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Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2020

Happy New Year!

Last week's
attendance
was:
92.9%

Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of 2020! It was lovely to see all the children on Tuesday and find out all the exciting things they did over the holidays.

On Wednesday this week we held our interviews for a PPA and Head of School cover. We interviewed three candidates, who all had very different qualities to offer the school. I am pleased to announce that Mr Thomas has been appointed (*subject to references and checks*) and will be joining our staffing team. He will continue to run forest school sessions for both classes each Thursday and teach in class 1 on Fridays. He will also be available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to cover myself and Mrs Lee if needed.

Over the next week children in both classes will come home with a copy of this term's curriculum newsletter. This will give you information about the specific topics of the curriculum that will be covered over the spring term. We have trips and visits organised for the term and the children will come home with more information about these shortly.

Our after school clubs start back next week. On Tuesday our yoga club will continue, Wednesday will be the first session of our new arts and crafts club and Thursday will continue with our martial arts club. All clubs will run from 3:30 – 4:30pm. Please make sure that your child wants to take part in the club and has all the necessary equipment they need to take part. Your child needs to be signed up through our school gateway system to take part in our after school activities. Any child who is not signed up will not be able to attend the club.

Hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cook

Remember to book your child's school dinners for the coming week

School Diary

January 2020

Monday - 13th	Mr McCaffley teaching KS1- all day
Tuesday - 14th	Yoga after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (yr1-6)
Wednesday - 15th	Mr Thomas teaching KS2- pm NEW! Arts & Crafts club, 3:30-4:30pm (yr1-6)
Thursday - 16th	Forest School with Mr Thomas- KS2 am & KS1 pm Martial Arts Grading club, 3:30-4:30pm (yr1-6)
Friday - 17th	Mr Thomas teaching KS1- all day Celebration Assembly at 3.10pm

May Bank Holiday- Date Change

IMPORTANT! Please note that the Bank Holiday on Monday 4th May has been changed by the government to **Friday 8th May**. This means that the long weekend will coincide with the extended 75th anniversary celebrations for VE Day.

Class 2 Trip- Yeovil Fleet Air Arm Museum



On **Friday 7th February** the children in class 2 will be visiting Yeovil's Fleet Air Arm Museum. They will be taking part in two workshops; WW2 The Battle of Britain & War on the Homefront, followed by a couple hours to explore the museum itself and visit the gift shop.

Due to the distance, we will require **all children to be in school by 7:45am** for the coach to depart promptly at 8am. We should arrive back to school by approx 5pm. If this should be any different a text will be sent out. The cost of this trip is £12 per child. Please make payment by Fri 31st Jan by going to the 'payments' section of School Gateway.

Children will need to be in full school uniform and bring with them a packed lunch & drink.

For more information on the museum visit- www.fleetairarm.com



Clive Pig- Christopher Columbus Workshop

Clive Pig will be visiting the school once again, this time to provide class 1 children with a workshop based on the explorer Christopher Columbus to coincide with the topic in class 'Great voyages around the world'.

We will be asking parents for a payment of £5 per child for this visit, which can be made payable in School Gateway.



Yr 6 Primary Schools Quiz

Our year 6 children have been invited to take part in heat 3 of this year's 'Primary School Quiz', which will take place on **Friday 6th Feb, 6pm at Okehampton Primary**. This event will require parents transportation as it's out of school hours. Quiz teams consist of 4 children so if your child cannot take part, please let us know ASAP so that we can find a replacement. Consent will need to be given in School Gateway prior to the event. If the team gets through to the final, this will take place on Wed 12th Feb at the Octagon Theatre (time tbc).

WANTED!

Whitegoods for the woods!

Appealing to anyone who has replaced their washing machine in the sales this year! An old washing machine drum can become a fantastic fire pit for us to practise our fire lighting skills and to keep us warm on these cold, wet days!

As usual, if you have any usable wood that we could have for our sessions – either for burning or for use in craft/wildlife projects we would be very grateful.

Mr Thomas

Travel resources

To support our new Explorers topic in class 1 we are hoping to create a new role play area of a travel agency. If you have any brochures, maps, old phones etc that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for these at school!

SUPER LEARNERS OF THE WEEK


The emperor penguin can be found in the Antarctic. They are the tallest penguins and can weigh up to 45 kg.

They endure very harsh conditions to ensure that their young survive. They breed during the bitter winter. The males and females both care for their chick and share duties. They have a single chick at a time.

The Emperor Penguin

Write two sentences about the emperor penguin below.

The penguins are nice and the penguins eat fish.



Class 1

Lexie has made a great improvement with her writing this week, remembering to put in her finger spaces.

Class 2

Millie's attitude to learning and her perseverance has been exemplary, not only this week but consistently since September. Well done Millie!



Christian Ethos- 'Friendship'

Class 1

Ben is a kind and caring boy who always shows empathy towards others. He is a helping hand to adults in the playground when someone has fallen over.



Class 2

Jake has let his light shine brighter than ever this week. His respectful conversation with peers and willingness to help others has brightened everyone's week! Staff have also appreciated his cheerful smile, manners and help each day. You're setting a wonderful example to others Jake, Well done!



Speech, Language and Communication Needs Parent Workshops 2020

A free workshop for parents of children and young people with speech, language and communication needs.

We will be focusing on strategies to support your child with vocabulary learning. We will be looking at how to support word learning through book sharing, as well as exploring visual ways in which you can support your child to learn new words throughout their school career.

This workshop is suitable for parents of children at Primary and Secondary school.

Please choose from the following venues:

	Venue	Date	Time
Exeter	St Michael's Primary Academy	4 th March 2020	13:30 - 15:00
West Devon	Stowford Primary	4 th March 2020	13:30 – 15:00
South Devon	Haytor View Primary School, Newton Abbot	12 th March 2020	09:30 – 11:00
East Devon	Marpool Primary, Exmouth	3 rd March 2020	09:30 – 11:00
Mid Devon	St Andrews Primary, Cullompton	4 th March 2020	13:00 – 14:30
North Devon	Sticklepath Primary, Barnstaple	5 th March 2020	10:00 – 11:30

To book your free place, please email sue.vanstone@babcockinternational.com