



Mount Tamar
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The Tamar Weekly



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A word from the Headteacher...

Outstanding!

A big well done to our residential Drake's team for their Ofsted **Outstanding** inspection. The full report can be found on the ofsted website and soon on our own new updated website. I am sure that you all agree the residential team do an amazing job supporting families.

There have recently been a couple of incidents with a pupil bringing in firecrackers and passing them around to other Key Stage 4 pupils. As a school we have taken this extremely seriously and with the support of parents and carers given a clear message that this will not be tolerated. We will work with students to support them when things go wrong and many times we could be seen as too understanding. There is however a boundary that cannot be crossed for the safety of all of us. As students get older and into KS4 they have to understand that this sort of behaviour will not be accepted at college or a workplace, we would not be doing our job if we did not give that message.

On more of a positive we have had CSW working with our Year 10 pupils from across all sites as we have funding to put in place a personalised work experience programme. The interviews with the students happened this week therefore you will hear more soon.

As you can see from the photographs there is some great learning going on and this week you can see Science, Seymour, Wolseley, Farm, Prospect and our mainstream support centre Darwin.

We have moved over to a school system called 'Arbor' for emails and letters. We have found out that some of our communications may have gone into your SPAM folder. Please can you check and say that our email is SAFE so that you can be kept up to date. (However you probably will not get this either!)

Thank you

Brett Storry

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 14th January- Seymour House Parents/Carers coffee morning

Thursday 16th January 10-12pm - Main Site
Parents/Carers Coffee Morning

Thursday 6th February 9am-1pm- School Photos



Drake's Residential Provision Outstanding!

We are thrilled to be able to share with you that our Drake's Residential Provision was recently inspected by Ofsted and were judged as **OUTSTANDING** Ofsted said...

"Children who visit and stay overnight benefit greatly from a high standard of nurturing care. The small, stable staff team is dedicated to promoting best outcomes for children".

"The head of care and headteacher work closely together, which promotes excellent outcomes for children. They both work creatively to drive improvement and raise standards for children".

You can view the full report here

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50135297>

Plymouth City Council (Official)



After School Clubs

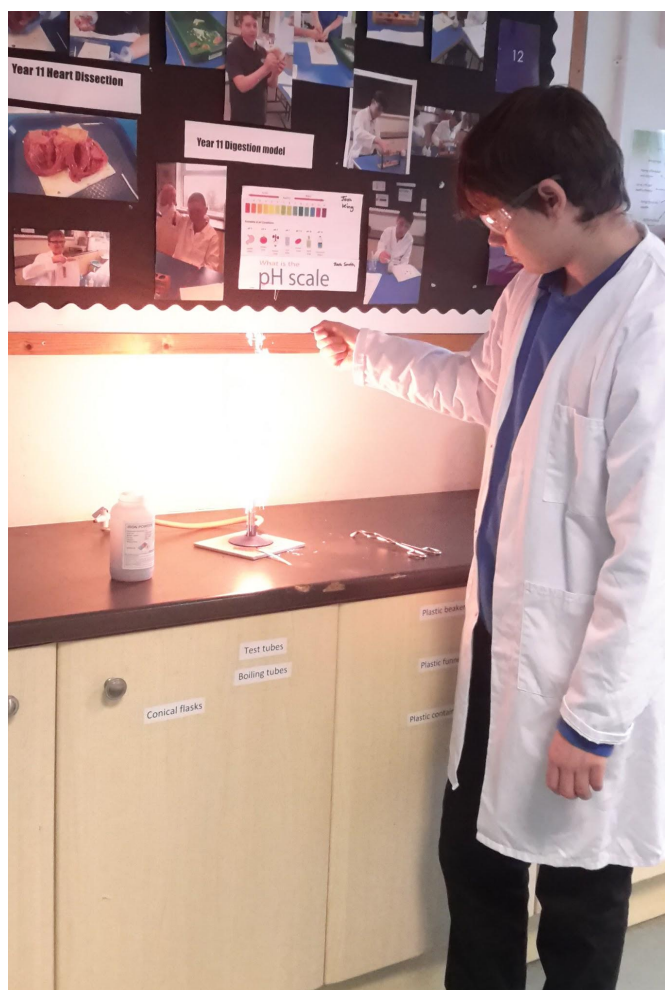
Term 2

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Yoga Club (Kerrie)	Fitness Club (Simon and Martin)	Drama (Claire Q and Cassie)	Multi Skills (Gary and Sam)
Pupil Voice Club (Jen B)	Volleyball Club (Josh Brown and Chey Bryce)	Rounders (Sian)	
Sewing Club (Mandy)			
Climbing Club (Students to get picked up 4.30 from lifecentre) (Tom Thorpe)			



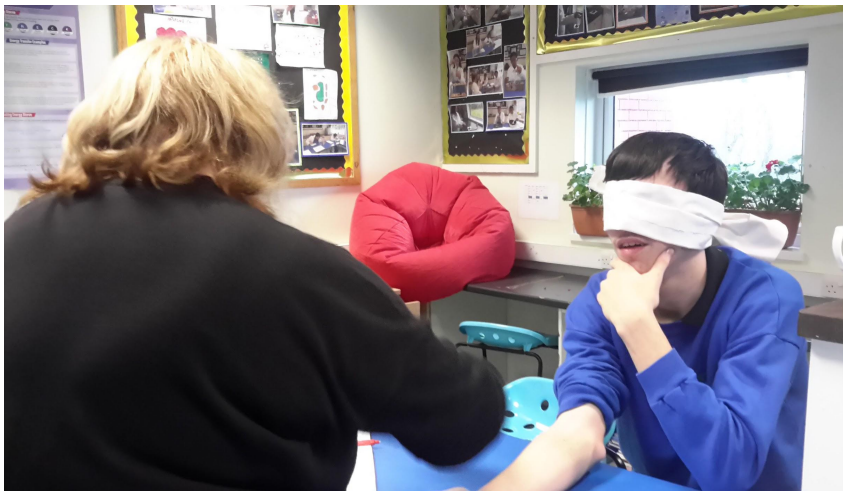
Year 11 Science- Making Compounds

The Year 11 Entry Level science students have been making compounds of magnesium and iron this week.



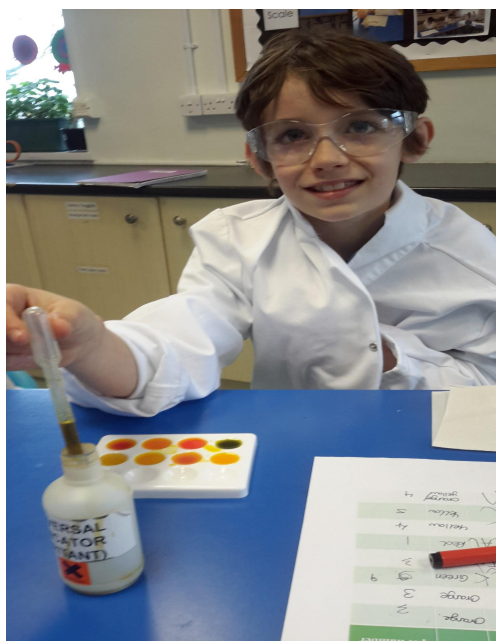
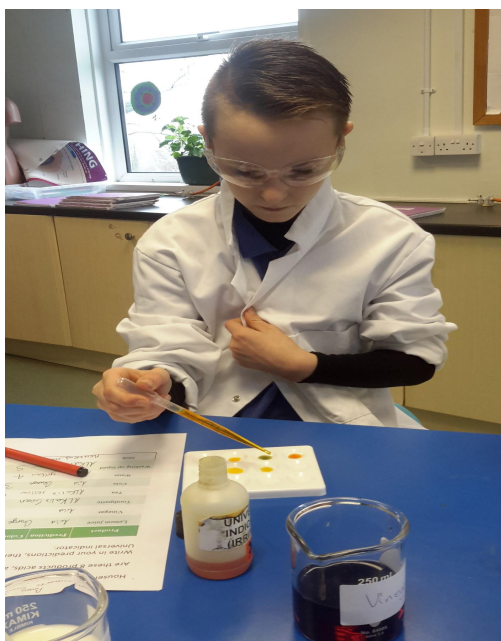
Year 11 Biology- Sensitivity Investigations

In year 11 Biology this week, the students have been investigating which part of your arm is most sensitive? They used a hair grip to softly touch the arm at different parts for different amounts as a test.



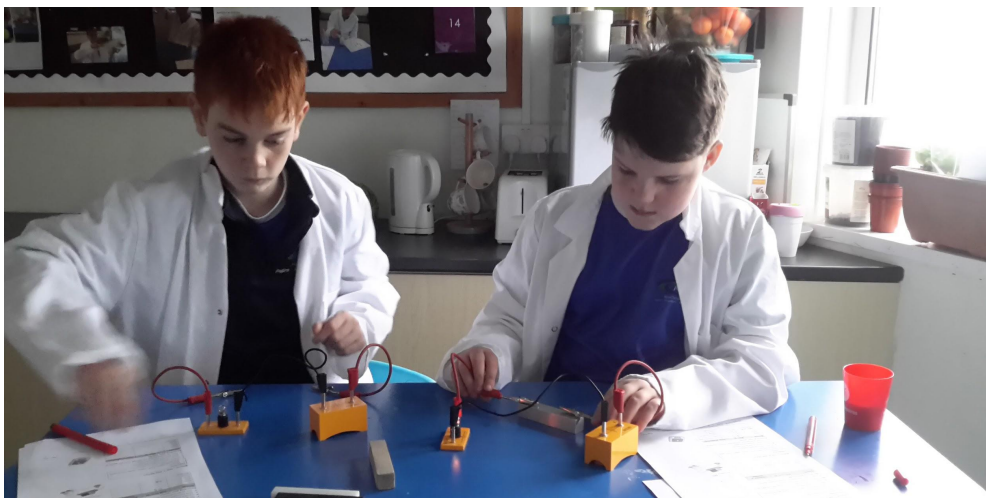
Primary Science- Acids and Alkalis

Class CL have been learning about acids and alkalis in their science lesson this week. They have been using universal indicator paper to investigate whether household liquids are acid, alkali or neutral.



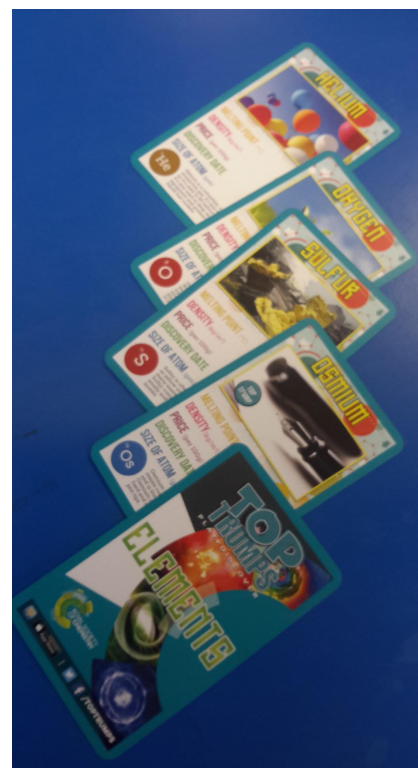
Yr 7 Science- Conductors and Insulators

Year 7 have been investigating metals and non metals to find out if they are conductors or insulators.



Science- Elements Top Trumps

Year 11 Entry level science have been enjoyed learning about melting point, density, price per 100, discovery date and size of atom, by playing elements top trumps!



Yr 9 Science- Forces Investigation

Year 9 Forces investigation, selecting the correct scale for Newton Meters to measure everyday objects.



Science- Reaction Time Competition

Reaction time competition at Mount Tamar School! Can you beat the time?

Prizes to be won!

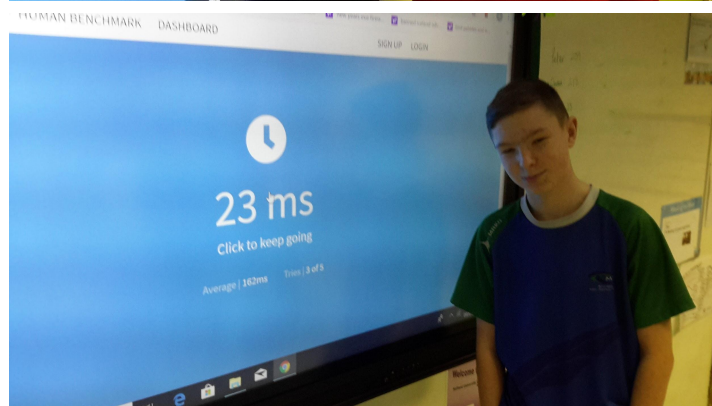
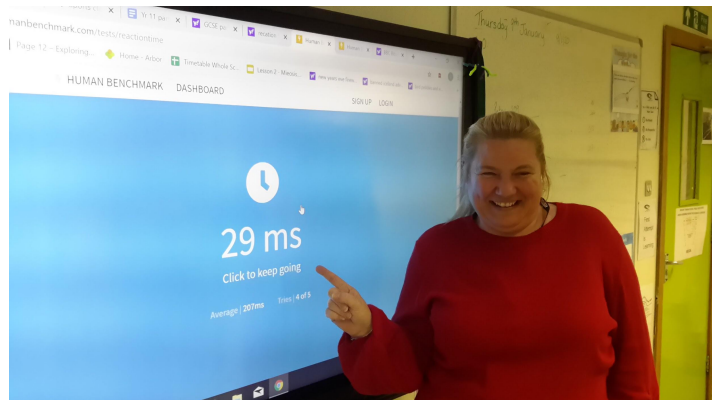
Current scores....

3rd , Owen , yr 9 44 milliseconds

2nd, Sarah, TA, 29 milliseconds

1st, Reece, yr 9 23 milliseconds

Come to science at lunchtimes to practice and beat the score?



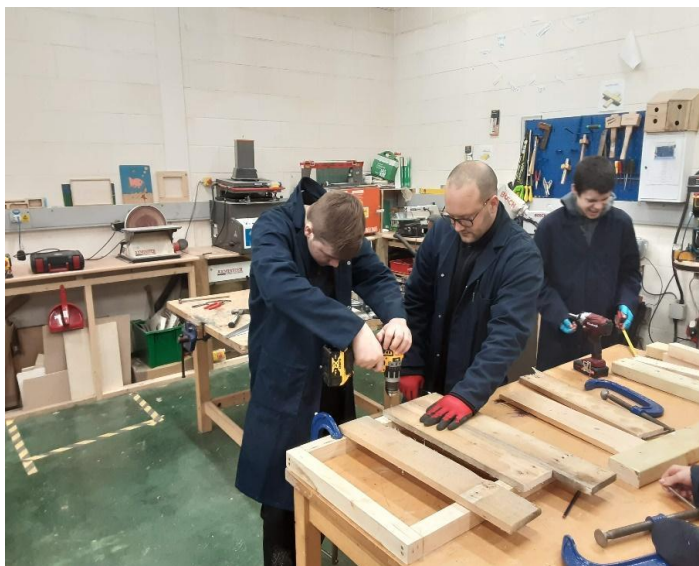
ASDAN Science- Freezing Points

Freeze point depression investigation , for Asdan award , water will not freeze even at -12°C if you add enough salt. That is why we grit roads in winter



News from Wolseley

Ely, Klayton, Owen and Zack have all been working together to build a chair / throne for the school library. They were able to demonstrate great teamwork and practical skills to plan and begin the project. All the students are wearing the appropriate PPE and are all really engaged! A great session!



Well done Brandon!

Brandon has won our Kindness Award! This award is drawn from all the kindness tokens that are awarded to our young people, so the more kindness tokens they receive, the more chance they have in winning! Well done Brandon, you had clearly earned many kindness tokens!

Brandon won a Footgolf session for him and a friend at the American Golf Centre in Plymouth!



News from The Darwin Centre

PSHE and Science was joined to learn about personal hygiene and the importance of washing hands. We set up an experiment with bread to be monitored over the next few days, after which the students rubbed invisible gel over their hands before being sent to wash them. The gel glows green under UV light, showing up any traces that have been missed in the washing off process. Some of those who thought they had cleaned their hands were quite surprised to see parts of their hands and nails light up under the lamp! Watch this space for the results of the bread experiment...



Dartmoor Zoo Visit- GM Class

Class GM had a great hands on lesson at Dartmoor Zoo today, All students did really well holding a range of animals and answering the questions put to them. They are looking forward to next week's session!



Graphics Lesson

This week the students from the Prospect Centre have had an Introduction to graphics and image manipulation.



Bean Bag Chairs

The Prospect Centre have had a delivery of a new Bean Bag Chair and Quinn is loving it!



WW2 Project at Prospect

The students from the Prospect centre have been working on World War 2 in their class project.

At Wolseley they have been building WW2 inspired machines / vehicles and they all look amazing.

Below you can see Lukes plane based on the Spitfire, Lenny's Tank, Quinn's own take on a modern day machine, George's plane and an Aqua Tank. Amazing work by all!



Granary Farm School

The classroom is sparkling clean, the shed has been reorganised and the Christmas trees are being eaten by the goats. We are ready...bring on a new school term!



Thank you!

A big thank you from Jody our Forest School teacher to everyone who brought a handmade reindeer from Forest School. Some of the money raised has already been spent on new bird feeders and food. The birds have come back in their hundreds and the woods are full of the sounds of them singing!



Well Done at Seymour!

A certificate for excellent reading during completion of a reading challenge were awarded to this young man! Well done!



Term Dates 2019/2020



February Half Term

- Last day of term: 14th February 2020
- First day back to school: 24th February 2020

Easter Holidays

- Last day of term: 27th March 2020
- First day back to school: 14th April 2020

May Bank Holiday

- The early **May bank holiday** in **2020** has been moved to Friday 8 **May** to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day which takes place on 8 **May**
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May Half Term

- Last day of term: 22nd May 2020
- First day back to school: 1st June 2020

Summer Holiday

- Last day of term: 24th July 2020
- First day back to school: 3rd September 2020

October Holidays

- Last day of term: 23rd October 2020
- First day back to school: 9th November 2020

Christmas Holidays

- Last day of term: 18th December 2020
- First day back to school: 5th January 2021

February Half Term

- Last day of term: 12th February 2021
- First day back to school: 22nd February 2021

FIFTEEN APPS

PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

MEETME



MEETME IS A DATING SOCIAL MEDIA APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY. AS THE APP'S NAME SUGGESTS, USERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MEET EACH OTHER IN PERSON.

GRINDR



GRINDR IS A DATING APP CELEBRATED TOWARDS GAY, BI AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE. THE APP GIVES USERS OPTIONS TO CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND MEET UP BASED ON A SMART PHONE'S GPS LOCATION.

SKOUT



SKOUT IS A LOCATION-BASED DATING APP AND WEBSITE. WHILE USERS UNDER 13-YEARS-OLD ARE UNABLE TO SHARE PRIVATE PHOTOS, KIDS CAN EASILY CREATE AN ACCOUNT USING A DIFFERENT AGE.

WHATSAPP



WHATSAPP IS A POPULAR MESSAGING APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO SEND TEXTS, PHOTOS, MAKE CALLS AND VIDEO CHATS WORLDWIDE. WHATSAPP USES AN INTERNET CONNECTION ON SMART PHONES AND COMPUTERS.

TIKTOK



TIKTOK IS A NEW MOBILE DEVICE APP POPULAR WITH KIDS USED FOR CREATING AND SHARING SHORT VIDEOS. WITH VERY LIMITED PRIVACY CONTROLS, USERS ARE VULNERABLE TO BULLYING AND EXPLICIT CONTENT.

BADDOO



BADDOO IS A DATING AND SOCIAL NETWORKING APP WHERE USERS CAN CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS AND CONNECT BASED ON LOCATION. WHILE THE APP IS INTENDED FOR ADULTS ONLY, TEENS ARE KNOWN TO CREATE PROFILES.

BUMBLE



BUMBLE IS SIMILAR TO THE POPULAR DATING APP 'TINDER' HOWEVER, IT REQUIRES WOMEN TO MAKE THE FIRST CONTACT. KIDS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO USE BUMBLE TO CREATE FAKE ACCOUNTS AND FALSIFY THEIR AGE.

SNAPCHAT



SNAPCHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR APPS IN RECENT YEARS. WHILE THE APP PROMISES USERS CAN TAKE A PHOTO/VIDEO AND IT WILL DISAPPEAR, NEW FEATURES INCLUDING 'STORIES' ALLOW USERS TO VIEW CONTENT FOR UP TO 24

KIK



KIK ALLOWS ANYONE TO CONTACT AND DIRECT MESSAGE YOUR CHILD. KIDS CAN BYPASS TRADITIONAL TEXT MESSAGING FEATURES. KIK GIVES USERS UNLIMITED ACCESS TO ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.

LIVE.ME



LIVE.ME IS A LIVE-STREAMING VIDEO APP THAT USES GEOLOCATION TO SHARE VIDEOS SO USERS CAN FIND OUT A BROADCASTER'S EXACT LOCATION. USERS CAN EARN 'COINS' AS A WAY TO 'PAY' MINORS FOR PHOTOS.

HOLLA



HOLLA IS A SELF-PROCLAIMED 'ADDICTING' VIDEO CHAT APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO MEET PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD IN JUST SECONDS. REVIEWERS SAY THEY HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED WITH RACIAL SLURS, EXPLICIT CONTENT AND MORE.

WHISPER



WHISPER IS AN ANONYMOUS SOCIAL NETWORK THAT PROMOTES SHARING SECRETS WITH STRANGERS. IT ALSO REVEALS A USER'S LOCATION SO PEOPLE CAN MEET UP.

ASK.FM



ASK.FM IS KNOWN FOR CYBER BULLYING. THE APP ENCOURAGES USERS TO ALLOW ANONYMOUS PEOPLE TO ASK THEM QUESTIONS.

CALCULATOR%



CALCULATOR% IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL SECRET APPS USED TO HIDE PHOTOS, VIDEOS, FILES AND BROWSER HISTORY.

HOT OR NOT



HOT OR NOT ENCOURAGES USERS TO RATE YOUR PROFILE, CHECK OUT PEOPLE IN THEIR AREA, AND CHAT WITH STRANGERS. THE GOAL OF THIS APP IS TO HOOK UP.

Parent Fitness Class



We will be having a parents fitness class on a Wednesday morning, starting on 29th January. It will run every week from 9.45 am until 10.30 am.

There will be all sorts of classes, with a variety and a focus on working to your own ability. It's a chance to take part in some fitness, in a relaxed and enjoyable environment, with a fully qualified Personal Trainer.

The class will cost just £1

For more information and to book your place please contact Hayley Lee our Parent Support Advisor:

**Tel: 01752 355018 or email:
h_lee@mounttamar.org.uk**

Parents/Carers Granary Farm School Visit

Would you like the opportunity to visit Mount Tamar's Granary Farm School?

We have organised a visit to the farm on Wednesday 20th May, leaving school at 12.30 pm and returning by 2.30 pm. Places will be limited, so please put your name down as soon as possible. This will allow you to see and experience the wonderful learning opportunities which are available to students at the farm.

Transport will be provided from our Row Lane site to the farm and back.

Please contact Hayley Lee our Parent Support Advisor if you would like to attend.

Tel: 01752 355018 or email:
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Coffee Morning at our Main Site



Next coffee morning dates (Row Lane site):

10am-12pm

16th January

30th January

13th February

27th February

26th March

Please come along to this informal get together. It's a lovely opportunity to meet other parents and carers.

Coffee Morning at Seymour House



We are now holding a coffee morning on our Seymour House Site in 'The Cabin'.

This coffee morning will be for parents & carers of pupils attending Seymour House, however all of our parents & carers are welcome to attend.

Next coffee morning dates (10am-12pm):

25th February

17th March

Please come along to this informal get together. It's a lovely opportunity to meet other parents and carers.

School Uniform Details

School Uniform can be purchased from Trutex Schoolwear and More,
Unit 3 Sugar Mill Retail Park, Billacombe Road, Plymouth PL9 7HT

Tel 01752 491353 email: plymouth@trutex.com

List of prices:

Blazer	£29
Bookbag	£7
Fleece	£18
Tie	£7
Polo Top	£9 (increasing to £10 for adult sizes)
Sweatshirt	£12

PE Kit Details

PE Kit can be purchased from

<https://kitworld.uk/product-category/mount-tamar/>

Or you can go in to the shop at Unit 319-320 Faraday Mill,
Plymouth PL4 0ST

Phone: +44 (0) 1752 265533

List of prices:

PE Top	£15 or £18
Mid Layer	£26.50
Tracksuit Bottoms	£24
Leggings (for girls)	£24

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WEEKLY: 8 weekly meetings, term-time only

WHERE: Routeways, Devonport, Plymouth

COST: Free but **BOOKING ASAP ESSENTIAL** -

Priority booking if you are on means tested benefit.

INTERESTED: email jo@mums4achange.org or text 07855 529582

RUN BY: Jo Ball - life and career coach, mum of 2, with a background in Arts Therapy. **SUPPORTED BY:** Cass Povey-Naylor., mum of 4 who has a child with autism, did the group and wanted to share it.

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