

## Attendance – Weekly Winners

Key Stage	Class	Attendance
KS1	Year 2	96.4%
KS2	Year 5/6	98.7%

Attendance target this year = 98%

Overall attendance for week ending 02/03/18 = 93.8%

Come on all; **let's have a big push to all be here** next to make up for lost time due to the snow!

## Snow Information

We have appreciated the kind comments from you about how swift we were to notify you on our school closure. Our communication lines now are more refined from this practise go last week. A huge thank you to **our Caretaker – Ian Morton** who worked tirelessly to grit and clear paths to keep walk ways safe.

### Children coming to school in this weather:

It is essential that when it is this cold ALL children should come with a suitable coat and waterproof shoes or boots to change into. Hats, gloves and scarves are a must and please have them labelled. We couldn't resist letting children out in the new fluffy fresh snow on Wednesday morning – their faces were a picture and they all behaved really well and simply had fun!

### Future Events

If it were to snow again and happen overnight/or a weekend, the decision of whether the school is to be closed due to severe snow fall will be made between 7.00–7.30 am.

We will be looking at the safety of the school site including the heating, lighting and water as well as availability of teaching staff and school meals.

Communication would be sent out: via the school website <http://www.highstreet.plymouth.sch.uk/website>, Radio - Plymouth Radio and on the Herald website.

School telephone lines would be open from 8:00am to take any calls.

## Community Award - *Kelsie in Year 5/6*

Kelsie in Year 5/6 has been nominated by our Kitchen Manager, Sue, for always being **so helpful** especially at breakfast club and lunch time. Well done Kelsie!



## stars of the Week

Roll over from snow week!

Rec	Scarlet	For her perseverance in completing puzzles.
Year 1	Scarlett	For her effort with reading. She has gone from reading 41 words per minute to 86!
Year 2	Keegan	For trying to improve his writing by being resilient.
Year 3	Zeyad	For being resilient during maths lessons and trying to challenge himself.
Year 4/5	Suely	For exemplary behaviour at all times in school and extra effort at home.
Year 5/6	Deven	For a very detailed character description of Mr Twit! Bravo!

## Writers of the week

Rec	Hussein	For working hard to learn to write his name accurately.
Year 1	Katelyn	For a fabulous animal description.
Year 2	Daisy	Super instructions, using her success criteria to help her.
Year 3	James	For trying to improve his writing presentation.
Year 4/5	Joshua	For excellent vocabulary and superb sentence construction.
Year 5/6	Madalina	For fantastic effort and resilience in every area of her learning.

Keep it up! It could be you next week!



## New Executive Headteacher Post in place for September 2018

Further to the attached letter (dated 22<sup>nd</sup> February), which we were going to send out last week but snow caught us out, so we are sending this now! We would like to congratulate Mitch Frame on his appointment to become Headteacher as from September 2018. Over the next term Miss Murphy will be meeting with Mr Frame and supporting him with taking up this role and will be creating opportunities for children and parents to have a welcome meeting in good time for the start of the new academic year. We would like to thank The Governors and Reach Academy for their collective vision and support in securing this experienced Headteacher.

## Our Visitors this week...

This week, Reach Academy Trust Visitors came to school. They saw school life for themselves. They enjoyed meeting children and the staff and finding out how we are developing the school.

## Widening Horizons

Our visitors talked with Year 5 just as they were leaving about their trip. What an opportunity!

Children visited **Adelaide Surgery**. Emir said "I enjoyed meeting the doctors and nurses and they taught us some first aid techniques and use of equipment."

Milena said "I learnt all about the recovery position."



## After School Activities/Clubs

Below is the after school activity timetable. There are still places available.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Year</u>
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>3:15 - 4:15</u>	<u>Rugby Skills</u> <u>(Plymouth Albion)</u>	<u>3, 4, 5 and</u> <u>6</u>
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>3:15 - 4:15</u>	<u>Handball (Premier</u> <u>Sports)</u>	<u>3, 4, 5 and</u> <u>6</u>
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>3:15 - 4:15</u>	<u>Ultimate Frisbee</u> <u>(Premier Sports)</u>	<u>3, 4, 5 and</u> <u>6</u>

**Clubs will not be running on the last week of term – week beginning the 26<sup>th</sup> March.**



## Easter Egg Raffle/Decorate an Egg Competition

We will be having an Easter Raffle on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March; **any donations of Easter Eggs would be very much appreciated.** Money raised from the raffle will be used to purchase **new school library books.**

We will also be having a decorate an egg competition on this day. Entries can be brought in on this morning and be put in the hall.



## Dates for your diary.....up and coming events

<u>Date</u>	<u>EYFS/KS1</u>	<u>KS2</u>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar		Year 3 Winter Overnighter
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>PUPILS NOT IN – TEACHER TRAINING</b>	
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Governor Prize Giving Nominations and 100% attendance awards (Parents of children nominated will receive a letter through the post).	
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Parents Reading Workshop 9am or 2:30pm	
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Re-arranged Parents Evening – Appointments will remain the same as previously issued.	
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Re-arranged Parents Evening – Appointments will remain the same as previously issued.	
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	<b>World Book Day – Re-arranged date**</b>	
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Easter Egg Raffle & Decorate an Egg Competition	
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>Last day of Term</b>	
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	All Children back to school	
Thurs 3rd May	Polling Day – school will be closed for all children due to the school being used as a polling station	
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> May		SATs Week – Year 6
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> May	School Photos	

## Achievement Assembly (Next week only moved to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00)

Every Friday at 2pm we have an 'Achievement Assembly' where children are selected to be awarded with a certificate for a specific achievement and we would like to invite family members of those children to join us for these celebrations.

Please be in the hall, seated by 2pm, there will be no late admission. Mobile phones must be switched off and no photos to be put on social media, to protect the safety of our children. Thank you.



