



Notes from the Vale

Friday 8th September 2023

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Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

WELCOME BACK. I hope that you all enjoyed your summer break (despite the rubbish weather) and managed to spend some time with the people you love doing the things that you love doing.

It has been wonderful to welcome back all our pupils this week. The smiles and excitement that greeted the team here on Wednesday were wonderful to see and a sign of the good year ahead, I hope. I must say that pupils are looking very smart with their new shoes and uniforms and very grown up in their new classes. Despite the hot weather making it harder to concentrate, everyone has shown a positive attitude towards the year ahead and a keenness to get going with their new learning.

A special welcome to our new Foundation pupils who started 'big' school this week. There is always a mixture of emotions from children and parents/carers as they start school but I have to say that our youngest learners have started brilliantly. They are enjoying the classroom environments and are getting to know the adults that work with them. A positive start.

Similarly, an extended welcome to other pupils and families that have joined the Lipson Vale community this term. It is brilliant to have you with us.

Meet the teacher meetings

We will, in the next couple of weeks, be inviting families to attend a 'Meet the teacher' informal meeting after school one evening. This is an opportunity for you to meet the teaching team working with your child and find out some key and important information about the year ahead. For those families that can't attend these sessions, we will be putting together an introduction letter which will be posted on our website.

PE Days

We had a number of enquiries about PE days for this year before the term started. We confirmed these with you via email earlier in the week but this information can also be found on our website [here](#).

A few reminders...

- School starts at 8.45am. Classroom doors will close at 8.55am and any pupils arriving after this time will need to sign in through the main office. At this time they are marked late on the register.
- The main gate will open at 8.30am each day but supervision begins at 8.45am. You are welcome onto site at 8.30am but children should be supervised.
- Water only should be provided for pupils in their bottles to have in the classroom.
- Please order school dinners in advance. You can do this by logging into school money. Any problems, please contact the school office.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Together we are inspiring a community with a bright future.

Resilience, Collaboration, Responsibility, Bravery, Communication, Self-belief

News & Events

Plymouth Information Advice and Support for SEND

PIAS are delivering information sessions both in person at Jan Cutting Healthy living centre, and also online.

Subjects are:

Choosing a secondary school: my child has special education needs.

Choosing a secondary school: my child has an EHCP

Follow the link to book [The Next Step: Primary to Secondary for Children with SEND - Plymouth Information Advice and Support for SEND. \(plymouthias.org.uk\)](https://plymouthias.org.uk)

Secondary School Admissions

Children born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 are due to start secondary school in September 2024, (current Year 6 children).

Please ensure you complete the application before 31st October 2023.

Open Evening Events: If you would like to tour a secondary school, please refer to the relevant school's website, or contact them directly.

[Apply for a secondary school place PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](https://plymouth.gov.uk)

FOR YEARS 5 AND 6 PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND PARENTS
AN INVITATION TO COME AND SEE US

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th
6.00PM

OPEN EVENING

Muse Theatre
Lipson Co-operative Academy
Bernice Terrace
Lipson PL4 7PG
Tel: 01752 671318

Headteacher introductions at 6pm & 7pm in the Muse. This is followed by a guided tour of the school where you will hear and see all about how we can help your child become the best that they can be.



Headteacher
Martin Brook



Senior Deputy Head
Tom Goodman



Head of Year 7
Craig Swiggs

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DO NOT MISS OUR... ACADEMY TOURS

Call: 01752 671318

We are very proud of our school and what it can offer your child - in the classroom and away from formal lessons.

So we would like to invite you to come and see us, just as we are, as we go about our daily business.

Tours of the school in action are being held every morning, starting at 9am. We would love to see you.

Simply contact us on 01752 671318 to let us know you would like to come and we will look forward to showing you around.



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Is your child eligible for free school meals?

If you receive certain benefits then your child may be entitled to a free school meal and if so, their school receives extra funding. This means it's important to apply, even if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and already receives a free lunch.

Check the criteria and apply online:

[Free school meals](https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/free-school-meals) | [PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](https://www.plymouth.gov.uk)

IS YOUR CHILD
ELIGIBLE FOR FREE
SCHOOL MEALS?



Remember!

Contact Details Reminder

A reminder to please ensure you inform the school office if any of your contact details have changed.

This includes telephone numbers, home addresses and email addresses.

Thank you.

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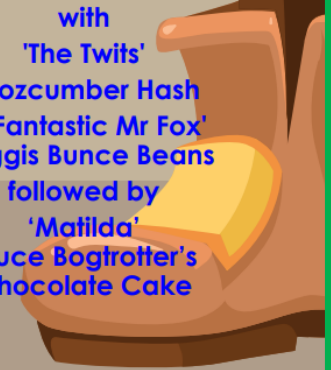
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IT'S A ROALD DAHL DAY LUNCH

WEDNESDAY
13TH SEPTEMBER



'BFG'
Big Fabulous Breakfast
(choose meat or
meatless)
with
'The Twits'
Snocumber Hash
& 'Fantastic Mr Fox'
Boggis Bunce Beans
followed by
'Matilda'
Bruce Bogtrotter's
Chocolate Cake



News & Events

EM-Magination
IMAGINE, CRAFT, CREATE

Craft-er School Club
(drop off session for children in foundation / KS1 / KS2)

Craft sessions for children who would like a creative space. Each term follows a theme.

Sessions at the Rees Centre Plympton
Thursday 14th September.
8 children per session.
2 sessions.
6 week term.

Booking at
www.bookwhen.com/emmaginationcraft
[@emmaginationcraft](https://www.facebook.com/emmaginationcraft)



EM-Magination
IMAGINE, CRAFT, CREATE

Craft sessions, events and Parties in Plymouth

Messy Makers
Pre-school sessions

Family
Craft sessions

Care Crafters
sessions

First Footprints
keepsake sessions

After School
Club

Themed
Craft Boxes

Parties and
Events

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www.bookwhen.com/emmaginationcraft
[@emmaginationcraft](https://www.instagram.com/emmaginationcraft)
[facebook.com/EMMaginationCRAFT](https://www.facebook.com/EMMaginationCRAFT)



The very first STEP OUT for Age UK Plymouth half marathon walk takes place in October in Plymouth. This is an inclusive event and takes place along the Plym Valley trail from Coypool to Clearbrook and back. We are encouraging the whole family to take part in this event. For more details and to join in, please use the link below.

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/plymouth/get-involved/fundraising-for-us/half-marathon-walk/>

School Cleaner Vacancy

12.5 hours per week, term-time only.

For applications please visit the school office or contact us via email or telephone.

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Dates for your diaries:

23 - 27.10.23	Half term break
30.10.23	Non pupil day
31.10.23	First day of second half term
02.11.23	Individual and Sibling photos
06-10.11.23	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe week
19.12.23	Last day of school
20.12.23	Christmas holidays
03.01.24	Non pupil day
04.01.24	First day of term



School Meals



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