



"Let Your Light Shine"

Matthew 5:16

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

Newsletter Friday 18th February 2022

Last week's
attendance
was:
95.4%

Dear parents/carers,

I would like to begin by thanking our staff who moved swiftly in organising and preparing the remote provision for all our children today, including providing children with devices to access the learning. The children have demonstrated great determination and resilience in all aspects of school life over the last seven weeks, and the learning they have been producing has shown the connections made within and across the curriculum. We are extremely proud of all of them and the efforts they have made this half term.

This week your child/ren will have come home with their updated targets that staff and children have been working on in the autumn/spring term. Through daily teaching, assessments, pre-teach and keep up sessions staff have been able to focus on these targets with your child/ren. New targets will be set for the spring/summer term and shared with parents in our Parents' Consultation on **Tuesday 8th March**. Please log onto **Arbor** to book a 10-minute teams/telephone call (please let us know whether you would like a telephone call).



In preparation for their SATs assessments, which will begin on Monday 9th May, Mrs Lee and I will be running a year 6 SATs club after the half term holidays. The club will run each **Wednesday after school from 3:30 - 4:15pm** for the next 7 weeks. The club will provide an opportunity for the children to revisit any of the areas of the curriculum they are finding tricky and explore some SATs based questions to practice as a group. We hope all our year 6 children will come along to the group. The first session will begin on **Wednesday 2nd March**.

We will be celebrating World book Day on **Thursday 3rd March**. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character – for ideas please click on this link [World Book Day Dress Up Ideas](#). The staff will be awarding a prize for the most creative costumes in each class. The librarians will also be running a book hunt as well as other activities in the library at break and lunch time. Class teachers are asking the children to practice reading a small part of their favourite book to share with the rest of the class on the day. We hope by sharing their favourite books with each other the children will be inspired by a new author and want to read something new. The librarians will be creating a book display in the library and children can borrow these books during break and lunch times.



After the half term staff will begin their training to develop their understanding of our new phonics scheme – Read Write Inc. The scheme is already being used by several of our primary schools across the DMAT, and having visited these schools over the past few months I have been impressed with the progress that the reception and key stage 1 children have made in both reading and writing using this scheme. We hope to run parent workshops in the summer term to support parents with our new reading scheme and books.

We hope to open the doors to our parents and carers when we return after the half term holidays. We hope this will begin on **Friday 11th March** with our Book & Biscuit morning 8:50-9:15am, followed by our weekly Celebration Assembly. I will be updating the school risk assessment on the first week back and depending on the latest government guidance, will let you know the final arrangements. We are looking forward to inviting our parents back through the doors and sharing the fantastic learning that the children have been completing across the school.



Once again, on behalf of the staff and children I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continual support this half term. Wishing you and your family a safe and restful half term break. Looking forward to seeing all our children when we return on **Monday 28th February at 8:50am**.

Have a lovely half term

Mrs Cook

School Diary

February/ March

Monday - 28 th	OCRA Unihoc after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday - 1 st	<i>Shrove Tuesday- Pancake Day</i> Dance after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Wednesday - 2 nd	Tuck Shop, 3:15-3:30pm Art after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (1 of 4) Year 6 SATs Club, 3:30-4:15pm
Thursday - 3 rd	WORLD BOOK DAY - <i>come dressed as a book character</i> Martial Arts club, 3:30-4:30pm Parents Forum meeting, 5pm on Teams
Friday - 4 th	Celebration Assembly, 9:15-9:30am- <i>pupils only</i> PE lessons- Class 1 & 2

*Your child must be booked onto our after-school clubs through School Gateway, in order to take part.



Cross Country- Race 2

The second of our cross-country events will take place on **Thursday 10th March**. The children will

be leaving school after lunch and will return to school before the end of the school day. The second event will take place at North Tawton and transport has been arranged. Parents have already given consent for this event on School Gateway. If your child will not be able to attend the event, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Parents Forum

Just to remind you that our parents forum will take place over teams on **Thursday 3rd March at 5pm**. If you would like a link to the meeting, please contact the school office when we return on Monday 28th February. I will send out an agenda for the meeting when we return after the holidays.

Question of the Week

Do you know what to do when someone is mean to you online?

89.5% Yes

- ~ You can tell your parents.
- ~ You can report them.
- ~ Block the person who is being mean.
- ~ Stop using the APP or game for a while.
- ~ Tell a teacher.

10.5% No

- ~ I just play single player games.
- ~ I don't go online.

PARENT Consultation

Parent Consultations

If you haven't done so already, please login to your ARBOR APP and book an appointment with your child's class teacher. Your 10-minute online Teams consultation will provide an opportunity for teachers to discuss your child's progress and the targets set for the Spring/Summer term.

If you would prefer a phone call, please state this in the notes section when booking, along with the number you would like to be contacted on.



MATHS AT HOME

Have a look at some of these fantastic games that you can access on your devices for free. It is really important to keep practising your number bonds and times tables so that you don't forget them over half term. These games are great for doing that in a fun way. Hope you have lots of fun playing them!

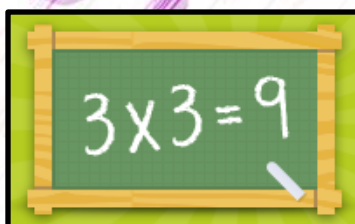
Which one is going to be your favourite?



EYFS & KS1 White Rose Maths
1-Minute Maths
FREE to download from the APP store



EYFS & KS1 Teach Your Monster
Number Skills
www.teachyourmonster.org/numberskills



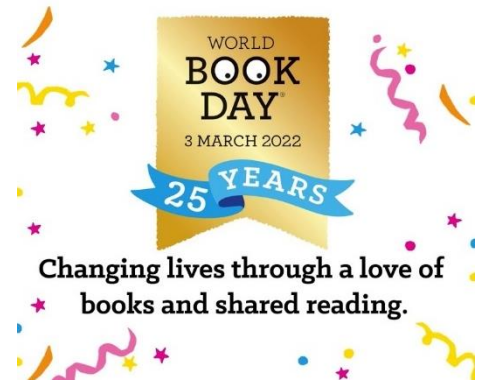
Timetables.co.uk
MTC

Years 4-6 Test your multiplication skills against the clock

www.timetables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check

World Book Day 2022

This week, all children have been issued with a £1 book voucher. You have until 27th March to use your voucher and can choose from 12 **FREE** World Book Day books or alternatively use the voucher to get a £1 discount off any book or audiobook (priced over £2.99). For more information on this year's titles and where to use your voucher visit- www.worldbookday.com



FREE E-Bike Hire - Voucher Give Away with Granite Way Cycles.



Ever wanted to test ride an E-bike? Well now you can hire one for the day, free of charge.

Spend the day exploring Okehampton and the granite way on an electronically assisted bike. Whether you're looking to use the car less, or looking to get yourself back into cycling, why not let an e-

bike help get you rolling. Vouchers are limited, so this will be done on a first come first serve basis and you can only apply once. Terms and conditions apply.

[Register here](#) to apply for a free e-bike voucher, once you have registered on the link, you will receive a unique code from my colleague (please check your junk folder once you have applied). You will then need to book in with the [Granite Way Cycles](#) bike shop.

The e-bike voucher scheme aims to increase the uptake of e-cycling in Devon, by offering residents in targeted areas a full-day hire e-bike voucher. These vouchers will allow residents to give e-cycling a try from a participating bike shop, for free.

Points

- Register on this [link](#). We have 10 vouchers to give away for Okehampton.
- Once registered you will receive an email voucher with a unique code and nearest bike shop information [Granite Way Cycles](#)
- Contact [Granite Way Cycles](#) shop to book in a date and time with your unique voucher code.
- Vouchers will be valid until the **31st March 2022** (in the first instance)