

Friday 21st September

Dear all,

The children have had a lovely week. I have heard some fantastic school council presentations, well done to all those who took part. The newly elected school council members are named below.

Miss Christopher and I look forward to working with our new council.

Today FSU, Year 1 and 2 were visited by the Donkeys from Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary. They had a fantastic time learning about what the donkeys eat and the differences between donkeys and other animals and humans. They really enjoyed meeting the donkeys, learning all about them, stroking and grooming them.

Children's writing to be published

Last term some of our current Yr 6 children's writing was entered into a creative writing competition called Superhero Adventures. There were over 14,000 entries nationwide and I am extremely pleased and proud to announce that 17 children from our school have had their stories selected to be published in a book! The book will be published on 30th November and will contain all the stories. Parents of the selected children have received forms to give their permission for their child's story to be published and order forms to buy copies of the book. Well done children – fantastic writing!

Sight and hearing check

We have noticed that some of the children have eye sight or hearing problems. Any that we have noticed we tell parents straight away but we recommend all children get their eye sight checked regularly at the opticians. If you have any concerns about your child's hearing it is worth getting it checked as soon as possible. Even minor problems can have a profound effect on your child's development, especially if left undiagnosed.

Teacher change

It is with great sadness that I have to announce that Mrs Ertle has decided to step down from her teaching role. We will all really miss her and wish her lots of love and luck in the future. From next week Mrs Mulholland will be teaching Maple Class on a Thursday and Beech Class on a Friday. We are very pleased to have Mrs Mulholland joining us; many of you will know her from when she has taught Year 6 before and done supply across the school.

ParentPay

Many apologies for any problems you may have experienced since the start of the term. Parent Pay have had a problem their end and it has affected us being able to load attendance at e.g. after school club, etc, payments and send information. They are working as quickly as possible to resolve it for us. I apologise for any inconvenience.

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday 25th September: School photos

Wednesday 26th September: 2.15-3.15pm Oak and Acorn parent activity session.

Friday 28th September: 3.30pm Catch up photos for anyone away on 25th and time for photos with siblings not at school.

Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Superhero writers: Katy, Alfie, Billy, Evan, Oliver, Laura, Rafa, Jeff, Charlotte, Hannah, Radina, Jack, Archie, Cameron, Freddy, Felix, Erin.

School Council 2018 - Rowan – William and Emma, Sycamore – Lucy and Hamish, Cherry – Gina and Lewis, Willow – Frankie and Emmie, Maple – Charlie A and Isabel H, Beech – Cameron and Laura

Headteacher's Award: Rowan – Emily, Harry, Jacob

Stars of the week: FSU - Quinn, Rowan - Maria, Sycamore - Hamish, Cherry - Ellis, Willow - Max, Maple - Nathan, Beech – Darcie

Breakfast Club star of the week: FSU – Amelia and all Year 6 breakfast club children for being so helpful and working as a fantastic team!