



The Pilgrim Post



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all – here's hoping 2017 is a great year for Pilgrim Primary and all members of our school community.

So, we seem to have avoided the predicted blizzards so far today, but it is always best to be prepared! I don't think snow is forecast next week but it is due to be very cold, so please make sure that children are sent to school with a warm coat and a cardigan or jumper on. Thanks.

Pilgrim Pirates:

We have now opened our new after school provision, which runs until 5.45pm each evening. The club has been named the 'Pilgrim Pirates' and has already proved very popular. However, there are still places available at a cost of £3.00 for up to 4.30 pm and £5.00 for the full session up to 5.45pm. Children are given a cold snack and drink and have access to a range of activities. The Pirates Club offers very good value for money in comparison to other after school providers, so if you would like to book a place (either for a full week or for an individual session) please contact Mrs Storr in our school office.

Website News:

We are working hard to build a new school website and we are hopeful that it will be finished shortly before or after February Half Term. At that time, we will be sending home individual logins for parents to use to access more information via the website App. We will then be offering sessions in school for parents/carers to show them the App, how to log in and how it can be used. The website will then be a much more instant and effective means of communication for us all. Thank you for your patience while we get the site and App up and running.

Mrs Meek

Star Writer

Year 1

Kara F-K, Eduardo G

Year 2

Myles G, Liam E

Year 3

Mia C, Ella P-T

Year 4

Samuel P

Year 5

Levi F

Year 6

Larisa C

Star Mathematician

Year 1

Jayden H, Alessia L

Year 2

Danielis J, Kai R-H

Year 3

Ruby W-K, Abdullah A-S

Year 4

Avend R

Year 5

Noor Z

Year 6

Ellie G

Attendance - Our Target is **96.3 %**

Week Ending 13th January 2017	Whole School Attendance	Best Class Attendance	Best Class Punctuality
Last Week	95.1%	Year 5 Dolphins 98.2%	Year 1 Seahorses, Year 3 Geckos & Year 6 Eagles (1 late)
Year to Date	96.0%	Year 3 Chameleons & Year 6 Eagles 97.5%	Year 6 Eagles (20 lates)

Pupil Absence

The level of school attendance has been a concern recently, with our worst whole school attendance rate of this academic year last week (95.1%). This time of year, absence can sometimes be caused by illness, coughs and colds. However, I do seem to be getting many requests for holidays during term time, which I am UNABLE TO AUTHORISE. As you know, unacceptable levels of unauthorised or unexplained absence can lead to parents/carers being fined by Plymouth City Council.

I just wanted to clarify the school's duty to inform the Council of pupil absence:

- After 8 sessions (4 days) of unauthorised or unexplained absence, the school is duty bound to report this to Plymouth City Council. A letter will be sent from school to parents/carers to inform them of this.
- If unauthorised or unexplained absence continues, Plymouth City Council will then consider fining parents/carers (**this is an individual fine per child**)

If you want any support or advice regarding absence/your child's attendance, please contact school – Mrs Brandenburg in the office, Mrs Harris (our PSA) or Mrs Meek.



Dates for your Diary...



Coming Events

A Taste of Asia – alternative school lunch menu – 27/01/17

Assemblies: 27/01/17 – Year 1 Seahorses

03/03/17 – Year 4 Lions

17/03/17 – Foundation Bear & Fox Cubs

31/03/17 – Year 3 Chameleons

Non Pupil day: Friday 10th February

Half Term: Monday 13th – Friday 17th February

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

09/03/17 (earlier session 3.30 – 5.00pm)

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