



# Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Ofsted January 2014

***"Pupils' progress in all year groups is strong and pupils achieve well".***

***"In lessons, pupils work together well and contribute enthusiastically. They concentrate well and persevere with tasks".***

Dear Parents,

We now have a display in the hall to celebrate children 'PERSEVERING WITH TASKS'. If your child perseveres with activities out of school please do let us know so that we can add it to our display. (Examples might include achieving sporting certificates, brownie badges, library certificates, learning to ride a bike etc). This work is really making a difference to the children's attitudes and they are aware of the impact of not giving up even when activities become challenging.

## **Pre-School Visit**

Class 1 enjoyed a visit from the Pre-School children on Thursday morning.

Throughout their visit they joined in with classroom activities and had great fun taking part in a Poddely session.



## **Targets**

The Ofsted inspection highlighted that we need to give children opportunities to assess their own work and identify targets for improvement. Now that we have held target setting meetings with all parents, children will be aware of what they need to do to improve in literacy and numeracy and will regularly be assessing their work to see if they have done so. Please make sure that your children know their targets so that they have the best possible chance of achieving them.

### **Parent Forum**

There will be a short presentation on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February about the Olympic legacy money that the school has been awarded and about the long term health benefits of being active. It will contain simple ideas about how small changes can have a great impact on ours and our children's lives. It will be an informative not a practical session! Please join us if you can.

### **Class 1 and 2 Reading Diaries**

Thank you so much to all the parents that are writing comments in the children's reading diaries relating to their reading goals. It really helps to give us a better picture of their reading experiences outside of school and it's certainly having a big impact on accelerating progress. The Ofsted inspector was very complementary about the teaching of reading at Exbourne and was very impressed by the positive attitudes children displayed.

### **Class 3 Learning Heroes**



Class 3 are celebrating good learning habits by having 'A Learning Hero'. Congratulations to Izzy Budd and Chloe Walker who have achieved this award already and continually try to achieve their best. Your positive attitudes are exemplary and we look forward to many more children following your lead.

### **French cafe**

Class 1 are holding their French cafe on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am – 10.00am, where parents can come along and enjoy a coffee/tea and croissant/cake. All proceeds will go towards our new class easel. If any parents would like to make a cake to slice up or some small cupcakes we would be very grateful. Children do not have to dress up but if they have any red, white or blue clothes that they would like to wear then we would love to see them all 'French'.

If KS2 children would like to bring a small donation we will look forward to seeing them after play for mid morning treat!

### **Dance Club Performance**

The children who have attended Dance Club after school on Monday's will be putting on a performance for their parents at 4.00pm next week. This is a great opportunity for you to come along and see what your children have been learning with Jess over the past few weeks.

### **Music Concert**

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February the children who have private music lessons at school will be performing short pieces for any friends and family who would like to come and listen. If your child does not have lessons and you would still like to come along to see the variety of instruments learnt you are more than welcome. The informal concert will be in the school hall at 9.00am.

### **Netball Club**

After half term Mrs Gilbert will be starting Netball Club on Mondays 3.30-4.30pm for KS2 children. Parents with siblings in KS1 are more than welcome to use our library area to wait for your child to finish club. Full PE kit will be needed. If your child would like to do this please complete the form at the bottom of the newsletter.

### **Multiskills**

Sue Doidge from OCRA will be re-starting multiskills club for KS1 and Foundation on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 3.30 – 4.30pm. If you would like your child to join in please complete the slip at the bottom of the newsletter.

### **World Book Day**

World Book day is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. It would be great to see the children at school dressed as a character from a BOOK. Please also bring the book along on the day. If any parents are able to come and join us at 9.00am for a book share we would be delighted to see you.

### **Bad Weather Procedure**

Although we do not have severe weather forecasted we thought it would be a good idea to remind parents of the bad weather procedure in the event of such disruption.

The website will be updated with information as to whether the school is open and we will also use our text alerts to convey important messages as quickly as possible. Radio Devon will be contacted and will broadcast updates with regards to school closure.

If you have recently changed your mobile phone number, please let the office staff know as soon as possible to ensure that we have up to date records.

### **Forthcoming Road Closure**

Road works are due to take place in Jacobstowe between 17<sup>th</sup> March – 11<sup>th</sup> April. Diversions will be put in place as the road is planned to be closed for re-surfacing. This information was provided by Highways this week, but if we hear of any changes we shall let parents know to try and help you plan your school journeys.

### **Diary Dates**

#### **February**

- 10<sup>th</sup> – Dance Club performance 4pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Music Concert 9am
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Class 1's French cafe 9-10am
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Worship with Rev Ruth 3.10pm ALL WELCOME
- **17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Half Term**
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Fire safety officer to visit KS1 and KS2
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Parent Forum 3.30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Full Governing Body at Boasley 6pm

#### **March**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – PFA Meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Worship with Rev Ruth ALL WELCOME
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Rotary primary Schools Quiz at Hatherleigh 6.30pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 and 5 Tag Rugby at South Zeal
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Worship with Rev Ruth 3.10pm ALL WELCOME
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Multi Skills at Okehampton College
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Swimming Gala at Parklands 1.30pm

- 30<sup>th</sup> – Mothering Sunday service at St. Mary’s Church 11am – ALL WELCOME

**April**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Small schools cross country at Boasley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Worship with Rev Ruth 3.10pm ALL WELCOME
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Full Governing Body at Bridestowe 6pm
- **7<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Easter Holiday**
- **21<sup>st</sup> – Bank Holiday**
- **22<sup>nd</sup> – Non-Pupil Day**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Summer term starts

**May**

- **5<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday**
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Bag 2 School
- 12<sup>th</sup> – SAT’s week
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Full Governing Body at Exbourne 6pm
- **26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Half Term**

**June**

- 12<sup>th</sup> – Full Governing Body at Lydford 6pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Church Fete

**July**

- 10<sup>th</sup> – Full Governing Body at Okehampton College
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Heatree residential
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term

**Autumn term starts on 8<sup>th</sup> September**

\*Please note that diary dates can sometimes be amended and new dates added.

Have a fantastic weekend

Alison Ewen



**Netball Club**

I give my consent for my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ to join Netball Club after school on Monday’s starting 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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I give my consent for my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ to join Multiskills Club after school on Wednesday’s starting 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_