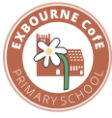


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Multi Academy  
Trust**  
...everyone in our Trust.



10<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Dear Parents and Carers,

A lot has been happening at Exbourne since the last newsletter! We have had outdoor days on the moor, World Book Day fun and the start of our Trust wide 'Festival of Hope' events. March is definitely a busy month for all of us! All classes are continuing to enjoy their new learning units. Highlights from classes include: making Easter treats for Class 1, writing instructions and reading in the Burrow in Class 2 and Class 3 have loved their lessons on the Ickabog text in English.

### **Festival of Hope Events:**

During the month of March, our Trust will be hosting many different events as part of our annual 'Festival of Hope' month. Our children will be taking part in sports and art events with other children across the Trust to promote collaboration and a sense of belonging. The children were recorded singing the Trust's Festival of Hope song on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March which can be viewed on the following link. [Make Our Future Bright - Festival of Hope 2023 - YouTube](#)

The main theme of the festival this year is reading. We have already hosted some events and more are planned in the next few week.

### **'Book and Biscuit' afternoon:**

Yesterday's 'Book and Biscuit afternoon' was a real success and the children enjoyed sharing their knowledge and skills with the parents that were able to attend. I know some children loved quizzing their parents on what they were sharing with them! The biscuits also proved very popular! A massive thank you to all the parents and relatives that were able to attend.



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#### **Reading in the Burrow:**

Another successful Festival of Hope reading event was Class 2 spending some of the afternoon in the Burrow reading and sharing stories with members of the community on Tuesday. The people who attended were impressed with the children's reading ability and commented on how polite and courteous the children were. Due to the success of this, we are hoping to continue this into the future. Groups of children from Class 3 will be reading in the Burrow on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 2pm.



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### **Whole school Book Swap:**

Don't forget that we are having a whole school book swap on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. We are encouraging children to bring in good quality books they no longer want to keep and swap them for books they would like to read and take home instead. All books will be placed in the main hall and the classes will be able to swap them throughout the day. This is the perfect opportunity for children to choose a book or author they might not normally read and to refresh their reading library at home.

### **Class 3 Outdoor days and activities:**

Class 3 have been very fortunate to have 2 outdoor days with the Encompass Outdoor group funded from our Sports Premium. I tasked the children with writing their own entry on what happened on the first day which is below.

We parked up at the carpark near Row Tor. We got out of the minibus and started walking. We walked to the top of Row Tor and looked at a map. Then, we discussed which direction we needed to head off in. We set off and went backwards past Row Tor and cut off to go back to Newbridge where we ate our lunch. We then split into 2 groups and kept walking. We walked to East Mill Tor and got to wrap ourselves into a yellow bubble tarp that keeps you warm. The other group walked to West Mill Tor. They were about a mile away. We tried shouting to them but they couldn't hear us! We realised that if we carried on walking we would be late to return home so had to change our course to get back to the minibuses. Our group made it back before the other group which we were delighted about!



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The next newsletter will explain what Class 3 did on their second outdoor day which has happened today!

**School Improvement Update – Raising Achievement Meetings and updated Academy Improvement Plans:**

This term, we have completed raising achievement meetings for all children throughout the school. The progress the children have made has been discussed as well as the additional provision some children are receiving. Following this meeting with all staff, some provisions have been tweaked and changed. This is to ensure all children are making the most progress they can. The children's progress is discussed in every staff meeting as are plans and provisions. As well as the recent raising achievement meetings occurring, all staff have reviewed the progress we are making towards our Academy Improvement Plan (AIP) this term. Some good progress has been made with all the objectives below. These were also discussed at our last Parents' Forum with the parents who attended and the objectives were explained in detail.

OBJECTIVE 1: To embed an ambitious, challenging and progressive curriculum in all areas for all learners.

OBJECTIVE 2: Ensure an inclusive culture where all children can flourish (including SEND, PPG, vulnerable pupils).

OBJECTIVE 3: Secure quality first teaching and learning in all classes for all children in all areas of the curriculum.

OBJECTIVE 4: Ensure that the Mathematics curriculum is suitably ambitious for all pupils, including for those pupils who have gaps in their knowledge.

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### **World Book Day at Exbourne:**

World Book Day celebrated on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We were really impressed with the variety of costumes that the children came in as well as the books to show which character they were. The day was spent completing some World Book Day activities and the love of reading was celebrated. Some of the fun is captured below.



### **Safeguarding Update – online safety lessons:**

All classes have had refresher lessons on how to stay safe online, what is age appropriate activity online and what they would do if they saw something online that worried or frightened them. Class 3 have had extra reminders about being careful what they post online and a reminder that APPS and games have age restrictions for a reason. Attached with the newsletter are information guides that you may find useful to discuss with your child about what they do to keep themselves safe online when they are at home. More useful advice can be found at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

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**Read Write Inc update:**

We continue to be amazed at how well the children are progressing in their RWI groups. The children are making great progress in their reading and are loving the writing element that goes with the scheme. Assessments are taking place in the next couple of weeks again so some children will be moving to different groups after Easter. Last week, we had our half termly development visit like all schools in the Trust. During the morning, all children were observed in their group and the trainer was impressed with how confident the children have become in their RWI sessions.

**Parents Evening:**

It was lovely seeing so many of you at this week's Parents' evening. The parents I spoke with were really pleased with how their child/ren were getting on at school and were proud to share the improvement they have made this year. If you were unable to attend, please contact the office and Wendy can make an appointment for you.

**International Women's' Month:**

This week, I led an assembly celebrating the start of Women's Month. The children were enthralled to learn about the 3 black women - Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson, who helped to get the first men on the moon, by being the great mathematical minds working for NASA. Our Trust values of Equity and Equality were discussed in detail as well as learning that all individuals can make a change for the better like these 3 incredible women did. Assemblies will continue to focus on inspirational women. Next week, the children will learn about an incredible young woman called Sophie Germain. She was a French mathematician and scientist who proved that women did deserve a place at university in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and should be allowed to study science. She was also the first woman in France to receive a prize for her mathematical and scientific discoveries. The children agreed this was very much deserved for all her hard work and studying.

**Real PE training:**

Last week, we were really lucky to have a trainer in from the 'Real PE' company whose plans we follow for delivering physical education lessons across all classes. The staff had the opportunity to team teach with the trainer and she then spent time with each class discussing why physical activity is important and how they could fit more of it into their daily routines. More information can be found at [Primary PE Lesson Plans | real PE](#)

**Volunteer packs reminder.**

Just a quick reminder that volunteer packs are available from the school office if you are able to volunteer anytime in school. If you have already taken a pack, please return to the school office once completed so that the necessary safeguarding checks can be completed. We look forward to welcoming you into school and helping.

**Messy Church reminder**

Yesterday's Messy Church was another success with many families attending. Highlights included the snacks, spring craft activities and everyone sharing shepherd's pie and cake! If you would like to attend the next session, it will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March and then every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month after that. Please let Wendy know if you are attending so she can add you to the list.

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**Parent Forum reminder – meet Miss Penny.**

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, Miss Tara Penny will be attending the Parent Forum so you can meet her and ask her any questions you may have. This will take place at 3.30pm in the main hall. Miss Penny has already visited the school on a couple of occasions already and we continue to have transition meetings to discussions her will be on the gate so you can get to know her. Miss Penny and I have met already and will continue to meet until I leave so she can have a thorough handover and transition into Exbourne after Easter.

Warmest wishes,

Martin Evelyn and all staff of Exbourne C of E Primary School.



**Dear Lord,**

***We pray for women and girls and hope that they can be given the opportunities to be allowed to become all they can be. Give us courage to speak and work for equality, equity and justice until the Earth is filled with righteousness and love.***

**Amen.**



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[Community Diary Dates and Events](#)

**Exeter Chiefs Rugby Training Day.**

## Rugby Camps - Okehampton College



Thursday, 13 April 2023



09:30



Rugby Camps - Participant, Away Stadium

**Name of camp- Okehampton College**

Location (and any directions necessary)-

Mill Road

Okehampton

EX20 1PW

**Age group(s)- U7 – U14 (As of September 1st 2022)**

Duration- 1 Day (Thursday 13th April) 9.30am-3.00pm

Cost – Subsidised at £15

[To book and for more details:](#)

<https://camps.exeterchiefs.co.uk/selection/event/seat?perfId=101849000652&productId=101691800515&lang=en>

### **Happy Families, Happy Futures Devon**

We are pleased to announce that the Happy Families Happy Futures Devon offer that supports parents to improve the quality of the interparental relationship has restarted through a collaboration between Devon County Council and our Community and Voluntary Sector and Private Sector partners. The programme will continue to deliver support to parents, via virtual or face-to-face delivery.

**This programme offer includes:**

**Family Transitions Triple P**

**\* Advice and guidance to support co-parenting and to deflect the pressure of divorce or separation away from children**

**Within My Reach**

**\* Help to understand and develop healthy relationships and the positive impact this can have on children**

These programmes are aimed at supporting parents, both together and separated, to reduce parental conflict, develop positive communication and problem-solving skills, to manage emotions and create more positive environments for their children.

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Requests for support should be submitted by completing this online Devon HFHF request form (click on this link) [Happy Families Happy Futures Referral Form](#) and a completed the consent form available here [Download the HFHF Consent Form](#)

[Support from the Communication and Interaction Team - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

**Support for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary children who are either on the autism waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.**

Our 'Autism & Us' programme and themed workshops delivered this academic year will once again be offered during the forthcoming Spring term for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary school children, pre or post diagnosis.

We are delighted to announce that we are offering access for families of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

Attending the 'Autism & Us' parent programme gives you an opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs.

Full programme details and application process below:

**Topic based workshops:**

The following topic-based workshops, are also available for parents/carers of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis. You can choose from these based on the relevance to you and your family.

Date	Time	Topic	Trainer
Tues 14 Mar	10 - 12	Autism – Managing stress + anxiety	Alison Cann
Thurs 23 Mar	10 - 12	Autism – Vulnerability + online safety	Paul Lamanna
Tues 28 Mar	10 - 12	Autism – Communication (pre/non-verbal – support strategies	Laura Matthews

Apply direct by email to: [educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk](mailto:educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk)

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Diary Dates and Events

**14<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3/4 Festival of Hope – Indoor athletics at Holsworthy Community College**

**14<sup>th</sup> March - Book read at the Burrow to the community – 2.00pm – 3.00pm**

**14<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Forum – 3.45pm – 5.00pm**

**16<sup>th</sup> March – Messy Church Session – 3.30pm – 5.00pm**

**17<sup>th</sup> March – Whole School Book Swap**

**21<sup>st</sup> March – Whole school Newquay Zoo trip – please be in school for 8.30am**

**22<sup>nd</sup> March – Class 2 – Art workshop @ Okehampton College**

**23<sup>rd</sup> March – Festival of Hope – Year 5/6 Netball @ Tavistock College**

**24<sup>th</sup> March – Whole school photo**

**24<sup>th</sup> March – PFA Easter Craft Fair**

**28<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Service at the church – 2.30pm – All welcome**

**30<sup>th</sup> March Festival of Hope – Year 5/6 Football**

**31<sup>st</sup> March – Non-school uniform day & PFA cake sale**

**03<sup>rd</sup> April – 14<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays – Students return on 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> April – Year 3 & 4 Outdoor Day**

**19<sup>th</sup> April – Year 3 Residential Meeting @ Boasley Cross 5.00pm**

**19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> April – Bike ability**

**20<sup>th</sup> April - Messy Church Session – 3.30pm – 5.00pm**

**02<sup>nd</sup> May – Normandy trip parents evening @ North Tawton, 5pm start**

**04<sup>th</sup> May – Year 4/5 Residential meeting @ Boasley Cross 4.00pm**

**14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 Normandy Trip**

**17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May Year 3 & 4 Water sports**

**18<sup>th</sup> May – Messy Church Session – 3.30pm – 5.00pm**

**29<sup>th</sup> May – 02<sup>nd</sup> June – Half term. Students return on 05<sup>th</sup> June**

**08<sup>th</sup> & 09<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 residential**

**15<sup>th</sup> June – Messy Church Session – 3.30pm – 5.00pm**

**16<sup>th</sup> June – Leavers Photo's**

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**22<sup>nd</sup> June – Year 6 Okehampton College information evening**

**23<sup>rd</sup> June – Rainbow Day**

**26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 & 5 Residential**

**29<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 taster day at Okehampton College**

**11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Residential**

**17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 meet the tutor for Okehampton College**

**20<sup>th</sup> July – Messy Church Session – 3.30pm – 5.00pm**

**21<sup>st</sup> July – Last Day of Term**