

Newsletter



22nd May 2018

A busy half term

Here we are into the last week of term, and what a busy one it has been with the Year 6 residential, cricket coaching, SATs, and visitors coming into school. This week is another busy one before a well-earned break. After the half term break we have just over seven weeks before the summer holidays, where does the time go?



SATs

Well done to all the children in Year 2 and Year 6 who completed their SATs in the last two weeks, everyone has worked extremely hard and shown what they can do. Well done!

Author visit – Chitra Soundar

We were privileged to be visited by Chitra Soundar, children's author, on Friday. She gave an interesting assembly to the children about the role of an author and the books she has written. The children asked some great questions before a writing workshop for some children from each of the classes.

Open day

An open day for parents, carers or members of the community to look around the school will be held on the 24th of May, 8.30 – 3.30. This is an opportunity for you to look around the school, at the brilliant learning children have achieved and have a better understanding of the school day.



Writing workshop with a real author

Okehampton Castle and Museum trip

Class Two and Class Three will be visiting Okehampton Castle and the Museum of Dartmoor life on Tuesday 22nd May. Our current topic is 'Our local area' so this links in brilliantly and is a great chance for the children to discuss the history of where we live. Please could all children in Class Two and Three make sure they have a packed lunch, including a drink, as well as weather appropriate clothes (sun hats/coats). Thank you to the PFA who are funding the bus for this trip.

Non-uniform day and cake sale

Friday 25th May will be a non-uniform day with a cake sale at 3.30pm with proceeds going to the PFA. Non-uniform wearers can make a donation to the PFA via Mrs Chapman or their class teacher.

Kilve Court residential for Year 4 and 5

Mrs Dickinson will be holding a meeting for those parents who were unable to attend the recent presentation by Kilve Court staff at the Octagon. It will also be an opportunity to answer any questions- however small- before our forthcoming residential. It will be held straight after school in Class 3 on Monday 4th June all pupils and their siblings are very welcome to attend. If you are unable to come, but have any queries, please find me before or after school, send them in with your child, or put them to me in an email. It is going to be a very exciting trip!

Book donations

We are keen to develop our library area and are looking at buying new books to rotate our book stock. This is a very expensive project so the school is looking for any donations of books that your children have finished reading at home. Picture books or longer reads for children up to 11 years old will be greatly received.



Performance poetry

As an alternative to our school play we are going to celebrate the power of the spoken word through a performance poetry evening that all the children will be taking part in. Time will be set aside at school to find and rehearse poems, but children are welcome to choose their own or begin a search with you during half-term and then bring their poems into school so we can ensure a wide variety of types and avoid duplicates. Children are very welcome to perform in pairs or small groups - in fact performance poems are often written with this in mind. The poems will be performed during a matinee and evening at the village hall. The date for this is yet to be finalised but will be in the Week beginning the 16th of July.

Royal Cream Tea Celebration and Spring Fair Sat 26th May, 2.15 pm at Exbourne village Hall

Dear All,

You are all sincerely invited to come along and enjoy a Cream tea, and purchase Plants, have a go on the Tombola, pick up some Raffle Tickets for the Very Good Raffle and have a chat with your friends at Exbourne village hall on Saturday 26th May from 2.15 pm.

Donations of Plants, Raffle Prizes, Cakes etc, etc all gratefully received and if you can help that would be wonderful, but most of all come along and Celebrate the Royal Marriage and at the same time help to raise funds for the improvement and maintenance of the Church.

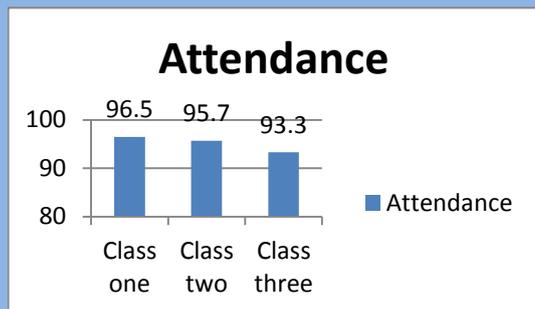
Kindest regards,
Lorraine



OFSTED review visit

On Friday the school requested a visit from current OFSTED inspector Mr Neil Swaite. Mr Hill, and the staff, were keen to get Mr Swaite's insight into the strengths and weaknesses of the school to help keep our school improving. The feedback from Mr Swaite was overwhelmingly positive with particular praise for how well we know the individual children in our school and our areas for improvement.

Attendance since 3rd May



Attendance has been quite low this week. We're always aiming for 97% so that the children may make the most of their learning.

Let's try to get back on track for the Summer Term.

Stars of the Week

Thursday 10th May

Class One – Toby for getting stuck into his learning

Class Two –All of Year 2 for great work in their SATs

Class Three –Corey for applying himself with focus to his learning

Thursday 17th May

Class One – Michael-John for being such an enthusiastic learner

Class Two – Ivy for improving her writing

Class Three –All of Year 6 for their fantastic hard work in SATs

Well done everyone!

Diary

May

- Every Thursday – Cricket coach for Class Two and Three
- 22nd – Open day, 8.30-3.30pm
- 23rd – Cricket – Dartmoor cup at Hatherleigh
- 25th – Non uniform and Cake sale
- W.B. 28th – Half Term

June

- 5th – Okehampton College transition session for parents -2.30pm
- 5th – New September starters information session, 5pm
- 8th – Dartmoor Ranger in school to speak to children
- 13th – School nurse to talk to years 5 and 6, Body Changes
- 18th – 20th – Year 4 and 5 residential, Kilve Court
- 18th – 29th – Okehampton College transition fortnight for Year 6

July

- 6th – Swimming gala
- 13th – Sports day
- W.B. 16th – Performance poetry for all parents
- 24th – Last day of term and leavers service

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