

Newsletter



23rd March 2018

Easter next week

This will be the last newsletter before the Easter holidays which start on Good Friday – 30th March, until Monday 16th April. We look forward to a restful couple of weeks and wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Sporting events

On Monday 12th March we attended the West Devon small schools Football Festival. The team of Alisha, Joshua S, Henri, Luke, Corey, Leo and Brandon played really well over 6 matches. They were a credit to the school – well done!

Wednesday the 15th of March was a busy day with teams going to both the Cyclo-Cross and Tag rugby tournaments. The cyclo-cross Devon finals was held in Haldon Forest, our team of Leo, Delilah, Corey, Molly, Ruby B, Ethan F, Abi and Henri did extremely well and all had great fun.

The Rugby tournament was attended by Yani, Ruby H, Brandon, Luke, Joshua S, Jeremy, Leona, Felicity, Alisha and Holly. The children were a brilliant team with lots of support and encouragement for each other. They were a credit to the school.

Thank you, again, to the parents and staff who transported children to make these opportunities possible.

If you have school kit from these events, please could you make sure you return it as soon as possible as we aim to enter all local sporting events and need the kits for the next team!

Upcoming events this week are: Climbing and bouldering at 'The Climbing Barn', Year One multi skills event and Cross-Country at Boasley Cross.

Finally – please look out for information on notice boards for 'Rugby for girls' and OCRA Easter events.

P.E. Kit

Please ensure that your children have an appropriate P.E. kit for school lessons. Physical Education and sport is an essential curriculum subject and builds positive habits for a healthy lifestyle. There are two major concerns with children participating without the correct kit; the first is that taking part in vigorous exercise without the correct footwear can cause injury to the feet, ankles, knees and hips. Secondly it is much harder to perform to your best without the correct equipment – we all know how hard it is to write with a blunt pencil, so you can imagine how difficult it is to play P.E. games in flat shoes and a skirt! If you are struggling to provide the correct equipment, please speak to the school as we may be able to help provide suitable kit.



What a smile Henri!

Book bags

A gentle reminder that all children should bring their reading books, and any homework, to school with them on a daily basis. Book bags are also a great way for us to send home information, certificates, work and forms. Your help in this matter is very much appreciated.

Environmental Health kitchen inspection

The school was subject to an unannounced spot inspection of the dining hall kitchens during the last fortnight. Jackie did an excellent job explaining our food hygiene procedures and the inspector left impressed, giving us a '5' for food safety – the highest mark possible.

Easter workshops with Mrs Down

Bridget Down and Sarah Balsdon joined us on Tuesday 20th for Easter Workshops at St Mary's church. The children were engaged in a retelling of the Easter story in practical activities. The children made bead bracelets that represented the different parts of the story – Palm leaves, the last supper, the cross, the tomb and Jesus being everywhere. The children really enjoyed the session and came back to school enthusing about the story.



Laying palm leaves on the path to Jerusalem.

Easter service – Thursday 29th March

Our Easter service will be on **Thursday 29th March at St Mary's church, 2.30pm**. All parents, grandparents, carers etc. are very welcome to attend. Class Three will be leading the service with the other children joining in with the hymns. There will be refreshments afterwards. Cannon Tim Newcombe has agreed to attend the service as a member of Clergy in the absence of a local vicar.

Awful Auntie – Northcott Theatre

The children had a fantastic time at the Theatre and can't stop talking about it! The experience of seeing a live performance will help them with their own creative writing, speaking and listening and even performing! Thank you again to the PFA for covering the cost of the coaches, and to parents for their donations.

Head lice

The beasts are rearing their ugly head, again! Please be vigilant with your child's hair and keep it tied up during the day. Thank you.

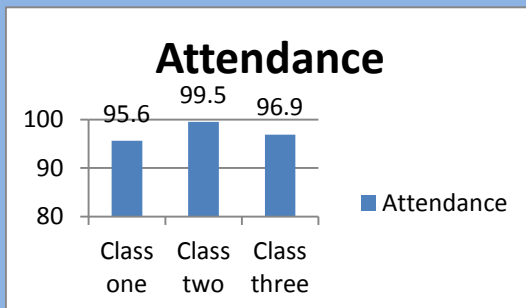
Snow day x2

Hopefully we have seen the last of the snow for this spring! Once again, thank you for understanding the need to close the school on safety grounds.



Way to go!

Attendance since 8th March



Well done to Class Two for near perfect attendance.

Diary

March

- 26th – Year 1 Multi Skills at Okehampton College
- 27th – Okehampton College transition visit to school
- 28th – Cross country at Boasley Cross
- 29th – Easter service – 2.30pm
- 30th – Easter holidays start

April

- 16th – 18th – Year 6 Residential at Heatree

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Stars

of the Week

Thursday 15th March

Class One – Hugo for bringing work from home

Class Two – Caleb for super maths and a great story

Class Three – Isla for using correct punctuation

Thursday 22nd March

Class One – Juliet for consistent excellent work

Class Two – Skyla for exceptional kindness.

Class Three – Ruby B for writing detailed explanations in maths



Superb behaviour in the church, as always.