



Mount Tamar
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2019

The Tamar Weekly



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A word from the Headteacher...

We are getting very close to the Christmas celebrations here at Mount Tamar. In the next few weeks we have Christmas Fayre, Father Christmas, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner. These dates are listed below. I hope to see you all in school enjoying the events with the children.

Parents evening is Tuesday 26th November from 3.45 to 5.15. This is a time for you to talk with teaching staff about the curriculum, have a look at books and see how things are going. Our Parent group will be serving refreshments, many thanks in advance to them. Please have a talk whilst you are here if you are able to help them out or just want to meet as part of the parent groups that we have running through the week.

We have been concentrating on being kind to each other in the last few weeks and it has really impressed me how often this happens and that the students understand the importance of everyone getting on with each other and offering support when that is needed. Well done to everyone.

Over the next term we are having a renewed focus on reading and books. If your child comes home with a book please sit down with them as often as you can so that the habit of being with a book, reading or looking at the pictures is ingrained.

Thank you Brett Storry

Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 26th November 3:45pm- 5:15pm- Parents Evening

Friday December 13th 10am to 12.30pm- School Christmas Fair

Friday 13th December- Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

Tuesday December 17th- Primary Christmas Lunch, Secondary-party food in classes

Thursday December 19th- Secondary Christmas Lunch, Primary- party food in classes

Parents Evening

We look forward to welcoming you to our Parent's Evening which will take place next Tuesday, the 26th November from 3.45 - 5.15pm.

For students who attend our main site, the farm or Wolseley, please come to our main site for the evening.

If your child attends the Prospect, Seymour or Downham centre, the event will be held at their respective centres.

This is a brilliant opportunity to talk to your child's teachers and tutors, look around the school and look at your child's school books.

Refreshments will be available on the evening.

Tania Sargent
Deputy Headteacher

School Money Reminders

If you receive a text and/or email from School Money reminding you that you have an overdue payment to be made that you believe to be incorrect, for example a trip your child didn't attend or a school dinner when your child came home ill from school, please contact the school so we can amend our records - this will stop you receiving unwanted texts and emails. Please don't hesitate to call or email if you experience any problems logging on to School Money or need any other support or information.

After School Clubs

Term 1

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Yoga (Kerrie P)	Fitness Club (Simon P & Chey)	Drama (Claire Q & Cassie L)	Multi Skills (Gary M and Sam L)
Pupil Voice/ Cooking (Emma W & Jen B)	Forest Skills (Jody S & Martin W)	Rounders (Sian S)	
Photography (Mandy C & Hayley S)			
Climbing Club (Tom T & Marcus)			



Children in Need Quiz

Well done to the staff and parents attending the Children In Need Quiz night - huge thanks to Manadon Sports and Community Hub for allowing us to host this event for no charge!

We have raised £256.76 at this event alone!

Thanks to Jen and Claire for organising this fun evening !



Looking after the environment...

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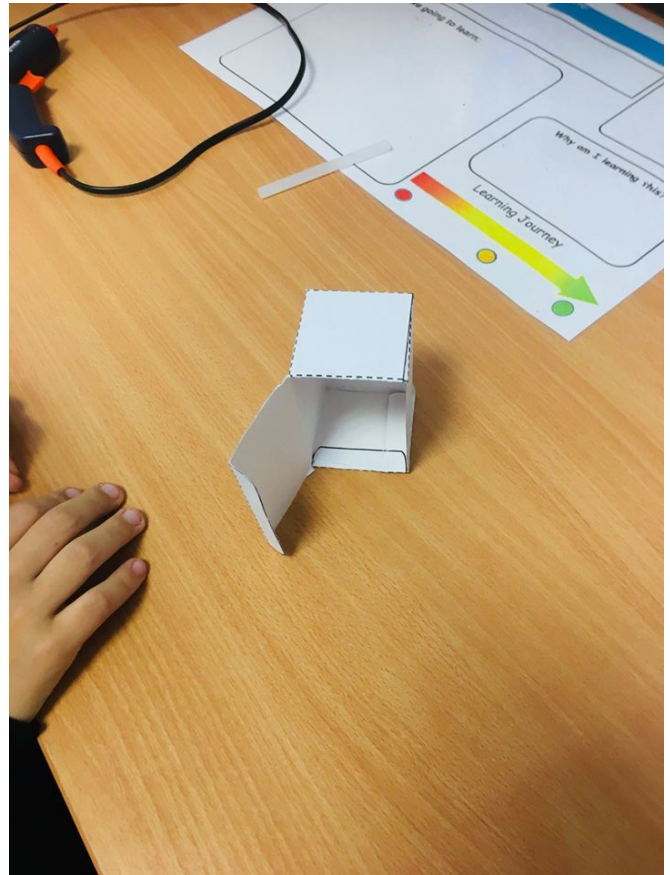
Our student asked if he could go and tidy up the area around the centre - he did a fantastic job - the best bit was, it was his own idea!

Great to be outdoors in the fresh air, great to be making a difference!



Cameron's Asdan Work

Cameron has made a 3D box for his Asdan work. Cameron put this together by following instructions and using a template. Well done!



Seymour Centre

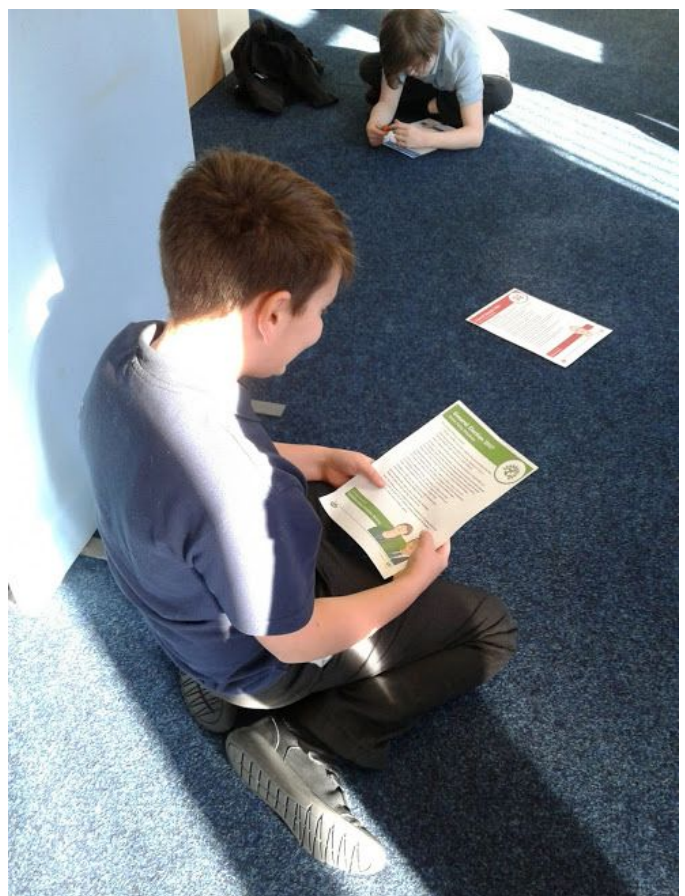
The students at Seymour have been working hard and making new friendships in their new setting.

Today the boys are making the most of the weather and are going fishing!



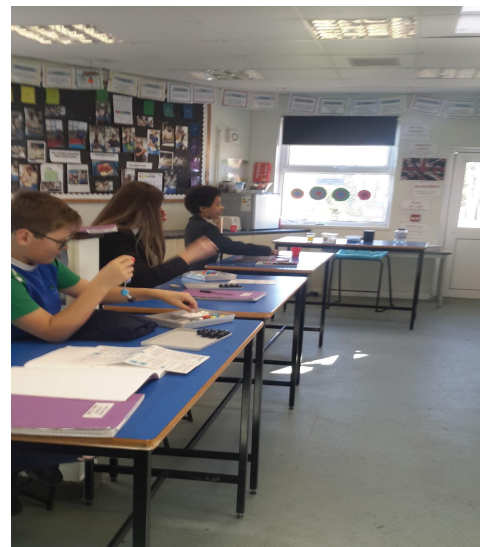
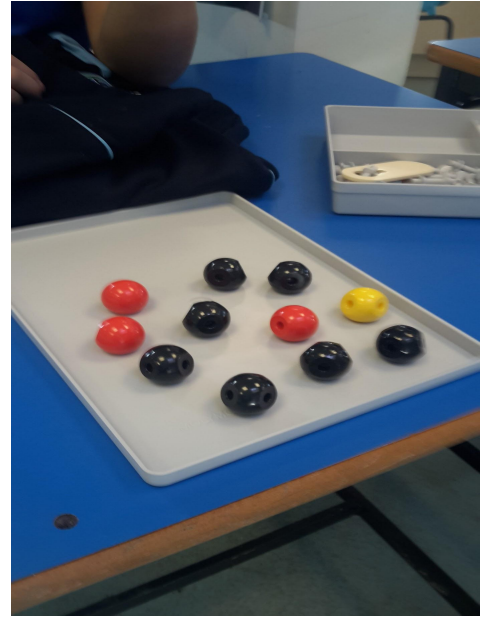
CR Class Parliament Lesson

This week in humanities in CR Class they discussed parliament and chose the party they would vote for...



Science- Modelling Solids, Liquids & Gases

Yr 8 have been using moly mod kits in science this week to model particles in solids, liquids and gases.



Science- Genetic Engineering and Cloning

In Year 11 GCSE Biology this week, the students have been learning about genetic engineering & cloning by making cuttings of spider plants and succulents. Thank you to Mandy & Lisa for supplying the plants!



CR Class Forest School

In this week's forest school lesson, the students have been trying a smoothie in the forest, the boys were able to guess the flavour.

Last week we had hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows!! Yum!!



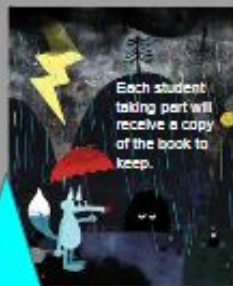
School Library Events

We have some exciting upcoming events going on this term in the school library. Take a look at the flyer below to see what's happening...

Current affairs, daily update.



Take a look at the latest headlines and discuss feature articles.
09:00 - 09:30
Mon-Fri



Each student taking part will receive a copy of the book to keep.

Thursday period 2 (14th, 21st and 28th November)

Primary new book initiative! The Cave by Rob Hodgson. Storytelling, themed lessons and drawing activities.

Rebel Readers Club.
The first rule of Rebel Readers is...

You don't talk about Rebel Readers!

Meet in the library,
Lunchtime,
Thursdays



Coming soon...

Displays/activities:
Spotlight on current authors and illustrators.

Social empathy stories.

E-books and audio books (computers)



Take a look at the student librarian's Julia Donaldson display!

What's on.

Your School Library.

November 2019

Future storytelling events



Storytelling for Primary...Traditional fairy tales with dressing up and discussion on morals



Secondary Storytelling...
The dark origins of fairy tales and the hidden meanings. These stories were originally written for adults!



Not everyone loves these popular children's classics. These are a few controversial and banned children's books which deserve a place on every child's bookshelf. Check out more in the banned books section.

Later this year..Christmas Storytelling...





Mount Tamar Drama Department Joins The Theatre Royal Partnership. Starting with a TR2 Tour.



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DECEMBER
10am-12.30pm



Mount Tamar School

PRESENTS

**GIFT IDEAS
CRAFT STALLS
ACTIVITIES
LIVE MUSIC**



Come along and have some fun
Get involved in craft making
Have a hot drink and a mince pie

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Save the Children

**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

Friday December 13th 2019

Pupils are welcome to come
into school wearing a
christmas jumper with their
normal school uniform to raise
funds for save the children.

Please send your child in with
a donation.



Term Dates 2019/2020



Christmas Holidays

- Last day of term: 20th December 2019
- First day back to school: 6th January 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** will move from Monday 4 **May** to Friday 8 **May** to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day which takes place on 8 **May**,

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

Coffee Morning for Parents & Carers



**Next coffee morning dates:
10am-12pm**

**5th December
19th December**

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



Mount Tamar Diploma with Parents & Carers

At Mount Tamar School, we are very keen to ensure that all parents and carers feel fully informed regarding everything about us as a school. We are also very aware that there is a real need for us as a school, to be fully informed about your child.

As such, we have set up a Course for Parents as follows: -

Starting Thursday 7th November 12 pm to 2 pm- for 5 weeks.

Week 1 Thursday 7th November 12 pm until 2 pm—What is available to me as a parent/carer of a child at Mount Tamar School. *Tour of school. Information given to parents and carers about School trips, holiday clubs, coffee mornings, reports, parents evenings etc. Details of School uniform, Therapy Team, sample report & talk about working together in partnership with families.*

Week 2— Understanding Additional Needs. *A talk from our SENCO Kim Wentworth— understanding my child's EHCP and the importance of EHCP reviews. Details of our Aspire Centres from Kim Wentworth. A talk from our Therapist Pip Fields—Therapeutic support in the classroom. Sandra Bryant—Family Support Worker to talk about help and support available with CAMHS and CDC.*

Week 3— Behaviour and Environment Management. *A demonstration from one of our teachers Claire Ritchie, using TEACCH method in school. How we manage your child's day, in their school environment. Chey Bryce to explain how we use "Pivotal" in school. School manager, Jackey Cook to talk about behaviour strategies.*

Week 4—The School Curriculum—*A presentation from our teacher Emma Wilton about the curriculum at Mount Tamar, with a Questions and Answers session. A Science demonstration from our Head of Science Sian Storry including an experiment with participation. A visit to the Forest School, with a guided tour from our Forest School teacher—Jody Stevens.*

Week 5—Celebration Event. *Post 16 opportunities—details given by Pete Wentworth, together with details of school partnerships. Recap of previous four weeks. Gather feedback and parents perception of Mount Tamar School—how we will work in partnership with parents to ensure that their child's needs are met. Present Certificates.*



SEND Newsletter

At Plymouth Information, Advice and Support for SEND we regularly receive lots of useful and interesting information that is highly relevant to parents. For each school holiday we put this information together and publish here as a newsletter called **Activities and Events for SEND** and advise our mailing list of this.

The latest edition of our newsletter can be downloaded below.

Information in the mailing includes:

- Participation opportunities
- Local activities and events
- Parent groups and coffee mornings
- Surveys and consultations
- Workshops
- and much more!

[SEND Newsletter: October 2019](#) (PDF – 9.6MB)

www.plymouthias.org.uk/information-support/send-newsletter





EHC Plan Masterclass

IPSEA will be offering two training days in Education, Health and Care Plans on Friday 15 and Friday 22 November 2019 from 10am-3.30pm each day.

Bookings can be made through the following links:

- [Plymouth: EHC Plan Masterclass – Day 1 – Obtaining a plan](#)
- [Plymouth: EHC Plan Masterclass – Day 2 – Existing plans](#)

If you have any queries regarding these training days please contact James Odell, Training Coordinator on 01799 582030 or email: training@ipsea.org.uk

These events will be held at: Plymouth Information Advice and Support for SEND , Cutting Healthy Living Centre, Scott Business Park , Beacon Park Road, Plymouth , PL2 2PQ