



Modbury Primary School Newsletter  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Welcome Back!**

It has been amazing to see everyone back at school happy and enjoying the sunny weather this week.

Welcome to all of our new children who have joined us at Modbury Primary this term. We would also like to welcome our new teachers as well Mrs Ratcliffe (Reception Class), Miss Small (Year 2), Miss Randall (Year 4) and Miss Pears (Year 6).

**PE**

To ensure children are dressed appropriately for lessons outside of PE, we are asking that children bring in PE kits rather than coming dressed for PE. We are having Achieve for all teaching PE on Mondays.

The South Hams Federation policy on PE kits is that: All PE kit should be school PE kit where possible. In the event of kit being forgotten, a 'no PE kit' note will be written in the child's reading record. If PE kit is forgotten again, children will be given spare PE kit to change into. If there is insufficient spare kit for the child to use, they will participate in the session in a referee/umpire/coach/scorer role. All children should remove earrings. If they have had their ear(s) pierced within the last 6 weeks, they can put tape over and participate but earrings must be removed following this period. Hair longer than shoulder length back should be tied back.

**PE Days are as follows**

Monday - Years 1,2,3,4,5,6 (Achieve 4 All)

Tuesday - Years 4 and 2

Thursday - Reception and Year 5

Friday - Years 6 and Year 3

**Uniform**

It is lovely to see everyone coming to school dressed so smartly. Long hair should be tied back and appropriate footwear worn at all times (no open toe sandals, heels etc) . We are aware of the rising cost of living therefore, if you are struggling with the cost of uniform, please come and speak to a member of staff in confidence and we will help to find a solution.

### **Buses**

Please ensure that you let us know via your child's reading record and also phone the School Office/email if they get the bus. We do not want to be interrupting your day phoning to check, but we do need to make sure that we are sending the correct children off on the bus at the end of the day. Thank you so much for your cooperation in this matter.

### **Parking**

In addition, can everyone be mindful of parking outside the school as we do need space to get the children on and off the bus safely. Please do not park too closely to the coned off area or on the double yellow lines or zigzags as this can obstruct other vehicles and pedestrians view of the road when crossing. We would rather keep the children in school a few minutes longer for you to park safely further along the road than risk causing an accident. Thank you.

### **Forest Schools**

Reception children will have Forest School every Tuesday morning and Year 1 in the afternoon. They can come to school dressed in appropriate clothing (long sleeves and wellies) with waterproofs. In wetter weather, please bring spares to change into in case the children get wet in the morning and shoes to wear indoors.

### **Meet the teacher**

It was great to see so many parents at our meet the teacher sessions. If you need to speak to any of the teachers do not hesitate in contacting the School Office.

### **Year 3 School Dinners**

As children move from Year 2 to Year 3 they no longer qualify for the Universal Infant Free School Meal. Therefore, if your child would like a school dinner then parents and carers will need to pay for their lunches through ParentPay. School dinners cost £2.40 per meal and all dinners must be paid for in advance. If you have any queries please let us know.

### **Parent Pay**

Reception children and any other new children should receive an activation letter on Monday next week.



**Please ensure you have activated your account even if you do not usually pay for school dinners. We will be using ParentPay for trips, visits, lunch/after school run clubs. You will need to ensure you have set up your child's account to have access to all of these features.**

Please pre-order your child's meal at least the night before to help with the kitchen routines and ordering of food. By doing this we ensure that ordering is accurate and food waste is reduced. It is possible to book your child's meal a week or even a month ahead so it is worth doing it weekly. If you need to book a meal on the day then your child can do that in class as the pre order option will not be available. Please

remember that the system cannot operate if your child's account is in debt and you will need to provide a packed lunch instead.

You can set up a low balance alert on your account to notify you to top up when you reach the limit set, please see instructions via the link below on how to do this.

<https://www.parentpay.com/parentpay/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/08/How-to-set-up-email-or-text-alerts.pdf>

If you are struggling to pay off your debt, please contact the school to arrange an appointment to discuss payment options. The DCC Free School Meals service is available to help parents on low income. If you feel you may be eligible for FSMs, applying is straightforward and can be undertaken via the DCC Portal Details below. This is the quickest and easiest way and will result in you getting an instant decision.

How to apply for Free School Meals:

Apply through the [Devon Citizens Portal](#). This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

If you need an activation letter or have any general enquiries please contact the school office. For any help with setting up/managing your account, payments & refunds, how to add/check meals please follow the link below:

<https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/categories/4407704072081-ParentPay>

For any other queries or if you need further assistance with ParentPay please contact them via their parent support form on the link below:

<https://app.parentpay.com/FormsAPI/forms/contactus>

Thank you for your patience during this time of transition and if you have any further queries please contact the school office.

### **Pupil/Parent Privacy Notice**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Schools collect, store, process, share and dispose of lots of personal information relating to pupils and parents. Our Pupil/Parent Privacy notice has been updated and is available on our school website:

<https://www.modburyprimaryschool.co.uk>. The purpose of this privacy notice is to let pupils and parents know how and why we are processing your personal data, the rights you have around this and the school's legal obligation and responsibility for protecting your data.

## **MUSIC MONDAYS**

Good News: music lessons and choir will be returning on Monday 18th September.

I have been into assembly this morning to talk about how to play the ocarina (small wind instrument) and ukulele. I provide group lessons of about 20 minutes on a Monday afternoon. Lessons are open to children in KS2. I am hoping that existing players from last year will be keen to continue their musical journey. I will be starting a beginner's ukulele and beginners ocarina group. If your child has shown an interest, they should have brought home a letter with more details.

All lessons are incredible value at just £2 a session (£20 a term). In addition, choir will be starting on a Monday lunchtime again and that is absolutely free!

I look forward to helping your children gain a love of music.

Sarah Gill (Music Teacher)

## **Data Collection Information**

At school we have an electronic pupil information system where we record important information about your child's personal details, nearest contacts and their details, relevant medical and dietary details, and any other important information supplied by parents and carers.

Each year we ask for parents and carers to check that the information we hold is correct and up to date and to inform us of any changes. Coming home next week with your child is the Data Collection sheet. Please can all parents check the details we have regarding your child and return the signed paperwork to the office **by Friday 22nd September. ALL data sheets need to be returned.** It is vitally important that this information is up to date for every child in school and particularly with regard to any contact or medical information the school needs to be aware of.

## **Agreements/Consent Forms**

During the course of your child's education, all parents and carers complete a KS1 and a KS2 Agreement pack which contains consent for your child for local school visits, photos, video, audio and communication. If you wish to update/opt out of any of your child's consent information then please contact the school office in the first instance. You can request for this information to be updated or can opt in/out at any time during the academic year.

## **Birthdays**

Please can we ask that children do not bring in sweets and treats for their birthday for the other children. We have a lot of children with allergies and, with the cost of living, it can cause anxiety and stress for those families who are unable to provide this luxury. Thank you for your understanding.

**After School Clubs and Lunchtime Clubs for Autumn Term  
These Clubs will be put on ParentPay on Monday next week.**

<b>Monday (Starting w/c 18<sup>th</sup> September)</b>	KS1 Art Club KS2 Dance Club	Miss George Miss Pears	3:30 - 4:30pm 3:30 - 4:30pm
<b>Tuesday</b>			
<b>Wednesday</b>	KS2 Hockey Club Chess Club	Mrs Khong Mr Sands	3:30 - 4:30pm Lunchtime
<b>Thursday</b>	KS2 Art (paid club) start date to TBC KS2 Girl's Football  KS2 Cross Country	Local Artist  Mr Branch  Miss Randall and Mrs Hart	3:40 - 4:55pm  Lunchtime (after school if enough numbers) Lunchtime
<b>Friday</b>	KS2 gardening Plymouth Argyle	Mrs Bruce Argyle	Lunchtime 3:30 - 4:30



#### Celebration Assembly

<b>Reception</b>	Jacob
<b>Year 1</b>	Grace
<b>Year 2</b>	Becky
<b>Year 3</b>	Lorcan
<b>Year 4</b>	Ella
<b>Year 5</b>	Maisy
<b>Year 6</b>	Barnaby

**Louise Nicholls**  
Head of School

**Mrs T Coulthard**  
Executive Head Teacher  
**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2023/2024**