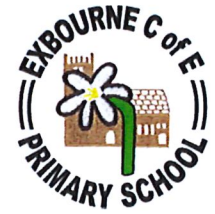


Newsletter



23rd February 2018

Just a short note

Apologies for the short newsletter this week, this is a quick information share so we all know what is going on! Not many pictures this week but we will ensure there will be lots of smiling faces on the next one! The diary is very full until Easter so be sure to have a look and make a note of the dates.

Rotary quiz – 3rd place



On Wednesday night our quiz team, Ruby H, Ruby B, Lawrence and Jeremy, took part in the Rotary quiz finals. We were up against two teams from Okehampton Primary, North Tawton, South Tawton and Hatherleigh. I am delighted to say that we finished in 3rd place! An excellent achievement considering we were the smallest school to reach the final and up against stiff competition. Thank you to the parents who stayed and supported our team.

World Book Day

World Book Day is Thursday 1st March. The children will be encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character, and bring the book of their choice with them. There will be a prize for the best costume in each Year group. A £1 donation will go to 'Book Aid' a registered charity.

Parent, Staff and pupil questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who filled in the parental questionnaire about the school. I have analysed the results of the parental, staff and pupil questionnaires. The responses were on the whole very positive with the children consistently reporting 85-90% agree or strongly agree with statements around being safe, happy and well looked after at school. The parental responses averaged 75-85% agree or strongly agree. The lowest percentages were for 'Are the children well behaved?' which is an issue we are well aware of and as the last newsletter had the new behaviour flow chart attached you are aware; we are in the process of reviewing behaviour policy to raise expectations in the school. I do not believe behaviour has deteriorated in the school rather the expectation level has been raised so more incidents are being dealt with. Your continued feedback to the school is invaluable as we seek to improve the service we provide to your children.

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome back Miss Whiteley this week. This means I can return to Class Two. We also welcome Mrs Flowers and Miss Hanson who will be working as teaching support staff within the school.

Impetigo

We have had a confirmed case of impetigo within the school. This is a highly contagious condition so please can you be vigilant of any signs of skin infection in your children, especially sore or red blisters. More information can be found on the NHS website. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/impetigo/>

Diary

February

- 23rd – Valentines Disco

March

- 1st – World Book Day
- 5th - PFA Meeting, 7.30pm at the Red Lion
- 5th – Cross country event at Sourton
- 7th – Quicksticks Hockey tournament – Okehampton College
- 9th – Whole school photo
- 13th – Special Worship with Bridget Down
- 15th – Cyclo cross at Haldon forest
- 15th – Tag rugby tournament at South Tawton
- 16th – Northcott theatre trip – Awful Auntie
- 20th – Easter workshops
- 26th – Year 1 Multi Skills at Okehampton College
- 27th – Okehampton College transition visit to school
- 28th – Cross country at Boasley Cross
- 29th – Easter service (Provisional date)
- 30th – Easter holidays start

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