

6th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we've had at school! With so many events and developments, let's dive straight into the updates.

1. Parent homework meetings:

Year 5 & 6: Thank you to everyone who joined us for the parent homework meetings. It was a fantastic platform to discuss our approach to homework.

Upcoming Sessions: For Year 3, we hope that you can join us on Monday, 9th October and for Year 4 on Wednesday, 11th October. Both will start at 2.45pm. Our continuous meetings across the school aim to strengthen our family ties and deepen your involvement in your child's education.

2. Outdoor Play & Learning: Autumn brings lots of joy but also muddier grounds. If possible, please send your child with an extra pair of wellies or old trainers that they can leave within school, so they can continue with outdoor play. Additionally, if you have spare wellies in good condition, please consider donating them to our **Wellington Boot Library**. It's our initiative to ensure all students have access to appropriate footwear during play.

3. Cross Country at Pilton Community College: A huge shout out to our participants! Their determination and team spirit were admirable and we are extremely proud of them. They showed teamwork and encouragement for one another which truly represented our school's values.

4. The Parents' Group Initiative: I met with the parents group this week and we have been discussing how we can organise events to support the families and children of our school. If any parents, carers or family members are able to offer any kind of time to help with ideas or support at events your effort and time would be greatly received. Any time or ideas you can contribute will be invaluable in providing enhanced experiences for our students. Please get in touch if you're keen to help.

5. World Mental Health Day - 10th October: We would really like to acknowledge World Mental Health day next Tuesday and ask if children can come into school wearing something yellow. There is no obligation to do this, so please do not feel your child has to do so.

6. Attendance Update: Attendance has been above National expectation this week and we are seeing children really settling well into school. If you have any concerns or worries, then please do get in touch. We have a supportive team here to ensure that pupils and families are looked after and we urge you to get in touch should you need to.

7. Rugby Extravaganza - Wales vs. The Barbarians: As you may be aware, tickets have been made available for Years 5 and 6 regarding our trip to the Millenium stadium to watch the mighty Welsh and hopefully, World Cup Champions play the Barbarians! There are still tickets available, so if your child would like to go, please do book in at the office. To add to the magic of the day, I will teach some Welsh songs in assembly, to help them immerse themselves in the atmosphere of the Welsh rugby stadium.

Lastly, I hope you all relish the sunny weekend and spend quality moments with your family.

Warm regards,

Mathew Harts
Head of School

General Letters issued this week	
Year	Topic
5&6	Rugby Trip
3	Multiskills Festival
5	Year 5 PE change reminder (this week)
5	Braunton Burrows reminder (this week)

We show letters sent here so that you are aware of all correspondence sent out that relates to your child so you don't miss anything.

Please contact the school office if you think there's an email you haven't received.

PE Days
Year 3 – Thursday
Year 4 – Monday
Year 5 – Wednesday
Year 6 – Tuesday
Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit – they will stay in this all day

What's on week commencing 9th October 2023?

Monday

Private Piano & Violin lessons
Private Guitar Lessons
Year 3 Homework Talk 2.45pm

Tuesday

Year 4 Homework Talk 2.45pm
Mental Health & Wellbeing Day – wear yellow-

Wednesday

Private Piano & Violin lessons
Year 3 Multi Skills at Pilton College
Year 6 – Braunton Burrows

Thursday

Rocksteady Bands Private Lessons
Private Drum Lessons

Friday

Lower School Sports
Private Woodwind Lessons
Stephen Shields Cross County – Torrington

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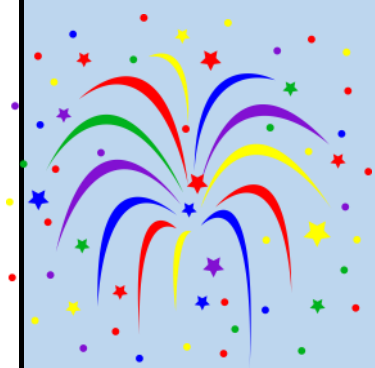
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Breakfast Club & Afterschool club

Please contact Tia or Jemma on

north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk



Celebration Assembly

Friday 6th October

Handwriting Heroes

Year 4 - Madison, Year 5 - Edie

Book Tokens

Year 3 - Zach, Year 4 - Pippa, Year 5 - Rory, Year 6 - Nyla

Work

Ida for always giving her best, her kindness and hard work
Luca for overcoming barriers, for always trying and engaging
Scarlett B for really considering engaging the interest of the reader when writing
Josh E for his unwavering enthusiasm to learning, a delight to teach
George Cr for working well with others, trying his hardest and sharing his thinking
Theo for asking lots of interesting questions on our Branton Burows trip
Harriet & Leo and Seth & Jack for their carefully designed and constructed Anderson shelters

Contribution

Harry for always being ready to offer a helping hand
Our Cross Country runners who took part in the event at Pilton College



A further update on Amelia's tennis journey, after she competed in Surrey last month, she has now got accepted to the Grade 2 National 10U Girls Tournament later this month. She will be traveling to Cleveland & Durham to take part.

Well done Amelia & good luck!



- If your child is poorly please report their absence to the school office on 01271 345452 by 9.30am.
- All medical appointments are to be advised in advance please to the school office.
- Any other absences must be applied for via an absence request form.
- Please supply your child with a refillable drinks bottle every day.
- Warm coats for outdoor play if it's wet or cold!
- Parking Permits for use in Fairview carpark are available from the school office. Two per family.

Autumn Term Dinner Menu

Meal price is £2.53 per day,
payable on Arbor please

Tomato & Basil Pasta and Jacket
Potatoes with a choice
of toppings are available every
day.

Fresh fruit and salad are
available daily.

**Please can you keep your
child's meal balance and
wraparound care
(if applicable) balance
topped up "in the black"
please.**

	Week 3: 18/9, 9/10, 6/11, 27/11
Mon	Hot dogs V - Vegetarian hot dogs Crispy potatoes & seasonal veg Fruit & yogurt
Tues	Spaghetti Bolognaise V - Vegetable bolognaise Garlic bread & seasonal veg Jam tart
Weds	Roast of The Day - Gammon V - Baked homity pie Roast potatoes & seasonal veg Fruit and ice cream
Thurs	Hunters chicken V - Cheese & bean wrap Rice & seasonal vegetables Autumn sponge made with fruit
Fri	Salmon or cod fish cakes V - Vegetarian nuggets Golden fries & seasonal veg Flapjack

FRIDAY SPORTS

Autumn 2023						
Friday's Date		Planning	Swim	Dance	American Football	Football
13-Oct		LOWER	4BC	4AB	3KD	3LB
20-Oct		UPPER	5EC	6MT	5MR	6SE
27-Oct		HALF - TERM				
03-Nov		LOWER	4BC	4AB	3KD	3LB
10-Nov		UPPER	5EC	6MT	5MR	6SE
17-Nov		LOWER	4BC	4AB	3KD	3LB
24-Nov	<i>Change</i>	UPPER	6MT	6SE	5EC	5MR
01-Dec		LOWER	4AB	3LB	4BC	3KD
08-Dec		UPPER	6MT	6SE	5EC	5MR
15-Dec		LAST DAY OF TERM - NO FRIDAY SPORTS				

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on their relevant Friday. Swimmers; please ensure that your child brings in a swimming costume or shorts/trunks and a towel. Swimming hats are useful for long hair or it needs to be tied up. Goggles are optional, please no talcum powders. To cover the cost of the swimming we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3 per child per lesson please, this can be paid via Arbor under school shop.

Singing Teacher

Unfortunately the singing teacher we had in place ready to start offering singing lessons after half term will no longer be joining the school. Should we find a new teacher, we will let you know.

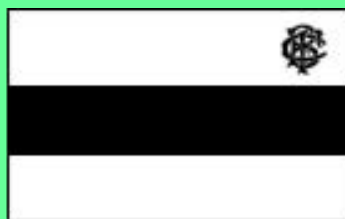
REMINDER FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS
THE CLOSING DATE FOR YOUR CHILD'S
YEAR 7 SCHOOL APPLICATION IS
31st OCTOBER 2023

For Years 5 & 6

Wales v The Barbarians Trip



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Saturday 4th November 2023

At the Principality Stadium Cardiff

Cost £26—please sign up on Arbor under school trips

Deadline is Friday 13th October

Limited numbers

Tuesday 10th October is World Mental Health Day

#HelloYellow 2023

We are encouraging our whole community to wear yellow to stand up and show up in support of young peoples's mental health.

Pupils, staff, parents and guardians are all encouraged to wear it yellow on

Tuesday 10th October!

We appreciate that we are in a cost of living crisis and have recently collected for the Freedom Centre so we are not collecting financially for this day in school this year but if you want to make a donation as an individual you can do so using this link:

www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/donate/make-a-donation/

However there is absolutely no obligation to do so.



Reminder for Year 6 Parents

Please make sure you have given consent and made a voluntary contribution, if you are able to on Arbor for the Branton Burrows trip next week — Wednesday 11th October. Thank you.

School Term Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term

Half-term: 23rd - 27th October 2023

Last Day: 15th December 2023

Spring Term

First Day: 3rd January 2024

Half-term: 12th - 16th February 2024

Last Day: 28th March 2024

Summer Term

First Day: 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday: 6th May 2024

Half-term: 27th - 31st May 2024

Non Pupil Day: 3rd June 2024

Last Day: 23rd July 2024

Non pupil days: 2nd January 2024 and 3rd June

Dates for your diary, 2023

Date	Event
15th - 20th October	Spain Residential
23rd—27th October	Half-Term
2nd November	Team—Cross Country Event
4th November	Rugby Trip - Wales v The Barbarians
7th November	Tempest Photos Individuals/Siblings
20th November	Flu Vaccinations



WE NEED YOU.

We are looking for keen and enthusiastic volunteers to join our Local Governing Bodies (LGB) as a school Governor and/or a Trustee.

Governor

The role of a School Governor is key in ensuring the school offers high standards of education for all children.

Each school within TEAM Multi-Academy Trust has its own Local Governing Body. The LGB meet once or twice a term and are encouraged to join in with our school visits and learning walks throughout the school year. This is a voluntary position and training is available for this role.

Trustee

Our Trustees oversee the strategic direction of the Trust schools along with holding the senior school leadership to account and monitoring the trust's finances– amongst many other aspects of school performance.

They can draw on their own expertise from all aspects of business and industry and have specific interests as part of their role such as – Curriculum, Personnel, Admissions, Finance, Safeguarding, Premises or SEND. They meet approximately 6 times a year as a whole group and are active within a range of committees and individual portfolios.

VOLUNTEERING IN THIS WAY BRINGS MANY REWARDS. YOU WILL ENJOY WORKING ALONGSIDE LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE AND GET REAL SATISFACTION AT USING YOUR SKILLS TO CREATE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR CHILDREN.

If you are interested in volunteering or to find out more about being a local governor at your school or a TEAM trustee, then we would love to hear from you. Please email vacancies@team-mat.org.uk



For more information, please visit our Governance section on our website: www.teamacademytrust.com

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U10'S
#GOBARUM **JUNIOR RUGBY**

BARNSTAPLE RUGBY IS LOOKING FOR BOYS AND GIRLS FROM YEAR 5 TO JOIN IT'S U10's TEAM INTERESTED EMAIL juniors@barnstaplerugby.com



Barnstaple SC Water Polo

From Sept. '23' Thursdays - main Tarka Pool:

7.30 - 8.30 pm (Juniors/Development 1.4m/1.8m)

7.30 - 9.30 pm (Performance/Seniors 1.8m)

A fun team game that has excellent fitness benefits such as endurance and explosive power!

- All swimmers welcome from 8 years upwards. (Open to anyone who can tread water for 3 minutes or longer)
- Many of our best players have achieved National Swimming Qualifying Times.
- Successful Surf Life Savers enjoy playing too and are natural players.

If you would like to play, please come along on a Thursday for a FREE taster or contact:

BarnstapleWaterpolo@gmail.com

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October Dates

Friday 13th – St John's Garden Centre Café, St John's Lane. (Next to Tesco)

Any questions please contact Bonnie: **07377625276**

Tuesday 17th – Lemon Tree Café, Holland Walk, Barnstaple from 10am

Any questions please contact Janice: **07869436621**

Thursday 19th – Online Specialist Education and EHCP support session.

Any questions and to book a place contact Tracey: **07921220840**

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