



Inspiring interaction



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Autumn Term

Wednesday Sep 8th
Friday December 17th

Christmas Holidays

Monday December 20th
Tuesday January 4th

Back to School

Wednesday January 5th

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday December 10th

Christmas Raffle Draw

Friday December 10th

Pathfield School Queen's Platinum Jubilee day

Tuesday May 3rd

LATEST OFSTED REPORT

[https://
reports.ofsted.gov.uk/
provider/25/113638](https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/25/113638)

PLEASE HAVE A LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE

[https://
www.pathfield.devon.sch.uk/
news-events/news/](https://www.pathfield.devon.sch.uk/news-events/news/)

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week in school with some good news stories to share. Keystage 3 pupils have taken part in the local Soroptimist essay competition which this year was based around trees. We had a number of highly commended entries but there could be only one winner and that was Harry in class P3. He had put a 'tree-mendous' (sorry couldn't resist) amount of work into his story, well done Harry!

I'd like to draw your attention to a young lady in keystage 4 who has donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust. It's an incredibly kind gesture and she has been growing it for some time for just this purpose. A huge well done from everyone in school!

We also have seen pupils taking part in anti-bullying week this week and sending a wave of kindness through the school. This involved passing on and sharing a kind word with each class, creating a wave that everyone was included in.

It was a busy day on Friday as the school choir was taking part in the opening of the Christmas village in Barnstaple and its Children in Need day. We always support Children in Need as it's such a good cause and as the hair donation and anti-bullying this week has demonstrated, we can all do something to benefit others.

COVID -19 cases appear to have stabilised this week with 2 news cases confirmed (1 pupil and 1 staff member). We do have a small number of outstanding PCR that we are awaiting the results of. If you book a PCR test please could you inform school and then again of the result as soon as possible. This helps us to provide the most update to date information to you as families and other agencies.

Have a good weekend and thank you
for your support.

Stuart



Children in Need Have a Go at Hula Hoop Disco

Not just our pupils joined in today with raising money for the Children in Need.

Over 20 staff took part in our Hula Hoop Disco in the morning, Fit Bits recorded over 25 minutes of aerobic activity, lots of fun was had by all using all sorts of different hula hoops. For those new to hula hooping lots of progress was made and £25 was raised.

A fabulous start to the day.





Safeguarding



Hi everyone, welcome to this week's Safeguarding section of the newsletter.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Our school participates in a national scheme called 'Operation Encompass', which is a joint partnership between Devon and Cornwall police and schools. One of the principles of Operation Encompass is that all incidents of domestic abuse are shared with schools, not just those where an offence can be identified.

This system has been established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at, exposed to or involved in any domestic abuse incident. We know that children can be significantly harmed, physically and/or emotionally, during these situations, and that it also negatively affects their learning and behaviour. Therefore, as part of the Operation Encompass procedure, and to help mitigate the resulting negative impact, the school receives a phone call the morning after a child has been witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident.

We are then able to use this information to provide the right support to any child and their family as and when it is needed.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with the school if you have any safeguarding concerns.

Adam James, Designated Safeguarding Lead

We take part in Operation Encompass



"It's every child's right to be supported and safeguarded."



Hamper donations

Thank you all who sent hamper donations to school. Your help is very much appreciated. We will have three amazing hampers to win in our Christmas Raffle. More information about our raffle, how to buy tickets and what other prizes we have for you will be communicated to everyone next week.



Message to parents/carers from the Immunisation Team

We have now secured dates and venues for clinics in the Plymouth area and the Barnstaple area. These clinics are for those children in years Reception to Year 11 who would have missed their flu vaccination at school when we visited and are for the **flu** immunisation only.

For Plymouth we have 20th November, 11th December and 18th December 2021

For Barnstaple we have 27th November and 11th December 2021

Could you please email us at vcl.immunisations@nhs.net and provide us with a telephone number for us to contact you. A member of our team will then call you and book you in to one of our clinics, please note this call will be from a "no caller ID" number. Could you please specify which area and date you would like to book in to. Should you not have access to emails, you can call us on 0300 247 0082 - our lines are currently open 9 am til 11 am and then again from 2pm til 4.30 pm.

Please note, if your child has missed their Covid immunisation, you can now book this by phoning 119 or online following this link:

[Flu vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

School Age Immunisation Team
Virgin Care Services Limited



Amellè's hair donation for the Little Princess Trust

Amellè from class C4 donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust this week and we are very proud of Amellè and her very kind gesture. Sharing your hair with children and young people experiencing the devastating effects of hair loss is an incredible thing to do.

Should you wish to follow in Amellè's footsteps or just find out more about the charity, please use the link below for more information.

<https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/donate-hair>



TESCO

Community Grants

Please vote for Pathfield School

Don't forget to collect the blue tokens while shopping in Tesco and vote for our school's project till **31st December**.

Stores which vote on our project are:

Barnstaple EX32 8PG Superstore
Barnstaple EX31 1EZ Express
Barnstaple EX31 2AS Extra

Please spread the news and involve your family and friends as well. :-) Thank you!



Makaton Sign of the Week

15th November - 21st November 2021

Learn a new word every week and be inspired to get signing.

This week's sign is...

Letter Y



Lunch Menu w/c 15/11

<https://www.pathfield.devon.sch.uk/parents-carers/school-lunches/>

Week 2

13/09, 04/10, 01/11, 22/11, 13/12

Mon	Pasta bolognese & garlic bread Jacket potato & beans Peas & carrots Rock bun & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Tues	Cottage pie Cheese & broccoli quiche Green beans & swede Cookie & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Wed	Roast chicken Lentil loaf Roast potatoes or pasta Cauliflower & cabbage Fresh fruit salad Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Thurs	Sausage rolls Vegetarian chilli & rice Mixed vegetables Chocolate/orange sponge & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Fri	Fish fingers Roasted vegetable pizza Chips or pasta & peas Cherry cheesecake & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit

We are a Nut Free School

Just a reminder that we are a Nut Free School.

We ask for parent's / carer's help in making appropriate choices for their children's snacks and lunches. Please do not bring to school anything that includes nuts as we have a number of children and staff who have severe nut allergies. This includes chocolate spreads, e.g. Nutella.

Thank you for keeping our school safe.

