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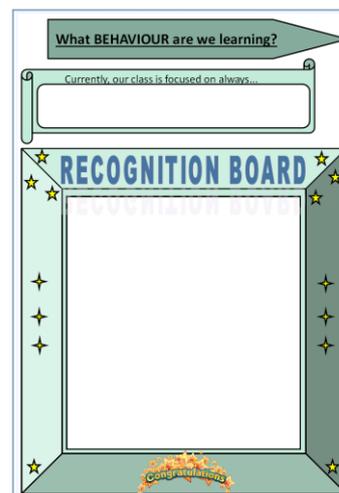
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year. I hope you and your children had a good break. The children have returned to school, ready for a positive start to 2023 and it has been lovely to see them catching up with each other over the last few days.

Supporting Positive Behaviour in school

This term, we are having a fresh focus on conduct and behaviour. In September, we introduced our expectation that children are always 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' in school. We believe that good behaviour is recognised sincerely rather than just rewarded. Our approach is to praise children publicly and remind them of our expectations in private.

This week we have introduced 6 clear behaviour Routines that we want the children to consistently practise and use when they are in any area of school:



We have also introduced a recognition board in each classroom so that when staff see the positive behaviours that we expect, the child's name can immediately be added to the board. The children have been really keen to show us their positive behaviours this week and so many children have had their names on our new boards. All staff are proud of the way that the children have engaged with this and children have told us that they enjoy being recognised so frequently. I know that the children will keep this up!

New Curriculum Themes

We have launched new learning themes in our KS1 and 2 classes which are:

Y1 What is Life Like in the UK?

Y2 Changes

Y3 The Stone Age

Y4 What's Eating You?

Y5 The History of Space and Time

Y6 History Heroes - make a difference!

For more detail refer to the Curriculum Learning leaflets and Knowledge Organisers that have been sent home recently.

After School Clubs

We start a new round of after school clubs next week - there will be 14 different clubs on offer and there are still places in a few of the sporting clubs. If you would like to sign your child up for one of these then please speak to our admin team in the school office.

Messages from our Parent Support Adviser – Donna Harris

The Pilgrim Pantry

Thank you for all the kind donations of food and toiletries that were sent into school during December to stock our Pilgrim Pantry. We were really overwhelmed with the generosity shown by our school community. The Pilgrim Pantry provides for times of need when there just isn't enough in the cupboards at home. If you ever feel that this is something that would help, please do not hesitate to pop in to see me (in The Port on the KS2 playground or catch me in the mornings on the playground).

School Uniform Bank

If your child has suddenly grown over Christmas and you are in need of any school uniform, please pop in and see me as I am sure I will be able to help. We have stock of skirts, pinafores, polo shirts, jumpers, trousers and possibly P.E. t-shirts. We don't have every size of every item but we do have lots of choice and we would rather it went to a good home than be unused at school. Again, if you need any uniform, please pop in and let me know.

Dates for your Diary

- 11.01.23 2nd Fluoride application (Foundation and Year 1)
20.01.23 Chameleons Class Assembly
27.01.23 Sea Stars Class Assembly
26.01.23 National Child Weights and Measure Programme
01.02.23 Year 5RH Widening Horizons trip to Plymouth University
03.02.23 Dolphins Class Assembly
10.02.23 Seahorses Class Assembly
- 13.02.23 Half Term**
20.02.23 Non Pupil Day (staff training)
21.02.23 Children return to school after half term
- 22.02.23 Year 4LJ Rockpooling trip to Aquarium - Generation Ocean
24.02.23 Falcons Class Assembly
03.03.23 Penguins Class Assembly
03.03.23 WORLD BOOK DAY
10.03.23 Tigers Class Assembly
17.03.23 COMIC RELIEF DAY
24.03.23 Owls Class Assembly
31.03.23 Orcas Class Assembly
03.04.23 Easter Break



Pupils to Celebrate!

Well done to these children who have received a Celebration Certificate for a great start to the term so far - they have made us all very proud:

	STAR LEARNER
	w/e 06/01/2023
Year 3	David G / Shaaban D
Year 4	Charlie R / Chase D
Year 5	Dolly G / Edlyn H-T
Year 6	Mike B / Cooper C



Other Messages

Government Guidance - attendance and pupil illness

A reminder of the link to guidance from the Government issued at the start of the week for parents as children return to school. This guidance has been issued in light of higher than average rates of infectious diseases:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/back-to-school-advice-issued-amid-high-levels-of-flu-covid-19-and-scarlet-fever>

Admissions - application for Reception places for September 2023.

The deadline for making an application for a space in our Reception cohort for next academic year (September 2023) is January 15th 2023. If you are interested in applying for a place, please email primary.admissions@plymouth.gov.uk. If you have any queries you can look at guidance to be found at school.admissions@plymouth.gov.uk.

Please look at our website where you can find an introductory video on the homepage or, better still, contact our office to arrange a tour of the school on contactus@ppsonline.org.

Here's to another fantastic few weeks ahead. Enjoy the weekend.

**Mrs L Meek
Headteacher**