

# Newsletter



28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Autumn has arrived

The weather has definitely turned to being cold in the mornings with glorious sunshine in the day. The harvest festival was a huge success, Class Two led the service brilliantly and the whole school performed fantastically. I recently met the candidates to become the new vicar for Exbourne. Both were enthusiastic and charismatic men, who I am sure, will be a benefit to our community, whoever is chosen.

## School times

Can I remind all parents that the playground will be manned from 8.50am. Children arriving before that time must be supervised by a parent or carer unless a prior arrangement has been made. This time is so valuable to the teachers and staff for final preparations for the day. Breakfast club is available from 7.50 – 8.50 daily with later drop ins offered.



One of our Harvest scarecrows

## Harvest fete

Thank you to all who helped and attended the harvest fete on Saturday. The PFA raised £74.20 which is a good total despite the wet weather on the day.

## School Harvest festival

Thank you to all who attended the Harvest Festival on Wednesday. The children were quite rightly very proud of themselves for leading the service and performing. The children's artwork and poetry will remain on display in the Church over the weekend.

## School council and Star of the week badges

The children have been given school council badges to wear with pride for the rest of the school year. Please look after them and return them before the summer holidays.

We have also introduced badges for 'Star of the Week' and the Kindness Award. Please return these badges each Thursday so they can be given to the next stars!



Our new Star of the Week badges

### **Events upcoming**

Year 1 children will be attending a multi skills event at Okehampton on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

A football and netball team will be representing the school at North Tawton's annual festival on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

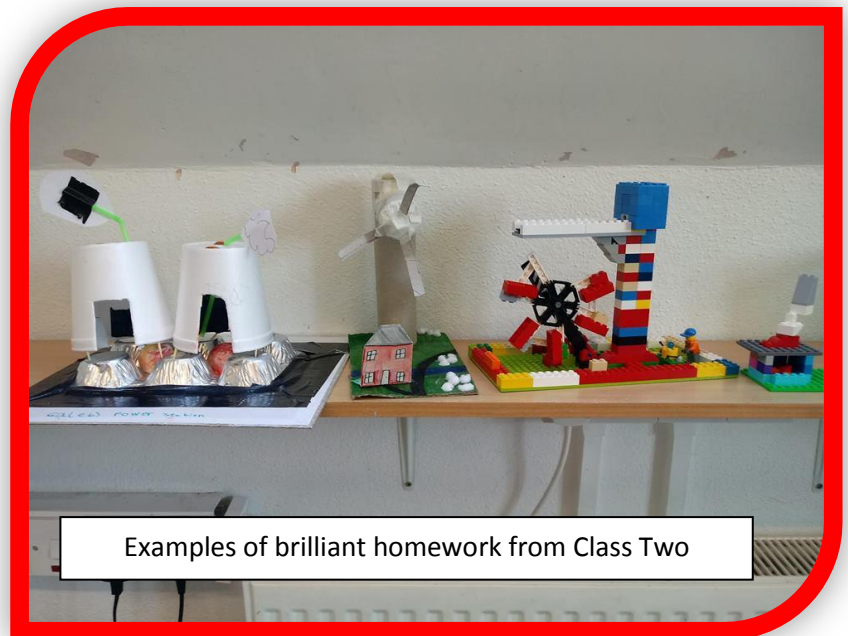
Monica Jones, who has recently conducted lots of research into World War One is coming into school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> to share her research with the children. She also has many photos, documents and memorabilia.

Year 2 will be attending a multi skills event at Okehampton on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Class Two will be visiting Rosemoor Gardens as part of their Rocks and Soil science topic on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Exbourne Primary School PFA**

The PFA are desperately seeking new members to help raise funds for the school. The PFA is vital to the continued success of the school, it provides funding for trips, equipment and facilitates many events, raising over £3000 last year. The PFA have recently paid for many coaches, without which trips would not have happened, new hymn books and new door mats. It is not a lot of work or onerous task, meetings are once every 6 weeks and a small amount of organisation for upcoming events.



Examples of brilliant homework from Class Two

There is an online survey to gauge support and preferred times of meetings at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/L5FTFPJ>

### **Parent book look**

A new initiative to engage parents in your children's learning we are inviting parent's into school on a fortnightly basis to share your children's work, displays and classroom environment. Come and see what your children are learning in school!

The next Parent book look will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 8.30 – 9.15am, everyone is welcome!

## Year 6 training

The year 6s have been busy this week learning about life skills at Okehampton and receiving Play Leader training in school. The new play leaders will be able to run games and structured play for all children in the playground, especially those reluctant players.

## Head Lice

We have had a reported case of headlice so please could we ask that every child is checked over the weekend and treated if necessary. If you are unsure of what to look for or the most effective way to treat them this website offers valuable advice [www.nhs.uk/Livewell/childhealth6-15/Pages/Nits.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/childhealth6-15/Pages/Nits.aspx)

Our new foundation children have settled in brilliantly

## Diary

### October

- 2nd – Year 1 Multi Skills 9.45 – 11.45
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Year 5/6 football and netball at North Tawton
- 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> – WW1 workshops with Monica Jones
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Last KS2 Swimming session
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 multi skills, afternoon
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Individual school photos
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Girls football at Tavistock College
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 5/6 Hockey at Okehampton College
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Non-school uniform and Cake sale for PFA
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Half term

Mr Hill – [head@exbourne-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:head@exbourne-primary.devon.sch.uk)



The children singing during Harvest festival

## **Star of the Week**

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Class one – Ted.

Class two – Skyla for fantastic effort in her learning

Class three – Leona for writing a brilliant letter in the style of the text

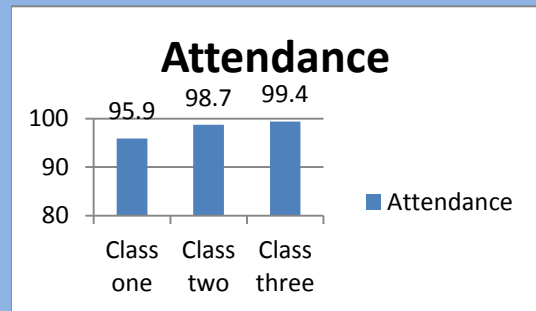
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Class one – Rosamond for excellent effort in all her learning

Class two – Otis for a fantastic home learning model and great effort in his learning

Class three – Libby for increased stamina in her writing and editing her work

## **Attendance since 5<sup>th</sup> September**



Well done to Class Two and Three who have excellent attendance percentages since the start of term Class One have a bit of catching up to do: keep aiming for that 97% mark.