

Newsletter



21st June 2019

Here comes the summer

This term is packed with exciting learning opportunities for the children as we move towards the summer. The summer performance has been excellent and we look forward to Year 6 transition week, residential to Bristol and Heatree, Sports Day and the Leavers Service. This is a great time of year for the children and a really busy one for staff and parents!



Class Three trip to Dingles

On the 7th June Class three visited Dingles Heritage fairground as part of their 'Entertainment in the 20th century' topic. The children were able to learn about the development of fairgrounds and have a go on the rides. Back in the classroom the children have completed lots of associated work to explain what they had learnt. Thank you to Mrs D and Miss Hunter who organised the trip and to the PFA who kindly funded the bus.

Piano, guitar and drum performance

Pupils who have received tuition in piano, guitar and drums this term performed for an audience of parents. The children showcased what they have learnt over recent weeks. The performers overcame stage nerves to produce an excellent concert which was roundly applauded by all those watching. Performance to an audience is such a great life skill to have and one we are keen to promote. A big thank you to Mrs Lamon, Martin and Laura for their tuition in piano, guitar and drums this year. Martin is retiring from teaching guitar at schools but we have worked to find a replacement. In addition we have introduced the children to a violin tutor which parents may employ, details attached.

Year 6 transition week

This week our Year 6 children have been attending Okehampton College as part of the enhanced transition the federation schools offer. All feedback has been positive and the children are really looking forward to starting College in September. Only the federation schools have this privilege – a great example of the federation working together.

School transition days

Wednesdays are now transition days for the school. The new foundation children will join us each Wednesday until the 10th July with Year 2 joining Class Two and Year 4 joining Class Three. These days are great for getting



to know your new teacher, understanding class routines and expectations.

Year 6 taster day

Year 6 children will join the general Year 6 taster day at Okehampton College on Thursday 27th June. They will meet children from all the feeder schools, not only federation schools.

Sports day

Sports day is scheduled for Friday 28th June, starting at 1pm. In the event of adverse weather, this will be postponed until Friday 4th July. This will follow the same format as last year with lots of running races and field events. After the sports day is completed please stay on the field as the PFA have organized a social event with food and a bouncy castle!



Year 6 Bristol residential

July 1st-3rd is our Year 6 Bristol residential. We are very much looking forward to this brilliant cultural trip. Please make sure you are at Okehampton Simmons park car park for 9am on the 1st to get onto the coach. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Year 4 cricket festival

All of our Year 4 children will participate in a Cricket festival in Hatherleigh on the 3rd July. Further details will 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.

Thank you Mr Steer

Mr Steer has chosen to step down from his role as Breakfast club supervisor and meal time assistant. We thank Mr Steer wholeheartedly for his effort and commitment to these roles. He has continually gone above and beyond what is required of him for the benefit of the school. For the remainder of the term Jackie Andrew will supervise breakfast club whilst Mrs Head will take over MTA duties. Mr Steer will be continuing in his role as caretaker at the school.

Breakfast club supervisor vacancy

From September we are seeking a professional and dedicated individual to supervise breakfast club at the school. This job role is 1 hour per day from 7.50 – 8.50 am. The main duties are supervising children's play in a safe and constructive environment as well as preparing and serving breakfast. i.e. cereals, toast. For further information or to express your interest in the role, please speak to Mr Hill.

The school day

A quick reminder of our school day routines:

7.50am – Breakfast club opens – please ensure you hand your children over to the supervising adult

8.50am – children can be left in the playground with members of staff. Before this time children are parent's responsibility and must be supervised on the playground.

9am – registration. If you are going to be late for registration for any reason, please ring and let us know. The school has a duty of care to check where children are if they do not attend school by 10.30. If numbers on our contact list cannot be reached, the police will be informed to conduct a welfare check.

3.30pm – School pick up time. If you are going to be late to collect please ring and let us know. If no contact can be made with a parent/carer within 30 minutes, the police will be informed to conduct a welfare check.

4.15/4.30 – End of school clubs, the same pick up information applies.

Diary

June

- 27th – Year 6 transition day at Okehampton College
- Chess tournament – Selected pupils
- 28th – Sports day 1

July

- 1-3rd – Year 6 residential (Bristol)
- 3rd- Year 4 Cricket festival – Hatherleigh
- 4th – Ability games - Plymouth
- 5th – Sports day reserve
- 10 – 12th – Year 3/4 residential (Heatree)
- 17th – French cultural day
- 18th – Leavers service, 2.30pm

19th – Last day of summer term

Mr Hill – head@exbourne-primary.devon.sch.uk

Stars of the week

14.06.19

Class 3 – Luke – for making good choices to ensure he succeeds in his learning.

Class 2 – Phoebe – for being such a supportive member of the County Dance Club and for great learning in class.

Class 1 – Mia – Always having a fantastic attitude towards your learning.

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Class 3 – Libby – for asking and answering questions to move her learning forward.

Class 2 – Ruby T - for being a hard working, super role model.

Class 1 – Isabella - for joining in so well in cricket.

Attendance since 7th June

