

Friday 7th February 2020

Dear all,

When I walk around the school, with visitors and new parents, it is wonderful to see the wide range of curriculum that the children are learning. The children are fascinated to see the links between all the curriculum subjects. Whether it is music, art, science or history, the children are really developing their Love of Learning. The wide curriculum with trips, forest school, sports and residentials is a real strength of our school. It is lovely to hear how impressed visitors are when they visit.

Music Mark Award

Thinking of the wider curriculum, I am pleased to announce that we have just received the 'Music Mark'. This has been awarded to us in recognition of our commitment to providing high quality music education for all children. Many thanks to our teachers and particularly Mrs Nelmes for the excellent music they deliver across the school.

Plastic Protest

All last month we took part in a Plastic Protest and we kept our packaging from the fruit for school scheme. Below is just a day's worth of the plastic we collected. We also collected straws from the milk cartons. Some of the children were particularly concerned about the straws as they have learnt how they can affect the sea creatures, like the turtles. We have sent all the plastic in to St Peter's, where it is joining with their plastic and Exeter Road and Lymptone schools. It is then being sent in to the MPs and the suppliers to get them to change the packaging arrangements. Our children are making a difference!

**Next week:**

Monday 10th – Wednesday 12th February – Maple Class residential to Magdalen

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet day

Tuesday 11th February – Parent Activity session, Year 3, 2.15pm

Wednesday 12th February – Parent Activity session, Year 2, 9.10am

Friday 14th February – School finishes for half term. Children return Tuesday 25th February

Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support

Have a lovely half term

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Headteacher's Awards: Rowan – Noah x2!, Arthur, Cohen, Sycamore – Fraser, Ellis, Gemma, Cattaleya

Gold Awards: Cherry – Adam

Silver Awards: Beech – George, Oliver

Bronze Awards: Rowan- Shiloh, Liam, Cherry – Queenie, Willow – Edith, Evie, Beech – Indigo, Olivia, Frank

Stars of the week: Oak – Thea, Rowan – Riley, Sycamore - Daisy, Cherry – Nicholas, Willow – Edith, Maple – Nicole, Beech – Charlie S

Lunch Time target this week: Lining up nicely