

Newsletter



22nd September 2017

Harvest Festival

Many thanks to the parents who came to listen to the children talk about 'God as the faithful gardener' during our annual Harvest Service. The children were able to think about the foods they eat and the significance that producing a healthy crop has on their own well-being. We were all very pleased with the effort the children put into reading as clearly and loudly as possible, whilst other children memorised their words and delivered them confidently.



Junior Life Skills

On Monday our Year 6 children went to the college to learn about life skills. They all had a great time and learnt a lot. The subjects ranged from internet safety to how to approach a dog safely. A number of the subject leaders commented on our children "They are by far the best behaved and most well informed group."

Well done Year 6s.

Mrs Phillips

Homework

We have had lots of positive comments from the children and parents about our new homework procedures. The spellings are tricky but with practice we are seeing a good number of children increasing their spelling scores/maintaining their high scores, well done! All classes are looking forward to sharing their topic information with each other in the last week of half term.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR PFA

The PFA generously gave each class £100 to spend on 'anything they wanted'!

Class 1 bought new games, Class 2 have created a reading area and Class 3 have got subscriptions to three magazines. Thank you so much for allowing to be slightly frivolous and purchasing fun learning items for our children to enjoy together.



Class 1 children enjoying their new games together.



Delilah and Ruby looking forward to their magazine subscriptions and

Otis and Liam enjoying the new reading area in Class 2.

Parents' Meetings

Parents' evenings will take place on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October. Monday 16th meetings will start at 2.00 pm to 5.00pm with an additional session for Class 3 from 9.10 am to 10.10 am. On Tuesday 17th Class 3 will start at 3.00 pm, Class 1 and 2 start at 3.45 pm until 6.00 pm. Forms will be posted on the doors on Monday.

Moorland Fuels Christmas Card Competition

Don't forget your colouring needs to be to Mrs Hegarty or Mrs Chapman by Monday!

Jeans for Genes

Mrs Phillips and the school councillors led a worship explaining why we were all wearing our jeans to school today. They shared stories about children like Ally and Evie who have genetic disorders and how the money they raised today, £62, would help pay for special nurses to look after them. Half a million children in our country have a genetic disorder. Another fundraiser for this charity will be organised by the school council later in the academic year.



Our school councillors delivering worship.

PFA NEWS

Dates for you diary

October

- 18th - PFA AGM, 3.30pm, all welcome!
- 20th - Cake sale and non-uniform day

November

- 3rd - Spooky Movie Night - 6pm, whole family welcome
- 17th - Pasty, Pudding and Quiz Night - teams of 4-6 (Curry and Quiz night cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances)

Facebook

There is an 'Exbourne Primary School PFA' Facebook page, we would encourage parents to 'like' this page as the PFA/parents regularly update with useful news/events.

School Uniform for Sale

Nicky from The Burrow is now selling second hand school uniform donated by parents in the shop. All items are individually priced and proceeds go to the Burrow.

Funding for Lighting

Dear Parent / Community Member,

If we can obtain sufficient votes we can win funding from M&S to upgrade the lighting in 9 of the local primary schools. Some need this desperately but have no budget to do it.

Please use the link below to cast your vote for our local group of primary schools. You will need to use your email address and create a voting password. If you created a voting password last year but can't remember it there is an option to reset it. You can also use Facebook or Twitter to vote. These are the mechanisms M&S use to make sure each person only votes once for a particular project. M&S won't bombard you with mailshots.

Once your vote has been accepted a message appears saying thank you for voting (please make sure this message appears as then your vote has registered).

<https://www.mandsenergyfund.com/projects/dartmoor-federation-of-schools>

Keith Webber

OCRA

We have a new fencing class for 6-11 year olds running in Okehampton College sports hall every Tuesday, 5-6.15pm at only £4.50 per session (£4 per session if paid per term)! This is a brilliant class led by an experienced instructor and will cover the three Olympic fencing disciplines, foil, epee and sabre. Fencing is great fun, and develops agility, balance and coordination as well as quick thinking! See flyer in noticeboard for more details.

Star of the Week

11th September 2017

Class 1 – Grace

Class 2 – Phoebe

Class 3 – Malachi

18th September 2017

Class 1 – Bertie

Class 2 – Joshua W

Class 3 – Leona

Attendance

Fantastic Attendance This Week!

Congratulations to **Class 2 and Class 3** for outstanding attendance this week.

Class 1 – 98.7%

Class 2 – 100%

Class 3 – 100%

Diary

September

- 26th – Rev Ruth leading worship – ALL WELCOME
- 27th/ 28th – Okehampton College Open Day
- 28th – Play Leaders' Training in school led by OCRA
- 28th - Playing Fields AGM – School Hall – 6.15 pm - EVERYONE WELCOME

October

- 6th – North Tawton Football and Netball Tournament – 9.15 am to 3.00 pm
- 11th – Rev Ruth leading worship – ALL WELCOME
- 11th – Year 5s Football/Netball Festival - Year 2 Multi-skills – Okehampton College
- 13th – Individual Photos – Tempest Photographers
- 15th – Curry Night and Pub Quiz @ The Red Lion, Exbourne – CANCELLED
- 16th – Parents' Evening
- 16th – Flu Vaccinations
- 17th – Parents' Evening
- 17th – Rev Ruth leading worship – ALL WELCOME
- 18th – Hockey Festival – Okehampton College
- 18th - PFA AGM - 3.30 pm – EVERYONE WELCOME
- 20th – Cake sale and non-uniform day
- 23rd – 27th – Half Term

November

- 3rd – Spooky Movie Night – 6pm - WHOLE FAMILY WELCOME
- 7th - Rev Ruth leading worship – ALL WELCOME
- 10th – Castle Drogo Xcountry
- 17th – Pasty, Pudding and Quiz Night – teams of 4-6 – school hall
- 24th – Non-pupil day

December

- 5th – Rev Ruth leading worship – ALL WELCOME
- 5th - Swimming Gala @ Aquastars– 1.00 pm– 2.30 pm
- 6th – Athletics @ Okehampton College
- 7th – Nativity Performance performed by Class 1 - 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm –
- 15th – Last day of term

Enjoy your weekend, the sun is supposed to be shining!

Mrs Gilbert

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