

# Newsletter



17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## Inclusion is at the heart of what we do

As part of the re-launch of our school vision we have been considering qualities we would like to see in our children, throughout their school life, but particularly by the end of Year 6. Parents and staff have so far been consulted on this, with the children's consultations taking place next week. Some of the key words coming up have been **compassion, empathy, respect** and **forgiveness**. This matches with our Church of England ethos to be an inclusive school who welcome all into our school family. The Church of England Education Office document 'Valuing all God's children' states '*Inclusivity and hospitality should be hallmarks of Church of England schools*' and this is reflected in our admissions policy where the most vulnerable are our priority. Our children are fantastic at being welcoming and inclusive, let's make sure we give them the best role models to learn from.

## SATs

Well done to all the Year 6s and Year 2s who have completed the recent Standardised Assessment Tests (SATs) in school. Everyone approached these tests with maturity and a smile. The school are extremely proud of you, not only for your achievements this week but for the funny, creative, sporting and friendly children that you are. Well done!



## **Respect**

The school is having a focus on **respect** at the moment; discussing what the word means; how we can show that in our daily lives and what impact it has upon us and others. I hope the children have come home and spoken about it this week and I thank you for your support in reaffirming the message that we should treat everyone with respect.

## **Parents' forum/Ethos committee**

Feedback from the Parents' forum/Ethos committee on the 7<sup>th</sup> May was very positive. Parents were invited to discuss 3 questions that will help inform our new school vision.

*What skills do we want our children to have by the end of their school journey?*

*What qualities do we want our children to have by the end of their school journey?*

*What experiences do we want our children to have by the end of their school journey?*

The messages were those of respect, resilience, confidence and tolerance for our children. Please feel free to send any further suggestions by email.

## **The mobile library service**

We were visited by Devon's mobile library service on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. A group of librarians from all three classes were chosen to select 120 new books for our school libraries. This will be a fantastic way to keep our children engaged in reading! We are still looking for volunteers to support our librarians in school – if you are interested or know someone who might be, please get in touch.

## **Class Two trip to Rosemoor**

Mrs Williams and Miss Horton have re-organised their class trip to Rosemoor for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Their last visit was cut short due to bad weather. Rosemoor have kindly offered to part fund the bus for the trip. Class Two will be making another school outing after the May half term – more details to follow.

## **Car parking on the field**

We will be opening the field between 8.30-9.30am and 3-4pm daily so that parents may park on the



grass and walk to school via Stowe Lane. This will reduce the number of vehicles in the village centre making it much safer for our children to leave school. Please use this if you are able. Thank you for your support.

### **Fun with Electronics!**

The next in our parental workshops is 'Fun with Electronics' run by Learn Devon. This will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 1.25 – 3.25pm. It is FREE and a great opportunity to learn some new skills with your child. We already have parents booked on so the course will definitely run. Unfortunately we have had to cancel the puppet making workshop today due to low take up.

### **Bike-ability**

Children in Years 3-6 will be taking part in Bike-ability in the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Children have received a letter with some information, they will need a road worthy bike and helmet for this course. This is an activity we have booked for all of Key Stage two focusing on bike skills and road safety. If you are struggling to provide your child with a road worthy bike, please let us know as we may be able to help find a solution. Another example of our commitment to producing well rounded citizens at the end of Year 6, not just good data points! *Small school, big opportunities!*

### **Diary**

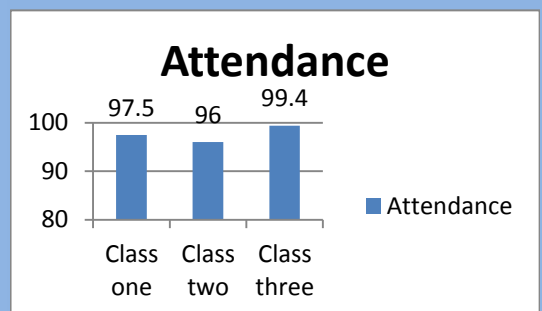
#### **May**

- 17<sup>th</sup> – PFA movie night 6-7.30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Class Two to visit Rosemoor
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Rounders Year 5/6 selected team
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Cricket Hatherleigh – selected team
- W.B. 27<sup>th</sup> – Half term

#### **June**

- W.B. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bike-ability, Years 3-6
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Class and team photos
- W.B. 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 transition week to college
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Sports day 1

### **Attendance since 1<sup>st</sup> March**



## July

- 1-3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 6 residential (Bristol)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Sports day reserve
- 10 – 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 3/4 residential (Heatree)
- 17<sup>th</sup> – French cultural day
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Leavers service, 2.30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Last day of summer term

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## Stars of the week

### 10.05.19

Class 3 – Ben – for increased verbal contributions during Maths to move his learning forward.

Class 2 – Thor – for really taking off with his learning and making great efforts to do the right thing.

Class 1 – Ted – for always making the correct behaviour choices and being an excellent role model for other children.

### 17.05.19

Class 3 – All the year 6's for working so hard in their SAT's.

Class 2 – Liam – for being an excellent role model and setting himself further challenges with really high numbers.

Class 1 – Layla – for doing really well with her reading and becoming a free reader.