

Mount Tamar News- 28th April 2023

Student Absence

If your child is going to be absent, please call this number to record this, giving your name, your child's name and the reason for absence.

07840 856030 - please do not phone the main school number with this information



We hope our Mount Tamar family enjoyed their Easter break! This last term in the academic year will be a busy one, we have highlighted some of the plans in this newsletter, so thank you for reading!

King Charles III - Coronation Celebrations - Friday 5th May

Row Lane Site - Street Party on the Terrace from 12 noon to 2pm. Row Lane Parents and carers are invited to join us in this celebration - Refreshments will be available.

Letters were sent home with a return slip should you wish to take your child home with you on the day - we can then cancel school transport

Prospect Centre - Celebration cream tea (hopefully in the garden - weather permitting). Prospect parents and carers are invited to join staff and pupils at the Prospect Centre between 12 noon and 2pm. If you wish to take your child home at 2pm with you, please let staff at Prospect know and they can then cancel transport

Seymour House - Staff have organised an afternoon of fun and a tea party for their students on Friday 5th May

Parent / Carer / Teacher Communications

It is great to hear that communications from home via email are working well. Please could we ask that these communications are kept to within normal working hours i.e 8.30am-5pm. Our staff aim to respond as quickly as possible and within 48 hours.

Class teachers are unable to take calls during their working day, due to teaching commitments - we hope you understand this. We can, of course, pass on any urgent messages for you.

Chicken Pox

We have had several cases of chicken pox across our centres - please be vigilant and if you spot any signs or symptoms of this highly contagious disease, please do keep your child at home

Signs and Symptoms

An itchy, spotty rash is the main symptom of chickenpox. It can be anywhere on the body. It has 3 stages but new spots can appear while others are becoming blisters or scabbing.

Stage 1: small spots appear

The spots can:

- be anywhere on the body, including inside the mouth and around the genitals, which can be painful
- spread or stay in a small area
- be red, pink, darker or the same colour as surrounding skin, depending on your skin tone
- be harder to see on brown and black skin



Stage 2: the spots become blisters

The spots fill with fluid and become blisters. The blisters are very itchy and may burst.



Stage 3: the blisters become scabs

The spots form a scab. Some scabs are flaky while others leak fluid



Other symptoms

Before or after the rash appears, you might also get:

- a high temperature, aches and pains, and generally feeling unwell and loss of appetite

Future Events

We will be supporting **Wrong Trousers Day** on Friday 30th June. We are asking staff and students to come to school wearing their wackiest trousers and bring in a donation. This is to raise awareness for the good work undertaken by Bristol Children's Hospitals - all donations raised will be sent to this great charity.

It's Assessment and Exam Term!

KS2 SATS

These will start week commencing 9th May. Staff have been working hard with the pupils in Y6 to get them ready for this. The pupils will have one paper per day this week.



Y11 Exams

This are spread over the next 2 months - pupils, parents and carers have received copies of exam timetables. Please help your child to be ready for their exam by ensuring they are in school at the right time, have had a restful, calm evening before and have had breakfast before leaving - these things really do help our young people to focus.

KS1 SATS and Y1 phonics and Y4 multiplication tests

These will take place in June - more details to follow



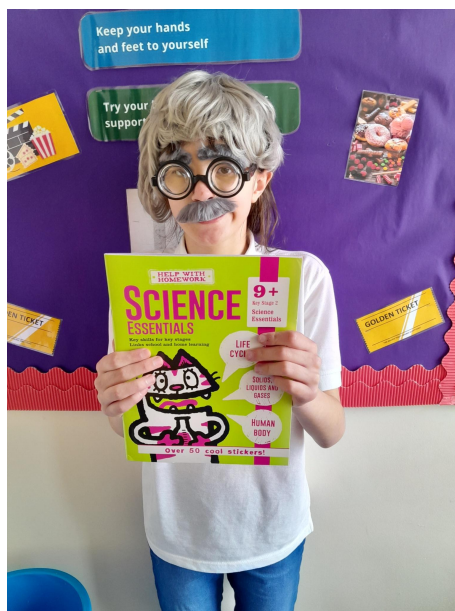
Attendance Matters

19 students across our centres had 100% attendance for the month of March last term. This is excellent news - well done!



good attendance is crucial to a good education

Prospect students recently conducted an experiment to explore whether solids have different melting points. Year 10 and 11 worked hard towards earning their AQA qualification. Excellent effort!



Towards the end of last term, students at Prospect came to school dressed as their dream job. We had a scientist, a fire fighter and a Flight Attendant!

Damage to school Property by Pupils - A reminder

We are experiencing a large of amount of damage to school property, for this reason we are re-issuing the following statement to all parents and carers and to our students.

Students will be liable for any instances of deliberate damage. The cost of repair or replacement will need to be paid by the group or persons involved, and the student may be refused further use of school facilities. A contribution towards the cost will be requested once our maintenance staff have inspected the damage. Additional clean-up fees may be charged to return the facility to original condition, and it is also likely that students will be faced with some level of suspension.

What's going on in the Community?



Positive Mental Health Fun day being held during half term on Thursday 1st June - Free Entry!

Do you or anyone else you know need help getting online?

Eat That Frog, in Plymouth have a fantastic course aimed at helping those digitally challenged with getting online so that they don't feel left behind. The course starts on 2nd May so be quick to sign up. This is a FREE course!

[Book here https://eatthatfrog.ac.uk/getting-online/](https://eatthatfrog.ac.uk/getting-online/)

Or telephone 01803 551 551



Granary Farm School

Our Granary Farm pupils have been busy preparing the vegetable garden for this year's crop, as well the ongoing, ever present maintenance tasks.



Useful Links

These links will be a permanent feature of the newsletter to ensure parents have up to date information and resources

FREE SCHOOL MEALS LINK

If you think you might be eligible for **Free School Meals**, please check the eligibility criteria here <https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schoolseducationchildcareskillsandemployability/freeschoolmeals>.

National Online Safety - Free online courses for parents

Developed by safeguarding experts and presented by TV presenter, musician and passionate online safety advocate, Myleene Klass, these courses takes you on a detailed journey through your child's digital habits, explaining the type of online world they're experiencing now, what risks they might be exposed to and just what you can do to support. There are different links for different age groups - click on the link below and have a look ! They are **FREE**

[National Online Safety-link to parent courses](#)

Term Dates

May Half Term

Last day of term: May 26th

First day back at school: June 5th

Summer Holiday

Last day of term: July 28th

Academic Year 23/24

Pupils Return to school - 6th September 2023

October Half Term - 21st October - 5th November