

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all found the parents evenings informative. It was lovely to be able to have the meetings all in school rather than online. If you haven't yet seen your child's class teacher please see them to make an appointment as it is really important that we work together to support your child.

The children have had a great week in school. There are lots of different events coming up so please keep an eye on the dates below.

This week Year One have been reading the story 'The Disgusting Sandwich' by Gareth Edwards and have made their own disgusting sandwiches to inspire their writing.

Today Year 1 and 2 had a dance session with a specialist dance teacher from South Dartmoor College. They had a fantastic time. Many thanks to Mrs Mason for coming in to work with us.

Year 3 and 4 had a Carbon monoxide workshop which was really interesting and taught them all about what it is and how to keep themselves safe.

In FSU they have been making apple cakes as part of autumn cooking!

They looked closely at the properties of apples, where apples come from, how they grow, what they look like, what colours they are and then they looked closely at the seeds inside. These particular apples came from one of our Governors' apple trees. We hope the children enjoyed their cakes, they smelt delicious!

In forest school this week Sycamore Class made boats, testing different materials and adapting our designs to improve them. They also went in the mud kitchen and got very dirty, enjoying time outdoors in nature. They then toasted and ate delicious marshmallows.

**Christmas cards**

This week your child will come home with their Christmas card designs. If you wish to have them turned into actual Christmas cards please return them – and pay via ParentPay – no later than Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

**Internet provider discount**

It is harder for families nowadays without reliable internet at home. Parents need it to pay bills, children need it to complete their homework etc. Unfortunately, many families can't afford internet service but a new government benefit, the [Affordable Connectivity Program](#) (ACP), provides eligible households with a discount on internet services and devices. Anyone who qualifies for free school meals qualifies. Please go to [www.GetMyInternet.org](http://www.GetMyInternet.org) for more details.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

**Diary dates:**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Rowan Class Tiverton museum workshop

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Flu vaccinations Rec – Yr 6

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – WOW Waste audit with eco-champions.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Alex Wharton author visit

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October – FSU trip to Darts Farm on the bus

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – School finishes for half-term

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Non-pupil day

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Children return to school after half term

**Headteacher Awards:** Oak Class – Yasmin, Rowan Class – Finley, Art, Aidan, Cherry Class- Poppy J, Emily

**Stars of the week:** Oak Class – Sophie, Rowan Class – Jaime, Sycamore Class – Joseph, Cherry Class - Isabelle, Maple Class – Brooke, Beech Class – Gemma and Owen