



Exbourne: Encouraging Excellence

'Let us spur one another to acts of love and good deeds.' Hebrews 10:24

School News 24th January 2025

Dear Exbourne Friends and Families,

Our value this term is perseverance. In worship we have been reading stories about people, and animals, who keep trying.

Perseverance is an essential value for children as it helps them develop resilience and the ability to overcome challenges. When children learn to persevere, they understand that success doesn't always come easily or quickly, but with effort and persistence, and by asking for help when they need it, they can achieve their goals. This mindset not only boosts their confidence but also teaches them the importance of hard work and determination.

By practising perseverance, children become more adaptable in the face of setbacks, learning to approach problems with patience and a positive attitude. It also encourages a growth mindset, where they recognise that asking for help is a positive action, and that mistakes are part of the learning process and not a reason to give up.

Please ask your children to tell you about the stories we have shared and encourage them to keep trying at tasks at home.

Galatians 6:9 "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Talent Show

Talent Show auditions are being held over the next two weeks. Please support your children to come along and have a go! Finalists will be announced on Friday 7th February. The show will be at 2pm on Thursday 13th February. Please come along and support our shining stars!

School News

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Attendance Update

Whole school 96.1%
Olive 96.69%
Dove 95.54%

Attendance Matters



When children are away from school, whether authorised or not, letters are sent to parents to invite them to a meeting to discuss reasons for absence. These meetings have been helpful to enable us to work together to identify barriers and plan for improved attendance in the future.

Burns Night

On Saturday, I will be celebrating Burns Night. This is a Scottish tradition where we celebrate Robert Burns, a Scottish poet, on his birthday.

The Selkirk Grace is a prayer written by Robert Burns which is shared on Burns Night to remind us to be thankful for the things we have.

Some hae meat and canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it,
But we hae meat and we can eat,
Sae let the Lord be Thankit!

Which translates as:

Some have more than they need,

Some have very little

We have just what we need

Thank you, God!

Wishing you all very good health, or as they say in Scottish Gaelic 'Slàinte mhath,' pronounced Slanj-a-va!

Tara Penny
Principal

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday 7th January – Back to School

Wednesday 8th January at 5.30pm - Y6 Residential Parent meeting at North Tawton

Thursday 13th February – 2pm Talent Show

5th and 6th June – Year 3 and Year 4 camping residential

17th – 20th June Y6 Cambridge

30th June – 2nd July – Year 5 residential to Bristol