

### Dates for your diary:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October - SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Parent Council - 1.30pm

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Movie Night - details to follow

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Yr 6 Residential

W/B Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Half term

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Halloween disco - details to follow

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Parent's Evenings - details to follow

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need - details to follow

### Calling All Parents...

Would you like to join our Parent Council?

We are a friendly group who meet once a term to ensure the views of parents are represented when we set school policies and procedures.

Meetings take the form of chats over coffee and we appreciate input from all directions; there is no requirement for you to have a knowledge of education or business!

If you are interested and can commit to meet once every six weeks, then please speak to the school office or to Mrs Blake. Our first meeting is Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30pm.

We hope you can come along, we'd welcome members old and new and everyone is free to join!



**Devon & Cornwall Police**  
Building Safer Communities Together

It has come to our attention that parking continues to be an issue around school during morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. We have received numerous calls from the Head Teacher and concerned residents.

Parents are parking their vehicles on double yellow lines and pavements around Stuart Road and Palmerston Street, apart from being illegal, it restricts pedestrian access to neighbouring homes/garages and blocking larger vehicles e.g. fire engines/ambulances or refuse lorries from being able to drive through the road. In addition, visibility of oncoming traffic for emerging cars at the junction of Stuart Road is blocked and this is likely to cause an accident.

Parents need to understand that parking on the zigzag or double yellow lines near schools and blocking resident's driveways are anti-social acts that are potentially dangerous and cause conflict. Parents parking in such a way are actually choosing to do something, which is putting the safety of others at risk, school children in particular. Parents should find a legal parking space away from the front of the school and WALK the remaining distance to collect their children. We understand that parents may be in a rush to pick up their children but this is no excuse for parking illegally near the school.

Double yellow and zigzag lines are there for a reason, ***your child's safety***. The Neighbourhood Policing Team will be making visits to the areas around these peak times and any cars that are parked illegally will be reported and dealt with accordingly.

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who do act responsibly and park their vehicles in a way, which is safe and respectful to others. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us on the non-emergency number 101 or neighbourhood email address which can be found on <http://neighbourhoodpolicing.devon-cornwall.police.uk>

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Date: 28.9.18

## Classroom to Moon Challenge

This October the Plymotion team at Plymouth City Council (PCC) are doing something really amazing and we have decided our pupils should be a part of it.

For Walk to School month, pupils at all city schools are aiming, collectively, to walk for 79,000 hours. This is the time it would take for one person to walk to the moon. The Classroom to Moon Challenge runs from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and is a competition as well as a unifying whole-city challenge.

If our school clock up the most minutes in our category, we will win a visit from the mobile planetarium Space Odyssey. Second prize is bike or scooter storage from Scooterpods. Of course, if our school does not win a prize we will still have benefitted from a month of less cars around our school gates and healthier happier children who have had fun exercising before the school day starts.

During the first 2 weeks of October, we will also be participating in an inter-school walking relay. Each weekday from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Astro Mo and the Plymotion team will start at one Plymouth school at 9am and finish at another, passing by on average 10 schools in one day. We're sure you'll hear nearer the time when Astro Mo has made it to our school!

Your child will be encouraged to keep a record of how many minutes they have walked each week on a classroom poster. If you or another grown up still walks your child to school, they can count grown-up minutes too, so please think creatively about whether you can make your walk longer by detouring! Your child should receive a sheet that they can record their minutes-walked every morning and afternoon of the competition. Please help our school staff count up the minutes by reminding (or helping) your child to fill this in and have it ready for their teacher every Friday morning in October.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

1. *We scooter/cycle/run/skate to school, can we count these minutes?* YES. We encourage all active modes of travel so please continue travelling in in your preferred active way.
2. *I have to drive my child due to work/sibling/life commitments. Can my child still participate?* YES. We understand parents/carers lead busy lives. You might have to drive every day, but, maybe there's one day a week you could leave the car behind? Or maybe you could 'park and stride'? This means parking the car around 10 minutes away from the school gates and walking the last leg.
3. *I really can't change my timetable and will have to drive every day.* Please have a think about whether you can walk to the shops or the playground before bedtime with your child so that they could use these minutes instead. Or perhaps your child could start or participate in a lunchtime walking club around the school playground?
4. *We live really close to school!* Could you detour via a park on the way home? Or add extra minutes in a creative way?

Thank you for your support in helping transform Plymouth into a healthier city to walk and enjoy outdoor time in. Keep up to date with how our school is doing at:

[www.plymouth.gov.uk/parkingandtravel/plymotion/classroommoonchallenge](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/parkingandtravel/plymotion/classroommoonchallenge) or via PCC's Facebook and Twitter feeds!

Let's club together to make our school boast one of the highest total number of minutes walked!