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...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,  
Welcome to the first Newsletter of this academic year! Newsletters are monthly and please be aware of the 'Dates for Your Diary...' section as each month new dates will be added to this. →

September has been a busy month at Marine Academy Primary and Nursery with lots of children and families joining us, twenty two Extra-Curricular Activities running after school, Year 3 having swimming lessons each morning and many more exciting things have taken place including Year 5 going on a Residential Taster Day (photos above)!

On Friday we say goodbye to our Receptionist Mrs Smith. Mrs Smith has worked on the Marine Academy Plymouth Campus for many years and was a fantastic addition to the Primary team; we will miss her greatly. From Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October we welcome Miss Knowles into this position.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Siobhan Meredith

## SCHOOL PHOTOS FOR PRIMARY PUPILS

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Tempest will be coming to take individual photos of the children. The children will go with their classes during the day to have their photo taken and if they have a sibling in school we will arrange for them to have their photo taken with them too. Proofs of the photos will come home at the end of the day for you to purchase if you would like to. If you would like your child to have their photo taken with a sibling who is not currently at school then please let a member of the Admin Team know and we will confirm a time for you to come in.

# Marine Academy Primary and Nursery Newsletter September 2016

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

### Dates for Your Diary...

29<sup>th</sup> September at 12:30-1:30pm: Makaton Workshop for Parents/Carers of Reception Children

29<sup>th</sup> September at 2:00-3:00pm: Makaton Workshop for Parents/Carers of Reception Children

3<sup>rd</sup> October: Tempest School Photos for Marine Academy Primary Pupils

5<sup>th</sup> October at 8:30-11:00am: Class RGS Bring Your Mum/Special Lady to School Morning

6<sup>th</sup> October at 8:30-11:00am: Class RCJ Bring Your Mum/Special Lady to School Morning

7<sup>th</sup> October: Year 1 School Trip to Bovisand Beach

6<sup>th</sup> October at 8:30-11:00am: Class RCJ Bring Your Mum/Special Lady to School Morning

10<sup>th</sup> October at 5:00pm: Open Evening for Children Starting Reception in September 2017

12<sup>th</sup> October at 8:30-11:00am: Class RGS Bring Your Dad/Special Gentleman to School Morning

12<sup>th</sup> October: Years 4 and 5 School Trip to Goose Fair

13<sup>th</sup> October at 8:30-11:00am: Class RCJ Bring Your Dad/Special Gentleman to School Morning

Week Beginning 17<sup>th</sup> October: Parents/Carers Meetings

Week Beginning 17<sup>th</sup> October: No Extra-Curricular Activities this week, they will continue week beginning 31<sup>st</sup> October

17<sup>th</sup> October at 2:15pm: Key Stage 2 Harvest Festival in the Primary Hall

19<sup>th</sup> October at 8:30-11:00am: Class RGS Bring Your Grandparents to School Morning

19<sup>th</sup> October at 2:15pm: Nursery and Reception Harvest Festival in the Primary Hall

20<sup>th</sup> October at 8:30-11:00am: Class RCJ Bring Your Grandparents to School Morning

20<sup>th</sup> October at 2:15pm: Key Stage One Harvest Festival in the Primary Hall

20<sup>th</sup> October: Last Day of Term 1

31<sup>st</sup> October: First Day of Term 2

### CHANGES TO BREAKFAST CLUB

From Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, children will be able to have a larger selection of snacks, juices and milkshakes for their breakfast at Breakfast Club. The menu will be widened to include toast, cereal, fruit and yoghurts!

Currently the Breakfast Club at Marine Academy Primary starts at 7:45am but since September we have noticed a need for the Club to begin at 7:30am. With this in mind, we are going to have staff who are available from 7:30am so the Club can start then. If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club from 7:30am there will be a slight increase in cost to £ 1.50 please but all children attending from 7:45am will continue to pay £ 1.00 please. When dropping off your child, please drop them to the External Hall Doors where a member of staff will be waiting. If you need to see one of the Primary Admin Team then they will be at the Reception Desk from 7:45am. If you are dropping off before 7:45am you will be able to leave a message with one of the Breakfast Club adults. These changes will all begin on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.



**NOW  
AVAILABLE  
FROM  
7:30AM!**



### SCHOOL LUNCH TASTER DAY!

On **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October** we are hoping that as many children from Reception, Years 1 and 2 will have a school lunch as possible. Children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 all receive a Universal Infant Free School Meal every day of the school year but we have noticed that not all children take up this offer. To provide children who do not normally have a school lunch with an opportunity to find out what they're like we have a **change of menu** on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October to include the most popular items from our menus all in one day! The menu choices for Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October will be:



**Main Meal: Roast Turkey**  
**Vegetarian Option: Stir Fry Noodles**  
**Other Option: Pizza**  
**Jacket Potato: Tuna and Sweetcorn or Cheese**  
**Sandwich: Ham**  
**Dessert: Ice Cream**



### HOLIDAY REQUESTS AND ABSENCES

As many of you will be aware, when taking a term time holiday the Local Authority are not currently issuing fines. However, as a school the Local Authority require us to still unauthorise all holiday related absences and inform them.

Following an unauthorised holiday you will receive a Warning Letter from the Education Welfare Officer. This letter will inform you that any further absences from school will require medical evidence and if this is not provided then a penalty notice could be issued. We have no control over the penalty notices and ask that you think carefully about taking your child out of school during term time to avoid this. We do however appreciate that it can be very challenging to marry up your holidays with the school holidays.

Please remember that if your child is going to be absent from school then you need to call the Primary or Nursery to let them know by 9:30am please if they will not be in that day. You will also then need to call in every subsequent day of their absence please. If a child has five days or more absent from school then medical evidence will be required for this absence to be authorised. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with all of this.

Children with an attendance of 98% or more will receive a certificate and prize at the end of every term and the class with the highest attendance will get a special treat!



### EGGS!

If your child has a Fabulous Face in class or receives the Starfish of the Week certificate they visit Mrs Meredith for a prize. Mrs Meredith has a sparkly prize box full of prizes but children are also allowed to choose an egg from one of our hens.



If your child comes home with an egg and you use it for cooking then please send a photo of them doing this to [primary@marineacademy.org.uk](mailto:primary@marineacademy.org.uk) as we love to see what the children have been doing.

These photos will also be added to the Marine Academy Plymouth Facebook page. If you have not liked the page already then please do so!



### PARKING

If you are finding it tricky to park in Flamsteed Crescent and enter through the gate onto the Primary playground then please feel free to park in the Primary staff car park in the mornings or at the end of the day. Please be aware though that all of the parking bays are allocated and the gravel is the designated drop off area. You will find the car park by driving into the MAP Campus from Trevithick Road and directly past the Kings Tamerton Community Centre, on your left, then the Primary car park will be directly in front of you. If you do park in the Primary Car Park or walk through the area to access the Academy, please supervise your children at all times to ensure that we have no near misses or accidents please.