

October 6th 2017**Dear all,**

Thank you to everyone who has attended the parent activity sessions this week. They have been a lot of fun as well as giving you a valuable insight into your child's learning at school.

Thank you also to all the parents who donated and/or attended our Harvest Festival assembly. It was a beautiful gathering with lots of lovely singing.

Willow and Cherry class had a fantastic time at the Aquarium this week. They took part in lots of interactive activities and it has been a great stimulus for their writing this week.

FSU have been learning lots this week about healthy foods and made some delicious vegetable soup. It was a real tasty treat for me on a cold autumn afternoon!

A group of our children took part in an athletics competition with other local schools. Although we didn't win, the children showed excellent team spirit and resilience. Good luck to all those taking part in the cross country at Bicton next week.

Mathletics

Thanks to the generosity of the PTA, we have secured a subscription for Mathletics for the whole school year. Mathletics is an online learning platform where children get to practise and improve their Maths skills through interactive games and online learning. Each child has their own individual login; please let their teacher know if they need a reminder of this. The link to access Mathletics is on the Maths Curriculum page on the school website.

Music resource

Music World is a safe online space where children can go to learn, explore and develop playing and musicianship skills. Music World gives children things to practise at home. The activities are set by Mrs Nelmes, our music teacher, and are fun, apt and relevant to each class. Children love Music World with its avatars and fun music activities and they like earning coins and badges as a reward for completing their musical tasks. Mrs Nelmes will shortly be giving out letters explaining how children can log in and start accessing their activities at home. Please do speak to Mrs Nelmes if you would like more information. These activities are not compulsory but are simply for children to do if they are inspired by music and would like to continue at home!

Free School Meals

If you think you may be able to claim for Free School Meals there is now a link on our website's home page called Devon Citizen Portal. The Citizens Portal allows parents and carers to make applications for two year old funding and free school meals. This replaces the form that parents used to have to complete. Please see the office if you would like more information.

Found

A child's watch was found outside the school gate. Please see the office if you think it may be your child's.

Data collection sheets

Please return the Data Collection Sheets signed and amended if necessary. Please sign and return them even if there are no amendments.

Reception class photos

The photo in the Express & Echo of our new reception children will be on sale on 12th October.

Next week:

Tuesday 10th October: Rowan & Sycamore trip to Seaton Jurassic

Tuesday 10th October: Cross-country at Bicton Arena. Competing children to be collected at 3.15pm

Wednesday 11th October: Rowan class parent activity session 9.10am-10am

Wednesday 11th October: FSU class parent activity session 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Friday 13th October: Donkeys visiting school!

Best wishes

Mrs Tavlör-Bashford

Headteacher's Awards: Cherry class – Max, Ben, Maple class - Laura

Gospel Value Certificates:

Bronze: Willow – Jasmyne

Stars of the week:

Oak – Gemma, Sycamore – Bella C, Rowan – Mylo, Cherry – George, Willow – Romeo, Maple – Charlotte, Beech – Henry

Breakfast Club Superstar: Archie A