

Newsletter Francisco

19/1/17

Parents Evening

As parents' evening falls in the first week back after half term please check that the dates are in your diaries (21st and 22nd February 4-7pm). We realise that the booking of appointments online caused difficulties for some parents last time. To avoid those problems this time around Mr Dyson will inform you of a time when he will make himself available to coach parents through the process. For those who were able to book without any complications please don't try to book again yet. You will be informed when the online booking facility is open.

Catering Assistant

Our school kitchen providers (CATER.ed) are currently advertising for a catering assistant to work in our school kitchen. It is an ideal job for a parent who can only work in school hours and term times. Applications need to be in by Sunday 22nd January. The job details can be difficult to find on Plymouth City Council's Website so I have included a link to the appropriate page (our post is on the second page of vacancies). The link will also be available on the front page of our school website.

https://plymouthcitycouncil.engageats.co.uk/LoginV2.aspx?enc=vDVLPY6BrOnmx9szwB5icMU/Bp97ap1BII/jb0LhRYVeoh/cn5bYqvW+9EbbSw7a

Breakfast Club

Numbers have increased at the Breakfast Club since the start of the year but are still not near the numbers expected when we asked last year how many parents would take advantage of the facility. Parents who do send their children (and the children themselves) seem very pleased with the club. Being served breakfast by such a jolly person as Mrs Williams must be a lovely start to the day for the children. A variety of games (both board and electric) are available as well as craft activities. The club is open from 7.30 each morning and the cost is just £2.50 each day. To encourage new children to attend the club we will offer one free 'taster day' to children who have not attended the club before. Please fill in the slip below to pre-book a 'taster session'. To reward regular attenders we will also offer a free session to children who attended more than twenty times last term.

Netball

After just three training sessions and one warm up event our seven netball players from years 5 & 6 arrived at Marjons for the Plymouth School Sports Partnership Event on Tuesday morning. 36 schools entered the event and we played in a league against five of those schools. Despite a slow start we managed to win our first game 1-0. From then on things got better and better and we won our next two games more comfortably. We then had to face a Whitleigh team who were obviously very well coached by a teacher who plays for Plymouth's premier team 'The Pilgrims'. Despite Whitleigh's greater experience the determination shown by our children to do their individual jobs well, and work as a team overall, was outstanding and we won 2-0. The confidence this win gave us allowed us to win our last game 5-0 which meant we were the league champions. This was a great achievement, particularly when you consider the fact that we have only 4 girls in year 6 and 7 in year 5. Some of the schools we played against would have over 90 girls to choose from in those year groups compared to our 11. Winning our league meant that we qualified to play against all of the other league winners the following day. The spirit we showed on the first day still shone through and our goal difference after all of the first halves was just minus one. Unfortunately the second halves did not go as well and we lost all five games. We ended up as sixth out of thirty six schools and, more importantly, our children handled defeats as well as they did wins and left on both days with smiles on their faces.

Breakfast Club Taster Session	
[would like my child	to attend a free Breakfast Club taster session on
(please insert the date you would like to attend)	