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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy few weeks with children being particularly sporty! Our Sports Day events last week were fantastic and it really felt like our community was finally back together again after all the disruption that Covid has brought to days like this over the past couple of years. All Sports Days were very well attended and the children enjoyed hearing you cheering them on as they moved around the field completing their events. The sprint races were equally competitive with all children showing determination, resilience and above all, a great sense of sportsmanship. Well done to all the boys and girls who took part in these races, gaining more points for their House Team. I was very proud of all the children for their conduct and team spirit throughout the week - their smiling (hot!) faces made the events even more enjoyable to watch. Thank you very much to all who attended, the staff team who supported the children throughout but particularly to Miss Redmond, who organised the whole event. You can find out who the winning team was by reading below...

PSSP Brickfields Athletics Event

We also sent a team to the Plymouth Sports Partnership Primary Athletics event at Brickfields. This is a huge event in the Plymouth schools' sporting calendar with many schools sending teams from across Plymouth. Many of our children placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd and I am proud to say that we did brilliantly coming 4th overall out of all the Plymouth primary schools. This was our best result ever!



Pilgrim Wellness Week

Last week in school, we had a focus on Wellness. Across school in lessons, assemblies as conversations, we considered both our mental and physical health as well as looking at how our body will change as we grow and how to keep healthy. To support our physical development, all classes took part in a fitness challenge, which raised our heart rates and engaged various muscles in our body. We also took part in our Sports Days, enjoying the company of our Parents and Carers, across three lovely afternoons.

We finished our week on Friday afternoon with the whole school dancing together to this year's Wellness Week anthem 'That Power' by Will.i.am and an assembly with the House Captains where we announced the Sports Day winners.

Here are the final results:

4th place - 288 points - Rudyard

3rd place - 314 points - Douglas

2nd place - 328 points - Eddystone

Winner 2022 - 336 points - Smeaton!

[Sports Day Photos](#) (more on our Facebook page!)

Upper phase snapshot...



Lower phase showing determination!



Parent and Carer Consultation Evenings

It is getting towards the end of the year and as always, we would like to report your child's progress and attainment to you. We will do this in two ways:

- This week, there is an opportunity to come into school to meet your child's class teacher for **Parent and Carer Consultation appointments**; a meeting will be offered to you on Wednesday 29th, or Thursday 30th June 2022 (Year 6 will be offering a slight adjustment due to residential).

You should have already been sent a link to a Google form to request an appointment and your child's class teacher will be in touch soon to let you know the exact time. Please note that there is a strict deadline of Tuesday at 12 noon for these bookings to be made in order to give us time to organise appointments. So please check your emails and don't forget to book a time to meet your child's teacher.

Please note, we will be following **Covid safe procedures for our consultation meetings with parents/carers entering through the exterior classroom doors** for appointments (Year 5/6 via main reception). In this way, we will avoid crowded corridors and be able to keep social distance, etc.

- **The Annual School Report (long report)** will be shared with you on **Thursday 7th July** in which you will find more detail about your child's progress this year. Included in this will be the name of the teacher that your child will be moving on to next year.



Book Fair

We have a Book fair on Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th June, at 3.15pm in the Key stage 2 playground.

Please come along and browse some fantastic books to buy!



Pilgrim PTFA Summer Fayre
Friday 8th July at 2.45 pm



It is only a couple of weeks away until our fantastic **Jubilee themed Summer Fayre!** Our PTFA have been hard at work, getting ready for this event. On Friday 8th of July, please collect your child at 2.45pm and wander around to our school field. There will be items to buy, crafts to take part in, competitions, prizes, a raffle, a BBQ, cream teas and much much more!



Cake Competition: Time to get creative in the kitchen! As part of the Fayre, we are asking for parents or children to make a **Jubilee Celebration cake** which can be raffled or sold. There will be an individual **prize for each of the best parent/carer's cake and the best child's cake.**

Jubilee Crown Competition: Children can make a crown and join our Jubilee parade around the field! Main prizes and something sweet for everyone who enters!



Please don't forget to donate any **Jubilee themed decorations**, so that we can have our field as a sea of red, white and blue. We would be grateful for any donated raffle prizes (please send in via your class teacher). We look forward to seeing you then!



And finally...Farewell Mr Pashby!

Today we said a sad goodbye and good luck to our school Caretaker, Mr Pashby, who is leaving us after 9 years of looking after the school and its grounds. Through his caretaking, Mr Pashby has been a brilliant support for the whole school community over the years and we wish him well.

(We are currently recruiting a new caretaker and will keep you informed of Mr Pashby's replacement.)



Community Messages

Fit and Fed Summer Holiday Clubs



If your child is currently in receipt of Free School Meals and looking for some activities in the summer holiday, check out the many FIT and FED projects that are running across Plymouth in the link below:

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/sportandleisure/fitandfed>

The Fit and Fed programme in Plymouth is being managed by the Sports Development Unit who have been coordinating holiday programmes in the city for over six years.

The next Fit and Fed holiday club programmes will be taking place over the school summer holiday. We have listed them by postcode so you can see what's near to you and split them into 3 categories:

- [Primary](#)
- [Secondary](#)
- [Mixed age groups](#)

Term Dates and Dates for your Diary

These are some of the main dates for this term:

Year 6LJ Residential -	Monday 27th June to Wednesday 29th June 2022
Parents Consultation Meetings:	w/c 27th June
Annual Reports home:	Thursday 7th July
Summer Fayre/Jubilee:	Friday 8th July
Governors Awards:	Wednesday 20th July
Leavers Assembly:	Thursday 21st July
Last day of Term:	Thursday 21st July 2022

Here's to another very busy couple of weeks!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'L Meek'.

**Mrs L Meek
Headteacher**