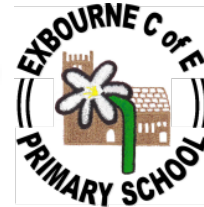


# Newsletter



8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Welcome back!

It was delightful to see and hear the buzz, excitement and slight anticipation in the playground on Wednesday morning. Even within our small school, where we all know each other and feel safe, the challenges that the next academic year brings can bring a mixed bag of emotions. However in true Exbourne style, they supported each other throughout the day and they all left happy and energised and we all felt like we hadn't been away! Our new foundation children look like they've been here forever; the transition days in the summer term are always a huge benefit to starting full time in the autumn term.

This year we are continuing to work on the mantra 'I can't do it... yet!' encouraging all of our children to try their best and even when it might get a little tough, not to give up. The sense of achievement, no matter how small, needs to be celebrated and we will continue to share our successes in our celebration worships.

## **School Aims and Values**

Do you know our school aims and values??

Well hopefully your children will soon be able to tell you what they are!

Class 1 children are going to learn 3 out of 5 of them, Class 2 will learn 4 of them and Class 3 all of them!

Here they are in case you'd forgotten them!

- ❖ To love learning
- ❖ To achieve our best
- ❖ To care for our school family
- ❖ To celebrate individual success
- ❖ To embrace opportunities which prepare us for the future

'Treat others as you would want them to treat you' Matthew 7 -12'

## **School Councillors**

This year our school councillors are –

Year 1 – Mia and Mia

Year 2 – Caleb and Ella

Year 3 – Joshua and Neve

Year 4 – Arron and Lucy

Year 5 - Joseph and Owen

Year 6 - Delilah and Henri

Mrs Phillips will continue to support the school council in their meetings.

## **Swimming**

**Don't forget that swimming starts next Tuesday. Please remember to bring your swimsuit, towel and goggles if you use them. We would appreciate it if all items that will be going to the pool are labelled as children will often deny all knowledge of an item belonging to them!**

## **After School Clubs**

This term Mrs Gilbert will be running netball club for children in Years 2 to 6. This will run from 3.30 to 4.30 on Mondays starting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>. Please complete the consent form at the bottom if you would like your child/children to attend. Federation football is now on Tuesdays at Okehampton College from 5.00 to 6.00.

## **Harvest Festival**

We will be holding our annual Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00 pm. Class 2 will lead the service with Class 1 and Class 3 delivering a song/poem.

## **Homework**

All children in Years 1 to 6 will each be bringing home tonight a plastic wallet with their names on. This contains a summary sheet with all the spellings your child needs to learn over the next six weeks. There will also be an activity sheet for each week's spellings. These can be kept at home to encourage your child to learn their spellings in preparation for their spelling test on Thursdays.

The maths homework for all children in Year 1 will be to learn their number bonds to 10/20. Children in Years 2 to 6 need to learn their times tables. All the children have been assessed this week and we will assess weekly, either verbally, test grids or in a game, their improved understanding and knowledge.

Year 2 – 2, 5, 10

Year 3 – 2, 3, 4, 5, 10

Year 4/5/6 – All their times tables to 12

When learning these number facts it is important that the children understand the inverse ( $3 \times 4 = 12$  but also  $12 \div 3 = 4$  or if we know  $15 + 5 = 20$  so also know that  $20 - 15 = 5$ ). Just like reading is the foundation for English activities, learning basic number facts is at the core of good mathematical understanding.

Every child will have a jotter for them to practice their spellings/number facts in. Please keep this at home.

Each class will also have a topic related homework piece that needs to be completed for the last week of half term (week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> October) that will be presented to their class. Please read class curriculum overviews below.

If you have any queries, concerns or comments please speak to your child's class teacher.

## **Lunchtime Clubs**

Mondays – Lego Club – led by Mrs Clayton

Wednesdays – Colouring Club – led by Mrs Hegarty

Fridays – Reading Club – led by Mrs Phillips

## **Class 1**

Class 1 are looking forward to a busy term at school. The children are settling in well and getting used to school routines.

We will be beginning the year in Maths by looking at number and place value and really getting to grips with the basic number system. We will be writing stories in English using repetitive phrases and focusing on our handwriting and letter formation. In Science we are investigating different animals and categorising them. We will be swimming on a Tuesday and PE on a Friday. Please can PE kits be in school at all times. Our topic this term is focused around Dinosaurs and Festivals. As part of their homework, I would like the children to create an information poster based on dinosaurs.

Please come and find me if you have any questions or queries about anything.

## **Class 2**

Key skills in both English and maths will be our focus this term. We will be looking at number facts, place value and the four operations in our maths lessons. Learning our times tables will help enormously in these lessons. During our English lessons we will be looking at stories in familiar settings, traditional tales and classic poems. We will be practising our spellings through handwriting practice and learning to use a ruler correctly as part of our focus on presentation. Our topics this term will be rainforests in the first half term followed by railways in the second half. Light and sound is the topic in science. For additional homework I would like children to create an interactive poster about rainforests which they will present to the class in the last week of half term.

## **Class 3**

This term we are deepening our understanding of place value in our maths through addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In English we will be writing about a new civilisation to link with our study of the Aztecs in our history. In geography we will be learning about mountains and in science we will be applying our learning of electricity. Inspirational people and Islam will be our focus in R.E. and for our P.E. we will be swimming and performing Aztec dance.

Please encourage your child to bring in any information or resources they have to extend their learning of these topics. Topic homework will be

Many thanks Mrs. Dickinson

## **Miss Squire**

After supporting us throughout the Keymaster production with dance routines, we are delighted that Miss Squire has agreed to cover our classes whilst their teachers have their allocated admin time. Miss Squire will be delivering dance, music, drama and French across the three classes – Thursday mornings in Class 2, Friday mornings in Class 1 and Friday afternoons in Class 3.

## **Magazines**

**If anyone has any spare/old children's magazines that can be shared at Reading Club please pass them to Mrs Phillips.**

## **Star of the Week**

Star of the week will now be announced in Worship on Monday afternoons.

## Parents' Meetings

Parents' evenings will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 nearer the time for you to choose a slot suitable for you.

## Jeans for Genes

This year alongside supporting our school funds, there will be fundraising for our selected charity 'Jeans for Genes'. On September 22<sup>nd</sup> we are asking everyone to wear their jeans to school and make a contribution of a suggested amount of £1 for the privilege! As the year progresses the school council will organise other assemblies, workshops and another fundraiser to help us have a better understanding of this charity.

## Attendance

Congratulations to **Class 3** for the highest attendance rate over the last week.

Class 1 – 96.8%

Class 2 – 88.9%

Class 3 – 97.8%

## Diary

### September

- 8<sup>th</sup> – Education Welfare Officer in school
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Swimming starts @ Aquastars (12 weeks)
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Guitar lessons start
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Full governing body meeting @ Okehampton College
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jeans for Genes – everyone wear their jeans to school – this term's charity
- 21<sup>st</sup> - PFA AGM @ The Red Lion, Exbourne

### October

- 13<sup>th</sup> – Individual Photos – Tempest Photographers
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Curry Night and Pub Quiz @ The Red Lion, Exbourne
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – Half Term

Enjoy your weekend,

Mrs Gilbert

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## Netball Club

I would like my child/children to attend netball club on Mondays – 4.00 to 5.00

Child/children's name.....

Signed .....