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

## **Newsletter** **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Last week's  
attendance  
was:  
**97.2%**

Dear parents/carers,

The children have been busy this week with our Ethos, School Council and library groups organising lots of activities and events around the school. The School Council have been meeting weekly with Mrs Johnstone and have organised all the 'Red Nose Day' events for today. They came up with some fantastic ideas including pinning the nose on the clown, cake sale and cream cracker eating challenge. They have been busy creating posters and reminding children about the different events planned for today, well done to all involved.

Our spiritual area is beginning to take shape. The children have been creating a willow arch entrance to the spiritual garden and continuing to weed and clear the enclosed area. A huge thank you to all those parents who have donated items for this new space, including beautiful planters from the Porteous family. We are excited with the plans the children have created for the area and hope to have it completed and ready for a grand opening in the summer term.

A huge thank you to our PTFA for funding our mosaic project with Adela Webb, a local artist. I'm sure you'll agree our school's ethos of 'Let Your Light Shine' looks amazing at the front of the school.

Our librarians have been busy this week reorganising our library area, creating a display of all the 'World Book Day' free £1 books the school have managed to collect. They are planning some reading events for the summer term following their successful World Book Day events that they planned for all the children last week.



Once again, staff have been extremely proud of all the children for their engagement and attitude towards their learning. Our Christian values of friendship and forgiveness have been demonstrated throughout the week by many children. Keep up the fantastic work everyone!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,  
Mrs Cook

## **School Dinners**

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March, our contract with Devon Norse ends. The Trust have chosen not to renew it and for our meals to be provided by Okehampton Colleges canteen. This means that a new menu will be added to School Gateway, ready for when we return after the Easter holidays. We will let you know when dinner booking is available.

## **Lunches!**

On **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April** we are asking that [all children in class 2](#) bring a packed lunch to school. If your child is in Class 1 or a Free School Meal child in class 2, they will be able to select a cold lunch option from School Gateway. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause!

Microsoft Teams

## **Parent Meeting**

### **Teams Parent Consultations**

On Wednesday booking opened in our new 'Arbor' system. We currently have 90% of parents who have created their login and are able to change their child's details and choose a meeting slot, which is great! If you have not done this yet, please follow the link sent in your welcome email as it's essential that we hold the correct details for your child.

All bookings for Parent Consultations are now to be booked through 'Arbor'. If you would prefer a phone call rather than a Teams meeting for your parent consultation, please leave a comment in the notes section when booking your slot in Arbor. Booking closes on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

## **PTFA Easter Egg Raffle**

Raffle tickets have been sent home with the children this week, so please help our PTFA raise funds for the school by selling raffle tickets to friends & family. If you need anymore, please contact the office.

**£1 per ticket**



All tickets to be returned to school no later than the morning of Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March, with the draw taking place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### Poetry Competition- Winners

A huge well done to Rose who is now the MAT Poet Laureate for her poetry entry during lockdown organised by the MAT. The poems were based on the theme of 'hope', and Rose will be having further poems published regularly in the MAT newsletter. Grace also came runner up for her fantastic poem titled 'Believe'. Both girls also received a £20 book token each.



#### *Hope*

Those we love who've passed away don't really leave us,  
They walk and run beside us every day,  
Unseen, Unheard but always near watching as we grow,  
Still loved, Still missed, Still very dear,  
We love them truly forever and ever.

By Rose Doran

#### *Believe*

Hope isn't something that we just  
pray for it's something that we  
have to believe in. If you believe  
then at the light will guide you  
to hope and I believe that if  
we all stand together then we can  
accomplish anything  
by Grace Doran

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### Dinner/ Swimming Payments

We are currently having to switch from our existing School Gateway account to a new version of School Gateway. Therefore, it is important that any outstanding dinner/swimming payments are settled by **Wednesday 31st March**. This will enable a smooth transition to the new School Gateway account. Please continue to use School Gateway as normal.

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### After School Clubs

We are excited to announce that we will be running after school clubs from the summer term. These will be open to children from year 1 to year 6, Monday to Thursday from 3:30 – 4:30pm. We are currently in conversations with several providers, and we hope to share more details with you in next week's newsletter regarding how to sign up.



### **Easter Egg Rolling Competition**

We are able to have our annual Easter Egg Rolling competition this year. To enter, children will need to decorate a hard-boiled egg ready to roll down the ramp in the hall. Prizes will be awarded to a child from each class whose egg rolls the furthest, without smashing on its way down the ramp. All creative designs need to be in school for the last day of this term on THURSDAY 1st APRIL.



### **Easter Garden Competition!**

The Church group, Infusion, have created a competition for Easter this year. Your challenge is to create an Easter garden.

Have a look at the pictures for some inspiration.

Making an Easter Garden is a fun and easy way to recreate the events of the first Easter. Not sure where to start? Watch this film to hear the Easter story and to find out how to make an Easter Garden

[Make an Easter Garden « RE:start \(request.org.uk\)](#)



For a chance to **WIN 1 of 3 £10 Amazon gift vouchers**, post a picture of your finished creation on Facebook or Instagram and tag @infusion.methodist. If you don't use social media, send us an email via [info@infusionwestdevon.org](mailto:info@infusionwestdevon.org)

*Please note, that any photos sent in via social media or email will be used on the Infusion/West Devon Methodist Circuit Social Media profiles (and print publications), unless otherwise requested.*

*Therefore, if you don't want your children to appear on our social media, please tag us in photos without the children in it.*

**CLOSING DATE- SAT 17th APRIL 2021!**

The 3 winners will be announced on social media on Monday 19th April!



# RED NOSE DAY 2021

**Cake Sale**



**Cracker Eating Competition**



**Stick the red nose on the clown game**





# Forest School News

This week in Forest School we created our own mini habitats by making terrariums. A terrarium is a mini self-contained ecosystem in a jar or bottle. The terrarium can be sealed and may continue to thrive for years under the right conditions.

We added stones and soil to provide a well-drained place for plants to grow. We planted grass, moss and other small plants. We will observe our terrariums over the next few weeks to see what happens!

Next week we will be practising our knot-tying and lashing to make some mini-rafts out of sticks and string.





*Congratulations to the following children for achieving their  
gold star certificates!*



SILVER AWARD

Class 1

Laila

Hannah

Zac U-T

Class 2

Darcie

Ethan

Rose

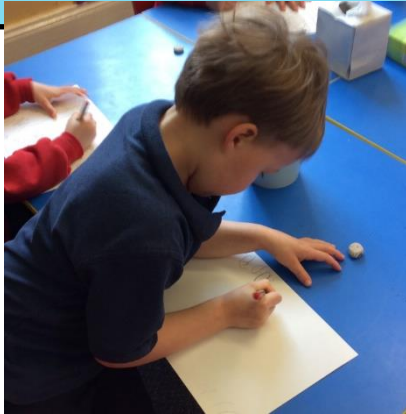




# Super Learner's of the Week!

## Class 1

**Freddie** has shown an amazing attitude to his learning this week, especially with his letter formation, reading and maths learning. Well done Freddie!



## Class 2

Tricky fractions have been the topic for class 2 this week and some children were finding it extremely challenging. **Isobella** persevered throughout, without becoming disheartened and independently completed a fraction question with multiple elements. It was brilliant to see you beaming with pride about your Maths learning. Well done, Isobella!

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## Christian Ethos-

FRIENDSHIP &



**Class 1: Friendship-** Hannah chose to help others on the playground this week and offered solutions to their different problems. Amazing friendship qualities Hannah!



**Class 2: Friendship-** This week it has been lovely to see **Kieran** really developing his friendship skills by supporting Charlie in school. He has been extremely caring and thoughtful when encouraging him to join in with activities. Well done for being such a fantastic friend Kieran!



**Class 1: Forgiveness-** Ben has experienced the gift of happiness after forgiving someone who had been unkind. Well done Ben, it is great to see you laughing with your friends again!

**Class 2: Forgiveness-** After a disagreement on the playground **Max** and **Hayden** used their reflective skills to calm down and maturely reconcile their disagreement. They then came into the classroom for their music lesson and were able to forgive each other and learn together ensuring they were sharing equipment and being respectful of each other. It was fantastic forgiveness. Well done Max and Hayden.



**Do you feel you know the rhythm of life within your community?**

**Are you inspired by the creativity and wonder of Children?**

**Do you have a passion to see your local schools continue to serve in excellent and resourceful ways?**

If you've said yes any of the questions above, have you ever considered being a Governor?

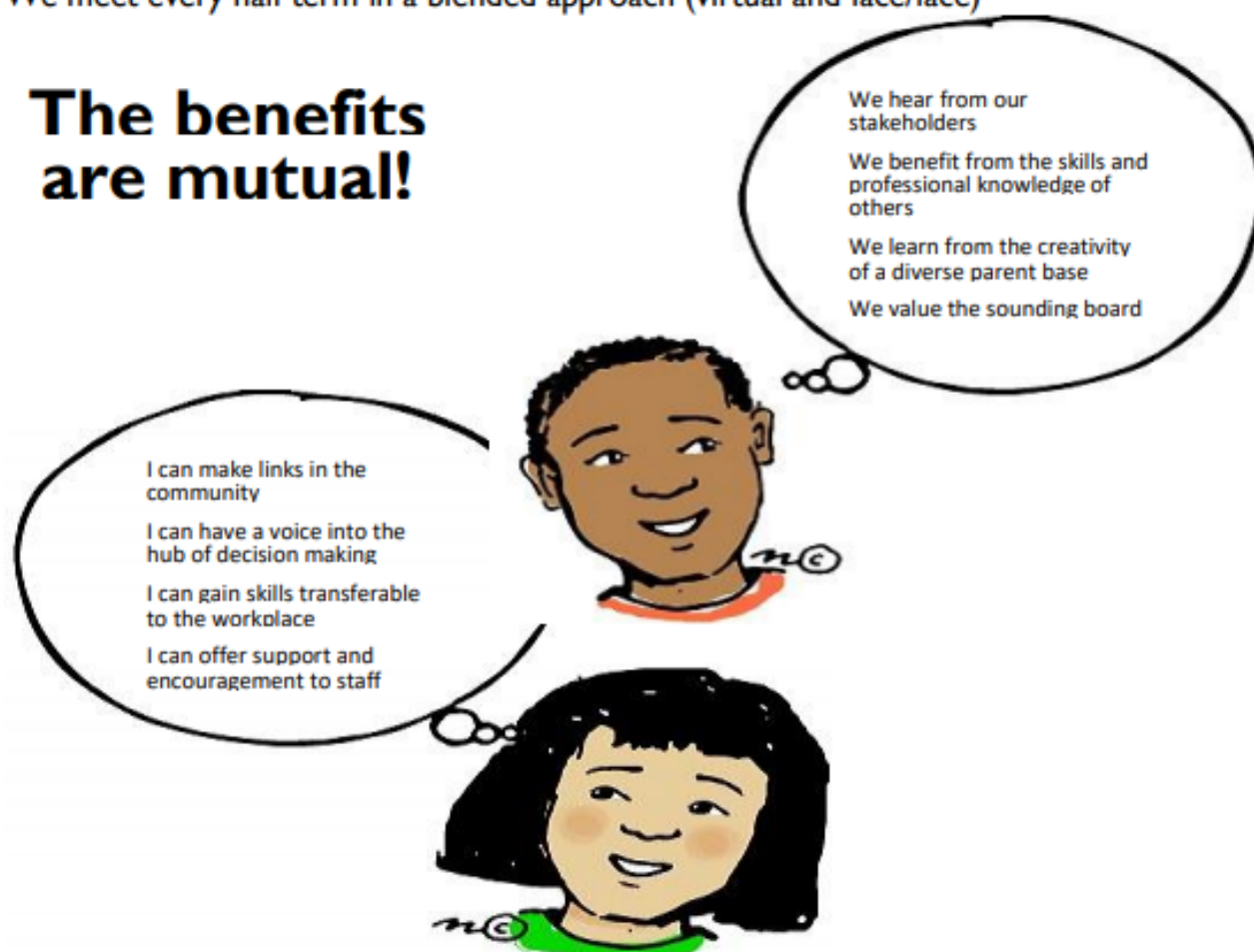
**What is stopping you?**

We need people like you to step forward and to volunteer to be a parent governor.

We value that local knowledge and experience is our most precious treasure in the local governance of schools. You may also bring other skills and knowledge which is a bonus too!

We meet every half term in a blended approach (virtual and face/face)

## **The benefits are mutual!**



If you would like more information please feel free to contact Marilyn Livingstone ([mlivingstone@dartmoormat.org.uk](mailto:mlivingstone@dartmoormat.org.uk)) or Bridget Down ([bdown@dartmoormat.org.uk](mailto:bdown@dartmoormat.org.uk)) if you would like to put your name forward, please email [clerk.dflgb@dartmoormat.org.uk](mailto:clerk.dflgb@dartmoormat.org.uk) for a nomination form. Nominations close by the end of the day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021