

## A Word from Mrs Blake, Headteacher

To all our lovely families,

I can't believe we are in the last few weeks of term! The children have just started on their last unit of learning for the year called 'Britain, Great Britons'. All children will be exploring the work of local and national artists and will have the chance to design and create a piece of art, textile or sculpture of their own before the end of term. If you would like to support at home, why not go on a walking tour of Plymouth and visit key pieces of art such as Anthony Gormley's 'Look II' on the Hoe waterfront, the wonderful 'Messenger' outside the Theatre Royal or the fantastical 'Prawn' in front of the National Marine Aquarium?

We are delighted to share more news about the federation next year, including details of wraparound care and the walking bus (below). We appreciate that parents still have some questions about next year and we would like to invite you a special event this week to discuss the federation more – details below.

Finally, many thanks for those of you who came to our first 'Covid safe' parents' consultation this week. I know the staff really enjoyed meeting with you and discussing your child/ren. If you are not aware of your appointment (details were sent with your child's report) or have not been able to attend, please call or email the school – Lisa Majer will help in finding you another appointment.

*Best Wishes*

*Mrs Blake*



Please join us on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July** after school for an ice cream or lolly, and a chat.

Federation staff including Polly (Executive Head) and Mrs Blake (High Street Head Teacher) will be available to answer any queries you may have about next year.

We will open the gates slightly early (just after 3pm), and be on hand to meet with you. Please maintain Covid restriction compliance at this time. Thank you



# Learning Heroes

Here are our learning heroes for this week. Keep up the hard work everyone!

## Writers of the Week

Starfish Reception – Jessica C for thinking really hard about what she wants to write.

Starfish Year 1 – Raniya M for beautiful handwriting in her topic work.

Turtles – Joyce for writing a super newspaper report.

Stingrays – Angel for fantastic writing using super vocab and a range of punctuation.

Eels – Charlie H great effort in his writing.

## Readers of the Week

Starfish Reception – Leighton for trying really hard to learn his sounds.

Starfish Year 1 – Jason for his improved comprehension.

Turtles – Aelaf for zooming through her home reading books.

Stingrays – Evie for reading brilliantly and scanning the text to find information.

Eels – Ellie for an amazing score on her Reading test.

## Mathematician of the Week

Starfish Reception – Kayden O for recognising quantities of spots without counting them.

Starfish Year 1 – Mohammed S for learning to count in 10s.

Turtles – Ringo for thinking outside the box when problem solving.

Stingrays – Harry G for amazing short multiplication.

Eels – Lilly A for using short division accurately.

## Nursery Star of the Week

AM – Jace-Jay for gaining confidence and developing his language skills

PM – Noah for gaining more confidence, communicating to his peers and key workers.



# Federation News

## Wrap Around Care

We are so pleased to confirm that we are able to offer a Wrap Around Care service on the High Street site from next September.

Breakfast club will be run between 7:45 and the start of the school day at a cost of just £2\* (cereal and bagels available). \*Subsidies will be available for families entitled to free school meals.

After school club will be run between 3:30 and 5:45 at a cost of just £5 (snack and drink included).

Our walking bus will ensure that children are transported between their Wrap Around Care and the building where they are learning.

We really do appreciate the need for this provision to support busy family lives, and we are delighted that we can offer this service.

Further information about how to book your place will follow.

## Walking Bus

We have finalised plans for the Walking Bus that will transport children between the two sites. In the morning, the walking buses will leave from both the High Street and the Millbay site at 8:40 and arrive in time for registration at 8:55. In the afternoon, the walking buses will leave from both sites at 3:15 for arrival by 3:30. The walking bus service is free to use, but will need to be pre-booked.

Further details to follow.

## Class Swap

Due to ongoing COVID restrictions, we are unable to go ahead with class swap in the form we had planned to. We realise the importance of ensuring that children are familiar with their new teacher and that they have an opportunity to find out about them and to share their own thoughts and feelings about the coming year. We will use virtual means to run a socially distanced version of class swap. In the new academic year, we will ensure that plenty of time is given over to getting to know new teachers, classmates, and ways of doing things.

## Sports Day

The High Street children will have their sports day on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of July. At this time, all children will have the chance to complete in their class/bubbles in a Covid safe way. We were dismayed to hear the government announcement of continued restrictions, meaning that we are unable to invite parents to watch this event. We appreciate that this is disappointing, but the children's safety remains our key focus. We will ensure that we share images and videos of this event with you and do our best to make this a fantastic event for the children to participate in!





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

Date	EYFS/KS1 KS2
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Meet the federation staff – 3pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Inset Day - No school today</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents' Evenings
Friday 16 July	Sports Day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of term (Y2 children at Millbay finish 21 <sup>st</sup> July)

## HIGH STREET PRIMARY ACADEMY TERM DATES 2021/2022

	September 21					October 21					November 21					December 21				
Monday		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31

	January 22					February 22					March 22					April 22				
Monday	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
Tuesday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Wednesday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Thursday	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Friday	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29

	May 22					June 22					July 22					August 22				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
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Public Holiday
  School Holiday
  School Inset Day

