Access to myON for the current Years 2 to 6 will also continue, so keep calm, and carry on reading and quizzing!



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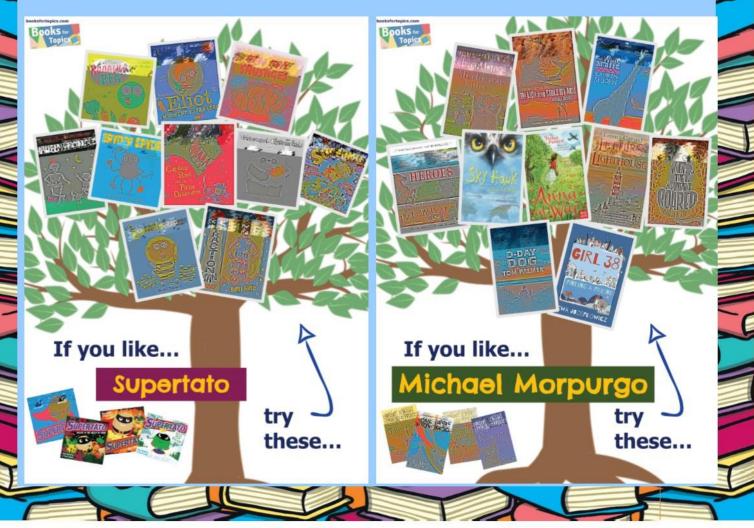
A big pat on the back to the top quizzers on Accelerated Reader this month they have all been quizzing lots and have achieved an average score of 100%! Brilliant!

Noah (2AG), Koby C (2AJ), Isla R (3JN), Lucy (3LI), Paula (4LG) and Isaac (5AD)

We have had four new WORD MILLIONAIRES! Massive congratulations to Santiago (6IC), Jacob (4AW), Freya (4AW) and Ava (5AD)! You have all read over 1,000,000 words this year - fantastic!



**Branching out...** have you been hooked in by a particular series or author but you're ready to branch out and try something new? Take a look at these suggestions and you might just find your new favourite book!



# Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading

fiction text.

-Who is the main character?

-What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?

-What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?

-Did the character change during the story? How? -How are you like the main character? How are you different?

-What do you predict will happen next in the story? -Why do you think the author chose this title for the story?

-Do you like the title of the story? Why or why not? -Can you think of a different title for the story? -Which character from the story would you choose to be your friend? Why?

-Which part of the story was the most exciting? Why? -Did you like the end of the story? Why or why not? -Which parts in the story could really happen? Which parts could not really happen?

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#### Arrangements for September

To minimise social contact and to ensure a steady flow of people on the school site, we will not be able to invite Parents/Carers into the building for Early Morning Learning but children are still invited to arrive between 8:30 and 8:55am. Aside from Year 5 and 6 who must arrive at school by 8:30am please. We have also had to adjust the finish times for the end of the school day; please take note of these timings and locations as these have changed for many year groups (please note these have been changed slightly since the letter sent last week).

Please see below and the next page for details on groupings, classroom locations, drop-off and collection points.

Children from:	Classroom/Location:	Drop-off point:	Drop-off time:	Collection point:	Collection time:
Marine Academy Nursery	Marine Academy Nursery	Nursery Main Entrance (this is unchanged)	These remain unchanged.	Nursery Main Entrance (this is unchanged)	These remain unchanged.
Pre-School	Puffin Class	Puffin Class External Door	These remain unchanged.	Puffin Class External Door	These remain unchanged.
Pre-School	Penguin Class	Penguin Class External Door	These remain unchanged.	Penguin Class External Door	These remain unchanged.
Reception	Class RHR	Main Playground <u>not the</u> <u>Reception</u> <u>Outdoor Area</u>	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Main Playground <u>not the</u> <u>Reception</u> <u>Outdoor Area</u>	3:00pm
Reception	Class RAF	Main Playground <u>not the</u> <u>Reception</u> <u>Outdoor Area</u>	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Main Playground <u>not the</u> <u>Reception</u> <u>Outdoor Area</u>	3:00pm
Year 1	Class 1MM	Class 1MM External Door	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Main Playground	3:05pm
Year 1	Class 1SA	Class 1SA External Door	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Main Playground	3:05pm
Year 2	Class 2TA	Class 2AG External Door (by the chicken hut)	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Class 2AG External Door (by the chicken hut)	3:10pm
Year 2	Class 2CW	Front Playground Door	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Main Playground	3:10pm
Year 3	Class 3EB	Main Playground Side Door	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Main Playground	3:15pm
Year 3	Class 3JN	Main Playground Side Door	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Main Playground	3:15pm
Year 4	Class 4LG	Hall Doors	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Hall Doors	3:15pm
Year 4	Class 4AJ	Hall Doors	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Hall Doors	3:15pm
Year 5	Class 5LI	Hall Doors	8:30am	Main Playground	3:20pm
Year 5	Class 5AD	Hall Doors	8:30am	Main Playground	3:20pm
Year 6	Class 6DM	Hall Doors	8:30am	Hall Doors	3:20pm
Year 6	Class 6AW	Hall Doors	8:30am	Hall Doors	3:20pm

#### Flu Vaccination

All children who from September are in Reception to Year Six are eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination. It is anticipated that this will be delivered in schools between October 2020 to December 2020, this will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time. Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential that the vaccine be delivered to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above, demand is expected to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "no" consent. You will also find answers to your FAQs on this link. <u>https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon</u>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on: 0300 247 0082 or via Email: <u>vcl.immunisations@nhs.net</u>

#### Are there any children who shouldn't have the nasal vaccine?

Children should not have the vaccine if they are: experience severely asthmatic

- wheezy on the vaccination day
- allergic to eggs or any part of the vaccine\* or
- have a condition that severely weakens their immune system

Also, children who have been vaccinated should avoid close contact with people with very severely weakened immune systems because there's an extremely remote chance that the vaccine virus may be passed to them.

Some parents and carers may have concerns about the vaccine because it contains traces of gelatin derived from pigs. There is an injected flu vaccine but, because it's not as effective as the nasal one, it's only available for high risk children who can't have the nasal vaccine for medical reasons. If you are concerned, speak to your GP to decide on the best way to protect your child.

#### Has the vaccine been used in other countries?

Yes; it has been used safely and successfully in America for many years.

#### What will happen next?

Your GP or child's school will contact you about the vaccination. Talk to your GP, practice nurse, your child's school nurse or your health visitor if you have any further questions. Or you can visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

\*search the web for 'Fluenz PIL

### reasons to get your child vaccinated

- There's now a safe and effective nasal spray vaccine to protect children aged two years and older against flu
- The vaccine is easy to give and painless and has been used safely in other countries for a number of years
- Flu can be a nasty illness that can lead to a stay in hospital, especially for children with other medical conditions like heart disease and diabetes
- If your child gets flu they won't be able to go to school/nursery for several days and will need to be cared for at home. You may have to take time off to look after them
- Protecting your child can stop the flu spreading to other children he/she may come into contact with, and to

the rest of the family, in particular to grandparents, who may be at particular risk from flu

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## Protecting your child against flu

NHS

Information for the parents of all two- and three-year-olds and of children living in areas offering the flu vaccination



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## Chat Health

The Public Health Nursing service in Plymouth are very excited to share with you the launch of a brand new 0-19 support service -ChatHealth. ChatHealth offers confidential help and advice via text messaging for parents and carers of 0-19 years and for young people aged 11-19yrs. ChatHealth is available Monday-Friday 9am-5pm and automatic replies will be sent to messages received out of these hours. The ChatHealth service will be managed by Health Visitors and School Nurses who have received additional ChatHealth training.

The mobile numbers to share with families and young people are:

- Livewell ChatHealth 0-5 years Parents Service 07480 635188
- Livewell ChatHealth 5-19 years Parents Service 07480 635189

Livewell ChatHealth 11-19 years Young Peoples Service - 07480 635198