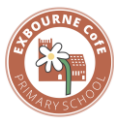


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28th April 2023.

Dear Exbourne Families,

What an exciting start to the Summer Term!

Water Sports

In the first week, Class Two enjoyed two fun filled days of water sports at Meath Quarry. They learnt water safety and enjoyed paddle boarding and canoeing.



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Welly Wednesdays

We have continued with our Welly Wednesdays, and we have been blessed with good weather – long may this last!

Wildlife Champions

Mrs Philips has started her sessions with our Wildlife Champions on the field. They are preparing for an exciting day at Meeth with other school's Wildlife Champions with Devon Wildlife Trust later in the term.

Reading at The Burrow

Children from Class One, with a Year six helper visited The Burrow to continue our reading project with the local community. It really is a joy to be part of and mutually beneficial for the children and local community. Many thanks to Nikki for hosting this at the café. I look forward to this becoming an Exbourne tradition!



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Messy Church

Rev Leigh and the team lead another Messy Church session last week. The staff and children said it was another roaring success. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend but I certainly will in the future! Do come along for our next session on Thursday 18th May.



Clubs

We have Monday Craft Club with Mrs Willis, Tuesday Outdoor Games Club with Miss Whiteley and Miss Webber, then on Thursday Cricket Club with Craig and Mrs Bonnett. All are fully booked.

Ready, Respectful and Safe

This term we are focusing on improving our learning behaviours. Together we wrote all of the rules we have in school and realised they all boil down to these three expectations: we are all **Ready** to learn, **Respectful** of each other, ourselves and our environment and physically and emotionally **Safe**.

This is terminology you can use at home to support the house rules you have.

SIAMs Development visit

Next year we are due to have a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) A SIAMS inspection explores the question, "How effective is the school's distinctive Christian vision, established and promoted by leadership at all levels, in enabling pupils and adults to flourish?"

This week, I met with Judith Larrington an Associate Advisor, from the Exeter Diocese. She spoke through the process and what changes will be made for 2023 – 2024. Mrs Underwood and I really appreciated her advice and support. This is an aspect of school

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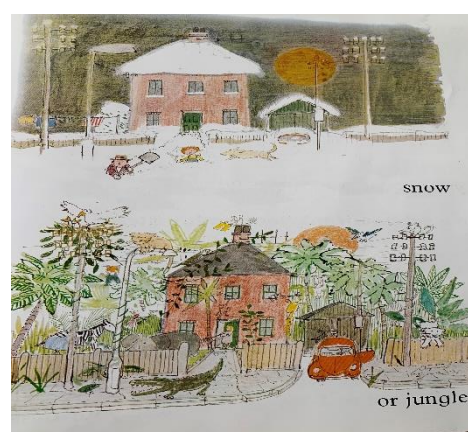
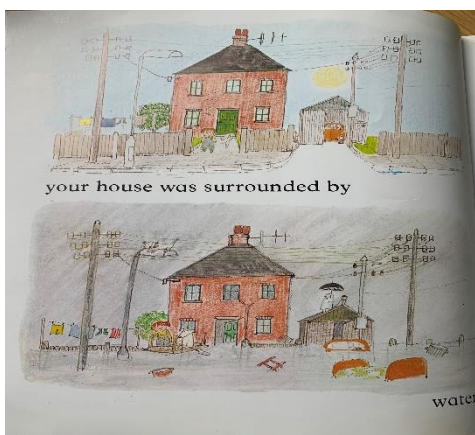
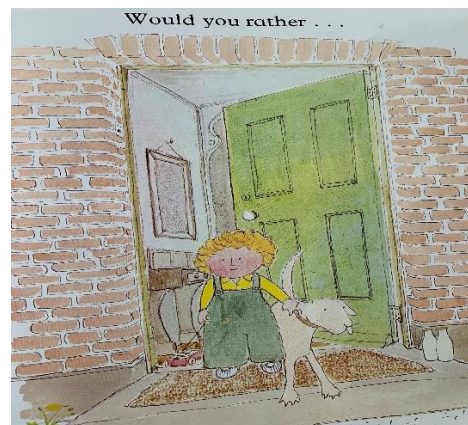
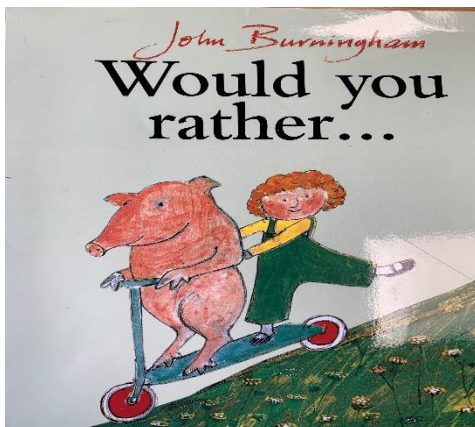
leadership we will be focusing on and making sure we are in the best place possible to show our inspector how we at Exbourne enable everyone in our school community to flourish.

Governor visit

Exbourne has now become part of the Three Hares Hub, meaning we are part of a new Local Stakeholder Board (LSB) and will be working closely with North Tawton (my other school) South Tawton and Chagford. The Chair of Governors, Mel Holyoak came to visit on Tuesday. She really enjoyed getting to meet some of the staff and children and joined us for our reading trip to The Burrow. She will be visiting regularly and getting to know the school and community.

Would you Rather?

I have been reading the picture book *Would You Rather?* with the children. It is a great book by John Burningham. It asks silly hypothetical questions which encourage imagination and playfulness. Children answered questions with their own thoughts and I encouraged them to share the reasons for their answers. It's fun to make up your own too! This is a great dinner time, or long journey conversations starter.



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Coronation Service

The church are holding a special Coronation Service on Sunday 7th May in St.Mary's at 9.30am and Dr Winter has asked if a representative from the school could read some of the Prayers, (very short and all printed out!) – could be a Child, Parent, Teacher, etc, - if there's any chance of someone being able to do that we'd be really grateful as we are trying to incorporate all the Organisations into the Service.

Final Thoughts and Reflections

In Worship this week, we looked at Psalm 139:14. David is praying to God and he says, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." I spoke about us all being unique, all having our own strengths, skills, ideas and appearances. None of us are the same as another person. We all have our own choices to make about what we say, think and do.

As a Christian, I often wonder why God chose to make us as individuals and why we were given free will. It surely would have been easier to create identical robots who would do God's bidding without question! I asked the children if they could create people which they would choose!

Whether we believe we were made by God, or not, we agreed that it is our differences and free will which makes us the wonderful and interesting people we are.

Dear God,

Thank you for making us the wonderful people we are, thank you for making us all special and different. Thank you for giving us our own ideas, our own abilities, and our own individuality.

Please help us to notice the uniqueness in others and to be proud of and celebrate our similarities and our differences. Please guide us to be the very best people we can be. Amen

Hope you all have a wonderful bank holiday weekend.
Warmest wishes,

Tara Penny and all staff of Exbourne CofE Primary School.

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Diary Dates and Events

02nd May – Exbourne CofE Primary closed to all students

04th May – Year 4/5 Residential meeting 4pm @Boasley Cross

05th May – Coronation Celebrations – red/white/blue themed non school uniform, lunch outside and fun & games at the field in the afternoon.

08th May – Bank holiday

9th, 10th, 11th, 12th May – SAT's Week – All year 6 students are invited to breakfast club from 7.50am for a bacon sandwich

17th & 18th May Year 3 & 4 Water sports

18th May – Messy Church Session – 3.30pm – 5.00pm

29th May – 02nd June – Half term. Students return on 05th June

08th & 09th June – Year 3 residential

15th June – Messy Church Session – 3.30pm – 5.00pm

16th June – Leavers Photo's

22nd June – Year 6 Okehampton College information evening

23rd June – Rainbow Day

26th, 27th & 28th June – Year 4 & 5 Residential

29th June – Year 6 taster day at Okehampton College

11th – 14th July – Year 6 Residential

17th July – Year 6 meet the tutor for Okehampton College

20th July – Messy Church Session – 3.30pm – 5.00pm

21st July – Last Day of Term