

13<sup>th</sup> January 2012

## PLYMOUTH COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE HEADMASTER

#### Welcome Back!

I do hope that you all had a happy and enjoyable Christmas and New Year period. We come back to a very busy term. Please note that Years 3 – 5 have Assessment Week starting on Monday and you will find a timetable at the bottom of this newsletter.

#### Year 6

Good luck to all our Year 6 pupils who start their run of important exams this Saturday!

#### Clubs List

All children in Years 3 – 6 should have brought home a Clubs List today. Please contact Mr Gatherer if you have any questions about any of the activities.

#### Hearing Dogs for Deaf People



Although we do not encourage the bringing of dogs onto the site we do make the Davis family an exception to the rule. This is because their volunteer work, training Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, necessitates having the dog present at social occasions. I hope you would all agree that this is an excellent cause, which is well worth supporting

#### Sex Education

As part of the PHSE programme, Year 6 will be receiving Sex Education immediately after half term. The boys will be receiving a talk from Mr Gatherer and the Girls from Mrs Compton, the School Nurse. The aim of the course is to ensure the children understand the physical and emotional changes they go through with puberty. If parents want to know more information about the topics covered, please could they contact Mr Gatherer. Parents do have a statutory right to have their children removed from these lessons, but I am glad to say that, in the past, most parents clearly feel that the ground covered is age appropriate and useful.



### COMMUNITY AWARDS

This week the Community Awards were given to:

- Rec: Phoebe Timson for determination and a positive attitude to school
- Year 1: Trystan Aala, Catlín Schoonen and Honey Boulting for settling into their new classes so well
- Year 2: Joshua Oliver for cheerful attitude
- Year 3: Jessica Maxwell for an enthusiastic contribution to the House Meeting
- Year 4: Alice Tustain for kind and helpful behaviour
- Year 5: Olivia Dibb for a cheerful and positive attitude
- Year 6: William Martin for a helpful attitude

### HEADMASTER'S COMMENDATIONS

- Surya Suresh in 1JW for his wonderful holiday diary of his trip to India
- Henry Kagan in 1JW for his wonderful Christmas holiday diary
- Jack Rabin in 1MT for his wonderful holiday diary of his trip to Lapland
- Eva MacKenzie in 4HB for her wonderful holiday diary of her trip to Scotland
- Lottie Kagan in 4HB for her wonderful Christmas holiday diary
- Rowan Shields in 3PA for reading 40 books
- Megan Shorey in 3NA for her wonderful holiday diary of her skiing holiday in France
- Olivia Tinney in 2AP for earning 10 House Points
- Louis Martin in 2AP for earning 20 House Points
- Megan Harmse in 3PA for reading 20 books
- Annabelle Bryce in 3PA for earning 20 House Points

### JOB VACANCY

**Plymouth College Senior School are looking for an Admissions Officer to work at the Senior School site. If you are interested, then please see the Job Vacancy section of the school web site for further detail.**

## FRIENDS' DIARY

Happy New Year to you all! We have several events planned for the next few weeks to chase away those winter blues whilst entertaining and delighting you!!

Has your brain become a little relaxed and lethargic over the festivities? Well we have a stimulating evening planned to tantalise and exercise those little grey cells ... Mr Gatherer is soon to don his Quiz Master hat to test and assess your general knowledge in our forthcoming 'Wine and Wisdom' evening. Please find attached full details of the event and an order form.

It has come to our attention that one of the DVDs issued for the Christmas events was faulty – please could everyone check their discs work correctly and if not, bring them to the Reception desk to get a replacement (available from Monday 16<sup>th</sup>).

For the children we have some fabulous Easter surprises and treats including competitions, a toy sale, discos and a yummy chocolate egg hunt!

### **Dates for your Diary:**

9am Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January - our first **Committee Meeting** of the year.

7pm Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – **Wine & Wisdom Evening**

## Assessment Week Timetable

Lesson		Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	
1		<b>English</b> Yr 3 (story)	<b>English</b> Yr 3 (comprehension)		<b>English</b> Yr 5 (comprehension and spelling)		
2							
3				<b>Maths</b> Yr 3 - (2)			<b>English</b> Yr 5 (story)
<b>BREAK</b>							
4		<b>Maths</b> Yr 3 - (1)		<b>English</b> Yr 4 (story)	<b>Science</b> Yr 5	<b>Maths</b> Yr 5	
5							
<b>LUNCH</b>							
6		<b>English</b> Yr 4 (comprehension)	<b>Maths</b> Yr 4				
7							
8							
9							

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND FIXTURES

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January

Assessment week begins for Yrs 3 – 5 All week

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January

Year 5 to visit to Theatre Royal for a Backstage Tour 10.15am

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January

U9s A & B Football v Stover (A) 2.00pm  
U9s A & B Netball v Stover (A) 2.00pm

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January

House Cross Country Competition 2.00pm

## OTHER ITEMS

### Thank you...

...to all of the pupils and parents for all of the wonderful Christmas gifts, which were given to members of the school admin team. Your appreciation is much appreciated!

### Lost Property

Acadia t'Hart in 1JW lost her school hat at the end of last term. It is named so we would be grateful if all parents could do the usual checks to see if their child has brought home the wrong hat. Thank you.