



# The Pilgrim Post



Issue 21 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## Dear Parents and Carers,

**Parent/Carer Meetings:** Yesterday, you will have received a letter inviting you to come in to discuss your child's progress in a few weeks' time. This year, we have tried to make the booking process for these meetings easier by putting the request for all your children on one form. You will receive one form back with all your bookings on. I hope this will be simpler for all of us!

**Website:** Thank you for your patience whilst we get our new website up and running. Whilst it is not yet completely finished, we are now in a position to officially launch it to parents/carers. Next week, we will be sending you information about some 'drop-in' sessions that we are offering to help you in the use of our website and downloading and using our new school website App. As part of this process, you will be issued with a secure log-in which will enable you to access information specific to your own child.

**Brain Tumour Awareness Month:** March is Brain Tumour Awareness Month and this is an issue which is close to our hearts at Pilgrim. You may or may not be aware that one of our Teaching Assistants, Mrs Gardner, is currently recovering from an operation to remove a brain tumour. I am pleased to say that her operation has been a success and I know she is looking forward to returning to school when she is fully recovered. Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March is 'Wear it Out' day; a national fundraising day for the Brain Tumour Charity. So, next Friday, we hope to raise awareness and raise funds for the charity by encouraging our pupils to come to school in MUFTI but with something on their heads! Maybe a bandana, scarf or favourite hat (anything to draw attention to their head) for a 50p donation. Each class will be learning something that day about the brain and we hope as many children will get involved as possible.

**Have a good weekend – Mrs Meek**

### Star Writer

w/e 09/02/17

#### Year 1

Daniel C, Emily-Rose C

#### Year 2

Layla M, Emily M

#### Year 3

Alex M, Lena G

#### Year 4

Maddison W

#### Year 5

Brooke S

#### Year 6

Daisy O

### Star Mathematician

w/e 09/02/17

#### Year 1

Macie S, Aston D

#### Year 2

Hayden H, Olivier B

#### Year 3

Louis W, Ethan J

#### Year 4

Afnan J

#### Year 5

Kane L

#### Year 6

Allan T

### Star Writer

w/e 24/02/17

#### Foundation

Amelia D, Sasha W

#### Year 1

Alessia L, Wiktoria M

#### Year 2

Theo M, Jack M

#### Year 3

Oliver L, Abdullah A

#### Year 4

Tolouse S

#### Year 5

Rocco P-T

#### Year 6

Denise D-J

### Star Mathematician

w/e 24/02/17

#### Foundation

Cayden C, James N

#### Year 1

Roxy H, Tommie M-C

#### Year 2

Lincoln C, Lola H

#### Year 3

Jercila C, Amelia G

#### Year 4

Isobel C

#### Year 5

Felicity D

#### Year 6

Levi E

## Attendance - Our Target is 96.3 %

Week Ending 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Whole School Attendance	Best Class Attendance	Best Class Punctuality
Last Week	96.7%	Yr3 Chameleons 100%	Fox Cubs & Yr6 Eagles (0 lates)
Year to Date	96%	Yr3 Chameleons 97.6%	Year 6 Eagles (21 lates)

# Faith and Diversity Day

On Thursday 9th February 2017 we all enjoyed a fantastic Diversity Day. It was kicked off by Sarah Wells from the Centre for Faiths and Cultural Diversity who explained what diversity means and how it is celebrated. We then went back to our classes and looked at R.E and Geography aspects of our curriculum.

Year 3 had a visit to the mosque which was a great success and the children asked lots of interesting questions, they particularly enjoyed when the Imam showed us how he prays!



Year 4 had a visit from a Muslim speaker who explained about the Muslim pilgrimage Hajj.

Year 5 had a wonderful experience of meditation when their Buddhist visitor showed them relaxation techniques to calm the body and mind!

Year 6 learnt what it means to be a Humanist in Plymouth, and what Humanists believe across the world.

In the afternoon Year 2 were visited by Olivier who is from Australia. He showed them a didgeridoo and gave them a demonstration how to play it which was very exciting!

All in all, the children (and staff!) had a fantastic day learning new ideas, skills and celebrating our diversity!



## Dates for your Diary...

### Coming Events

**Assemblies:** 03/03/17 – Year 4 Lions  
17/03/17 – Foundation Bear & Fox Cubs  
31/03/17 – Year 3 Geckos

**The Life Caravan (Plymouth Life Education Centre) will be at school from Wednesday 22nd February until Monday 27th February.**

**Year 5 Widening Horizons experience at Brittany Ferries: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

**World Book Day: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 – a day of book-related art and music!**

**'Wear it Out' – Brain Tumour Awareness Charity - MUFTI + head wear event: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Teacher & Parent/Carer meetings:** 08/03/17 (later session 3.30 – 6.00pm)  
09/03/17 (earlier session 3.30 – 5.00pm)

**Easter Break: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April (return Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April)**

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