



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week in School, thankfully the weather has been a bit warmer! Just a reminder that half term is fast approaching. The School will be closed from Monday 13th February for the whole week.

Non -Uniform Day

On Friday 10th February, our 'Playground Buddies' are holding a non-uniform day to raise money for 'Buddy Benches'. These will be in each playground and will be a safe space for children to sit if they are struggling to find someone to play with. Our 'Playground Buddies' have planned various events to fundraise for these and for some extra playground toys and this is the first event. Children can come in any colour of the rainbow and bring a donation towards our benches and playground equipment.



Quiet Garden

We are looking for willing volunteers to support us in transforming the quiet garden. We have paths to dig, planters to install and benches to create amongst other jobs. Please let the office know if you are available over half term or at any other point to get this space ready for the Spring.

Gym and Dance Show

On Thursday we took some of our children to the Gym and Dance show at Malborough with South Huish Primary school. Thank you to all the parents who drove and supported our children and to the staff that gave up their evening to attend. The children performed wonderfully and we were very proud of them. Please have a look on the website for some pictures from the evening.

Traffic issues

Unfortunately, we have received information that parents are parking across and opposite driveways which are preventing property owners from exiting their properties. Please park considerately. Tally Ho! have also complained to us stating that two cars were parked in the bus bay again - this is not acceptable. Please do not put children's lives at risk. This area should always remain clear.

Mini Police

Next week, our Mini Police will be conducting spot checks on parking outside the school in the mornings. This will be part of a longer ongoing project with our Mini Police who are working to tackle anti-social behaviour around the Modbury area.

Paignton Zoo Trip

The children are excited about their trip to Paignton Zoo next week on Wednesday 8th February. Just a reminder that children should wear appropriate clothing for the day and ensure they have a packed lunch and plenty of water. If you have not made your donation yet, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Unauthorised Absence from School

We are aware that occasionally it may feel necessary to take your child out of school. If this is necessary, there is a requirement to complete an S2 form, available from the office. It is a legal requirement that every child on our school roll can be 'accounted for' every day that school is open. DfE safeguarding regulations require this. The Headteacher can legally, only authorise absence in exceptional circumstances. Without an S2, children are classed as 'Missing in Education'. We are also required to regularly complete an audit of attendance. For those children whose attendance is below an acceptable level schools are required by law to send out a letter to parents and carers. We are about to undertake this at Modbury School again and so some of you will receive letters regarding attendance. We are carrying out the instructions given to us as part of education protocol. You can find out more by following the link below.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-attendance/>

School transport forms

Please can you ensure that if your child uses the bus and you haven't completed the form indicating they use it termly - we will need to know each week when they will be using it. Forms can be collected from the school office or located on our website under Parents, Forms and Letters. We need this form returning every Monday please.

Modbury Preschool

Modbury School's Out Holiday Club is now taking bookings for 13th, 14th, 15th & 16th February 2023. All children from 3 - 11 years old are welcome. Children will have access to a newly renovated and well resourced garden, a large outdoor playground with ride ons, trikes, scooter and bikes, a well resourced room with table top games, crafts and activities, board games, IT equipment and a comfortable space to relax. Staff are qualified and experienced practitioners.

Price £27.50 (funding accepted where applicable)

Time open: 8.30am - 4.30pm

Bring your own lunch and snacks

admin@modbury-preschool.org.uk to book.

An opportunity to play & relax in a safe and stimulating setting, while making friends with children from around the South Hams.

Breakfast Club

Children can relax before their school day, playing with friends, doing arts & crafts, playing cards etc. It's a gentle start to the day. The cost is £6.30/child for 7.30am-9am.

After School Club

Your child will be collected from their classroom at the end of their school day. They eat their snack and then play with a variety of resources indoors or play in our newly renovated garden. The cost is £6.30/ child for 3.30pm - 4.30pm or £12/child for any time after 4.30 until 6.00pm. Tea is £3, served at 5pm and optional.

Holiday Club (except Christmas)

The club provides a wide range of age appropriate games, activities and resources for 3-11 year olds. The children have access to a large playground, a garden and a well-resourced play room. In the summer holidays we run outings to local attractions and parks*. Your child will be looked after by a professionally trained childcare practitioner. Gov funded hours are accepted.

The holiday club is running 13th/14th/15th and 16th February and the cost is £27.50/child for 8.30-4.30pm, or £15/child for 8.30-12.30pm or 12.30-4.30pm. Please book now as spaces are nearly full on some days. If you require a longer day please contact us.

*Extra costs for attractions and travel

For more information please contact
admin@modbury-preschool.org.uk
or phone 01548831477

School Dinners

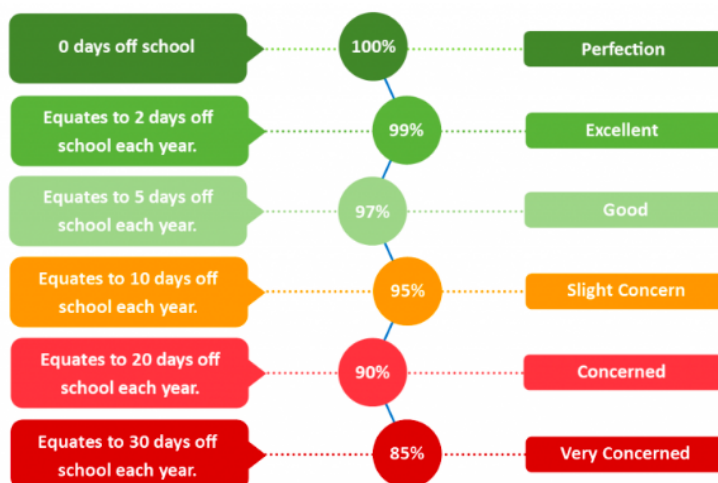
Please remember that school dinners should be pre-ordered via ParentPay and paid for in advance and a debt should not be accumulated. A packed lunch must be provided if you have a debt on your child's account. School dinners are £12.00 per week. Please log onto ParentPay and top up your child's dinner money ensuring you have enough credit for the rest of this term -thank you.

National Childhood Measurement Programme 2022/3

The School Nursing service will be carrying out the weighing and measuring of children in Reception and Year 6, which will start in January 2023 through to the end of the summer term. Letters have been sent out via email to the parents of the children in those classes giving more details and how to opt out if you would prefer.

Attendance

This week's winners are: Reception class and Year 1 with 97.6% each Well done Reception. Letters will be coming out next week to the parents of those pupils with low attendance.



School Clubs

The clubs for this half term are now available to book on ParentPay. There are still places for Art, Gardening and Pokemon. Once the club is full, then they will now longer be available for booking online.

Modbury Choir and Musicians

We will be welcoming back Mrs Gill next week who is returning from her break. All lessons should resume as normal.

Achieve 4 All Sports Club

Attached to this newsletter is a questionnaire from one of our After-School club providers "Achieve 4 All". Please can we ask that parents complete the form located under Forms and Letters section on our website and either send back to School Office or direct to Achieve 4 All on the following email: Jake.good@achieve4all.co.uk.

Plymouth Argyle Football Wednesday of February Half Term

Plymouth Argyle Football in the Community Trust is delighted to be holding an Football Roadshow at Modbury Primary School on Wednesday 15th February 10am - 3pm, costing £20 per day) for children from years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

These days will be offered as a Football Specific Day with the following schedule planned: Registration - 8:45am-9am Welcome activities/warm ups - 9am-10am 10am-12pm - Football Focused activities/games (Dribbling, shooting, passing, decision making, 1v1s, 2v2s etc) 12pm-1pm - Lunch 1pm-2:50pm -

Tournaments/fun games 2:40pm - Presentation & Collection from 3pm. Numbers for the day are limited.

If you would like your child to take part then please complete the application form which can be found on the School Website under Parents, Forms and Letters Tab. Please send completed forms to the School Office with payment in the form of cash/cheque (made payable to Plymouth Argyle Football in the Community Trust) by Friday 10th February 2023 latest.

Plymouth Argyle Football After School Club

Plymouth Argyle Football in the Community Trust is delighted to be holding an After School Club at Modbury Primary School (3.30pm-4.30pm) for children from years 1,2, 3,4,5 & 6.

The course will run for 6 weeks commencing on Friday 6th January and will finish on Friday 10th February. The cost will be £24 and numbers are limited to only 32 spaces you are advised to book early to secure a place.

You will only be able to book on this online via the below link:

https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/courses/plymouth-after_school.html

It is absolutely imperative that payment and a completed application form is received prior to commencement of course or your child will not be included on the register for the session and will be unable to take part.

All of children who attend the course must have a parent/guardian sign them out after each session, coaches will not let children leave the premises unless a signature has been obtained, so please expect a telephone call if you have not signed for your child.

Children will need to bring with them trainers, Shin Pads, and a drink. Sessions will provide safety measures in line with the National Guidelines from the Government and the FA during the Covid 19 period.

Our coaches are CRB checked, hold a UEFA coaching qualification and have Emergency First Aid Training. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the ground on 01752 562561 Ex 4 or E-mail: stewart.walbridge@pafc.co.uk.



Louise Nicholls
Head of School



Mrs T Coulthard
Executive Head Teacher

Diary dates

Our diary dates are now uploaded onto the website. These will be updated every week so please keep an eye on the 'upcoming events' banner.

<https://www.modburyprimaryschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=2&pid=46&viewid=2>

Attendance Trophy

Please see the website on the link below:

[Attendance Trophy](#)

Celebration Assembly

Please see the website on the link below:

[Celebration assembly](#)

Reading Stars

Please see our website on the link below:

[Reading Stars](#)

PTA

PTA News – please see the ‘new news’ category on the PTA page on the website:

[PTA](#)

Modbury Primary School - Job Vacancies

Please see any vacancies via the website on the link below:

[Vacancies](#)

Key Stage Two Choir/Ocarina & Ukulele Clubs

for further details please visit:

[Choir/ Ocarina/ Ukulele Club](#)



For further details please see:

[Modbury Primary School - Clubs](#)

Community News

We are delighted to confirm the launch of our February Half Term Roadshows with something running every single day in Plymouth.

We are delighted to announce the return of our Roadshows hosted at Plymouth Argyle Football Club with limited spaces available alongside our other venues running across the week.

To find out more about where we are running and the sports we will be offering below:

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/courses/plymouth-holiday.html>

We look forward to hopefully seeing you there!