



# Marine Academy Primary and Nursery Newsletter

## December 2015

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

*'Where Stars Shine Brighter.'*  
 ...providing an outstanding education that ensures all pupils reach their greatest potential and live by life's highest values.

Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy Primary and Nursery pupils,  
 This half term has been a very busy one with the Remembrance Day Assembly, fundraising for Children in Need, curriculum enrichment activities for various classes to the Cinema and a visit from Pudsey to kickstart our Children in Need fundraising. Please see the 'Dates for Your Diary' section of this newsletter for more information.

The Primary and Nursery are currently in full flow rehearsing for their Christmas Productions; Nursery and Reception Classes will be performing 'It's a Baby!', Years 1 and 2 'Prickly Hay' and Years 3 and 4 are putting together a pantomime of 'Hansel and Gretel'. We are really looking forward to all of the Productions and the Carol Concert on the last day of term; we look forward to seeing you all there too.

Yours sincerely,  
 Miss. Siobhan Easton

- Dates for Your Diary...**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December 4:30pm:**  
Marine Academy Primary Glee Club singing in Plymouth City Centre
  - 4<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm:**  
Year 2 Children's Recorder Recital to Parents/Carers
  - 8<sup>th</sup> December 9:15am:**  
Nursery and Reception Christmas Production
  - 8<sup>th</sup> December:**  
Classes 3IC and 4LG Trip to the Ice Rink
  - 9<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm:**  
Nursery and Reception Christmas Production
  - 10<sup>th</sup> December:**  
Nursery and Primary Christmas Lunch
  - 11<sup>th</sup> December 9:15am:**  
Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production
  - 11<sup>th</sup> December 1:00pm:**  
Year 2 Performance at the Lord Mayor's Carol Service, St Andrew's Church
  - Week Beginning 14<sup>th</sup> December:**  
**There will be no Extra-Curricular Activities after school this week**
  - 14<sup>th</sup> December 2:15pm:**  
Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production
  - 16<sup>th</sup> December 9:15am:**  
Years 3 and 4 Pantomime
  - 17<sup>th</sup> December 2:15pm:**  
Years 3 and 4 Pantomime
  - 18<sup>th</sup> December:**  
Text Santa Christmas Jumper Day! Children to wear muffin and Christmas jumpers to school
  - 18<sup>th</sup> December 2:15pm:**  
Nursery and Primary Carol Concert

**Sing for Your School Competition!**

It's time to vote in this year's Plymouth Herald Sing for your School Competition! Marine Academy Primary have entered with their version of 'Rockin' around the Christmas Tree' – to see Class 3IC performing this please visit the Marine Academy Plymouth Facebook page or the Plymouth Herald website. On Thursday at 4:30pm, near to the Snow Globe in Plymouth City Centre, Glee Club will also be singing the entry and wearing their Christmas jumpers! If you are in town then please come along to give them your support.

Voting for your favourite school entry takes place until 5<sup>th</sup> December. The Plymouth Herald have been printing voting coupons every day in their paper so please save these vouchers and pass them into the Marine Academy Primary Reception Desk.

**Term Dates for Pupils 2015-2016**

<b>Term 2</b>	
18 <sup>th</sup> December:	Last Day of Term 2
<b>Term 3</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> January:	Non-Pupil Day
5 <sup>th</sup> January:	First Day of Term 3
12 <sup>th</sup> February:	Last Day of Term 3
<b>Term 4</b>	
22 <sup>nd</sup> February:	First Day of Term 4
24 <sup>th</sup> March:	Last Day of Term 4
<b>Term 5</b>	
12 <sup>th</sup> April:	First Day of Term 5
2 <sup>nd</sup> May:	Bank Holiday Monday
27 <sup>th</sup> May:	Last Day of Term 5
<b>Term 6</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup> June:	First Day of Term 6
22 <sup>nd</sup> July:	Last Day of Term 6



### Marine Academy Primary has Chickens!

During November, children who attend the Years 2 to 4 Outdoor Learning Club, with Miss Mitchell and Mr Tideswell, wrote letters to Mr Ward to ask him if the Primary were allowed to have some chickens. The children wrote about how they would look after the chickens, what they could do with the eggs and other plans that they had for them, including where they could be kept in our Outdoor Area. In addition to this, children from the Reception and Year 1 Outdoor Learning Club, with Miss Codner and Mr Tideswell, made paintings of chickens for Mr Ward and two members from Year 2, Mason and Levi, delivered the special envelope to Mr Ward. He thought it was a great idea! The chickens were kindly donated to us by our Site Manager, Nick and the pen from Alex, one of the members of our Site Team. A big thank you goes to both Nick and Alex!

Each week, children from different classes will have the opportunity to care for the chickens, making sure their pen is clean, they have enough food and water and their eggs are collected. On Friday children from Class 2SM helped to clean out the pen and did a brilliant job!

### Christmas Lunch

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December, Marine Academy Primary and Nursery children will be having Christmas Lunch. This will be held in the Primary Hall and the options for that day will be either Roast Turkey or a Vegetarian Roast.



Please let your child's class teacher know by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December if your child would not like a Christmas Lunch or they would like to have the Vegetarian option instead. There will be no other options available for lunch this day aside from a cheese or ham sandwich. Also, on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December, children are welcome to wear a Christmas themed hat to school which they can wear when having their Christmas Lunch!

In November these are some of the things that took place...



- ★ Class NJW and the Under 2 Room in the Nursery learnt about 'Awesome Autumn'.
- ★ All of the Primary and Nursery dressed in spots or as Superheroes and raised nearly £600 for Children in Need.
- ★ Classes RCJ and RGS visited the Aquarium to learn about 'In the Deep Blue Sea'.
- ★ Some children from Year 2 attended a Multi Skills Festival at Plaistow Hill Nursery and Infants School and they won!

Now the weather is a lot wetter, colder and windier, please ensure that your child has a coat in school with them every day. Also, if your child would like the opportunity to spend time with the chickens, they will need to have a pair of wellies in school please.



In November a group of 12 Year 4 children competed against four other schools in the Level 2 Athletics at MAP. The children came 5<sup>th</sup> against many teams of Year 5 children and they demonstrated some fantastic team-work skills, showing what great Athletes they are becoming.

Next term children from Marine Academy Primary will be competing in the Level 2 High 5 Netball competition and festivals across the local primary schools.