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Dear parents, carers and families,

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of our first half term - the last 7 weeks have gone so quickly!

Harvest Festival thanks

I would like to extend a really big thank you for the donations of food for our Harvest Festival last Friday. The children came together singing songs and performing poems in recognition and thanks for the food we eat. The assemblies were really uplifting and joyous!

The team at the Plymouth Foodbank was very grateful to receive such a large amount of food from Pilgrim and I was very proud, yet again, of the generosity of our community and the kindness shown for others.

School and Parent Communication:

Come and Look at Our Learning!

When we return to school after half term, we would like to invite you to pop into your child's classrooms to have a look at all their fantastic learning from this half term - they really have been very busy! There will also be some information about the focus of the learning for Term 2.

The sessions are at the following times:

Year 1 & 2	Tuesday 31st October
Year 5 & 6	Thursday 2nd November
Year 3 & 4	Friday 3rd November

All sessions start at **2.45pm** so please come to the main reception at this time and you will be escorted to the classrooms. We look forward to seeing you for your 'LOL' session!

Parent Consultation Appointments and Autumn Term Reports

On Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th, we will be offering appointments for parents and carers to meet their child's class teacher to receive the first written report of the year and to discuss how your child is getting along at school. We hope that every parent/carer takes this opportunity as it is a chance to pass on information, ask questions and understand your child's targets for the next term. At this meeting, parents/carers will be given a copy of the Autumn Term short report so please come along.

Information about how to book an appointment slot will come out on our return to school after half term next week.

Headteacher and Governor Parent Information Presentation

On Wednesday 8th November, at 6pm after the Parents Consultation meetings, myself and our Governors will be giving a short update presentation to parents explaining:

- our self evaluation of the school's strengths and areas to develop
- the improvements that have taken place last academic year
- plans for the school this coming year
- the role that the Governing Body has in maintaining and improving standards at Pilgrim

We have not done a meeting like this before but feel it is important that parents/carers are informed about our strategic plans and a chance to hear from our Governors. Please try to come along to this important session. Again, more details will follow after half term. Thanks.

Show Racism the Red Card

At school today we joined together to support the charity **Show Racism the Red Card**, by wearing red clothes to school.

This month children have been also learning about black history in their assemblies and have been exploring racism, discrimination, fairness, equality and respect. Thank you to all those children wearing red today, showing their support for anti-racism.



Celebrating Our Positive Behaviour

Hello parents,

I was delighted to recognise and celebrate some fantastic behaviour today, with a group of children from right across the school, in our Hot Chocolate Party. Their class teachers had commended them for always being really well behaved during this term. Some had also been Behaviour Champions, so it was great to see them feeling so proud of themselves. We are lucky to have such great role models and having spent some time with all of them, I can absolutely see why they had been chosen. A wonderful afternoon with some really special

children that we should all be proud of. The children who have consistently shown brilliant behaviour this term were:

Alicia A, Lacey-Rose P-W, Aliya B, Jwad Y, Khaled AR, Flora A, Jenson G, Ibrahim Y, Forrest G, Blake E, Amid AR, Vinnie M, Ethan L, Isaac S, Corey T

I look forward to seeing which children go above and beyond with their behaviour next term, so that I get to do it all over again!

Kind regards,
Mr Goodwin.



CURRICULUM NEWS - WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

EYFS

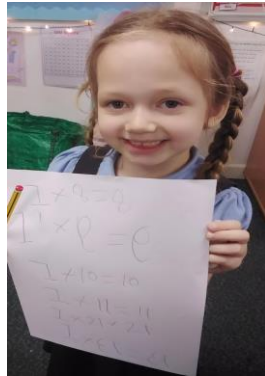
In EYFS this week we have been '*Shopping and Chopping*'

The Little Red Hen suggested that we made vegetable soup to eat with our bread. We didn't have time to grow our own vegetables so we went shopping for some. We picked all of the vegetables on our lists and then paid for them. When we got back to school we chopped the vegetables into small pieces ready to be made into soup. We are really looking forward to dipping our bread into our vegetable soup!



Year 1

This week Year 1 have been showing off their amazing learning through various activities inside and outside the classroom. We created an illustration for our Ebooks during computing. We also celebrated reaching 10 class merits with a class party and lots of dancing!



Year 2

This week Year 2 have had lots of fun in their science lessons learning about materials. We learned about the different types of materials that objects can be made from and why they are suitable for that job. We learned about bending, stretching, squashing and twisting with everyday objects. We also conducted a fair test to identify how waterproof different materials are. Here we are having so much fun!



Year 3

Year 3 have been learning all about the Amazon Rainforest. We looked at the 4 layers of the rainforest; the emergent layer, the canopy layer, the understory and the forest floor. We found out about the different animals that live there and which layer they live in and why. We know so much now!



Year 4

Year 4 has had a busy end to a busy term. They thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Morwellham Quay this week where their history learning was brought to life. The children were shocked that the Victorian children had to pay to go to school and they were glad some of the punishments no longer existed! The mine train was a spooky experience. It was difficult to believe that the workers had to mine in such horrible conditions. We weren't all fans of the dark.



On Wednesday, our mini police officers graduated from their mini police community project and received certificates for their learning and contributions to the community. They also got to test out fingerprinting which they really enjoyed. Well done Pilgrim mini police!



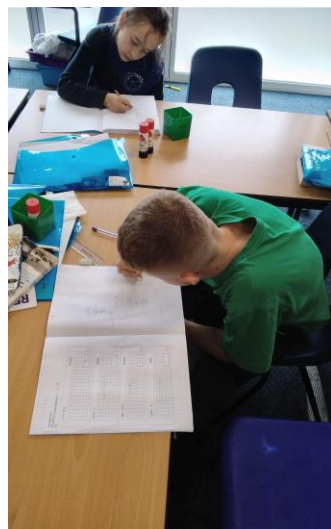
Year 5

Year 5 have been having great fun in their maths lessons. We started our first multiplication and division unit of the year with an active learning lesson on the field. This supported the children's understanding and recall of the multiples of 6.



Year 6

This week, Year 6 has been learning how to do long division in Maths. They have all been putting lots of hard work into learning a difficult concept. Well done year 6!



Butterflies

In Butterfly class, we have had a magical week. We have been talking about what makes a good friend such as being kind, helpful and looking after each other.

We made magic wands, drew a good friend potion and then made our potions. We have had lots of fun with our learning this week!



FAMILY FUN

At school the children in the **Eco Council** have been active in sharing how important it is to recycle our rubbish and how this helps us to protect the planet. They would like to share the following opportunities with you:

October 16th to 22nd 2023

Get involved and join The Big Recycling Hunt

This week is recycling week and you can all get involved at home. Your child can help make our world a better place and teach others about recycling.

Visit the website below to take the family challenge and get started!

- ❖ Take an adult vs. child quiz on recycling
- ❖ Create a treasure map tracking a recyclable through your home
 - ❖ Photograph a 'lost recyclable'

<https://schools.recyclenow.com/>



LOOKING AHEAD....DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

w/c 23rd October is Half Term week - no school

Tuesday 31st October - first day of term (non pupil day on Monday 30th October)

31st Oct	Nasal Flu Vaccinations (for parents who have given consent via NHS link)
8th & 9th Nov	Parent Consultation Meetings and Information Evening - Autumn Term reports
10th Nov	Yr 1JM Class Assembly
10th Nov	School Photos (individual)
17th Nov	Children in Need
24th Nov	Yr 6RH Class Assembly
1st Dec	Yr 1LW Class Assembly
8th Dec	Yr 5AC Class Assembly
19th Dec	Last day of Term
2nd Jan	First day of New Term

Pupils to Celebrate!

Well done to these children who have gained recognition from the adults and the children in school in the last fortnight. Great stuff!

	PAT ON THE BACK	STAR LEARNER
	From 09/10/23 until 20/10/23	
Yr 1	Nattan M / Oliver H / Marley-Rae M / Luna W	Mia-Rose W-L / Finley J / Ivan J / Ella E
Yr 2	Oscar M / Alp S / Esmee M / Willow B	Sepideh H / Seb L / Zara A
Yr 3	Khaled A-R / Jwad Y / Rahad R / Jax B	Jacob T / Azra A / Daiyan H / Zuhir R
Yr 4	Flo C / Amelia R / Harmony K-J	Alma I / Edith S
Yr 5	Favour A / Gracie M-C / Alicia H / Michelle E	Katelyn H / Penny E / Jeron J
Yr 6	Abdulrahman A / Connor L / Brooke G-I / Alison O	Louis J / Marika W / Jamal A / Miley P

Attendance at Pilgrim

Children should be in school 'regularly' in order to get the best out of the education we provide. The Government is clear that regular attendance is 96% or better.

Here are the attendance figures for the last 2 weeks since the last Newsletter. The classes in green are at or above 96% - our target. Well done to those teams!

09/10/23 until 20/10/23

<u>Registration Form</u>	<u>Present R/C: Marks</u>	<u>Late R/C: Marks</u>
<u>Year F HG/ROL</u>	94.6%	0.4%
<u>Year F HT</u>	97.3%	2.3%
<u>Year 1 JM</u>	95.6%	3.3%
<u>Year 1 LW</u>	76.9%	0%
<u>Year 2 BF</u>	96.9%	1%
<u>Year 2 RH</u>	91%	1.7%
<u>Year 3 CB</u>	89.6%	0.7%
<u>Year 3 KC</u>	95.4%	2.9%
<u>Year 4 EK</u>	97.3%	1%
<u>Year 4 LJ</u>	98.7%	1%
<u>Year 5 AC</u>	97.1%	1.4%
<u>Year 5 SS</u>	92.1%	1.8%
<u>Year 6 RH</u>	91.4%	3.6%
<u>Year 6 SR</u>	92.2%	1.1%

Whole School Attendance Figures

Pilgrim Primary Attendance (392 pupils)	Attendance School (target 96%+)	Attendance National (Primary schools)	Lateness (pupils arriving after 9.00 am)
Up to w/e 20th October 2023	94.2%	95.1%	1.7%

Thanks for a great half term everyone.

Reminder - next week is half term so no school!

There is a non pupil day on Monday 30th October for staff training so children do not return to school until TUESDAY 31st OCTOBER.



Mrs L Meek
Headteacher