

Friday 15th February 2019

Dear all,

I can't believe it is half term already. The children have had a super half term full of learning and fun. This week we had Maple's class assembly. The children performed dances and read stories and poems they had created themselves. It was a joy to see the fantastic learning they had done.

Years 5 and 6 took part in a Quick sticks hockey competition on Monday. We sent a squad of nine children who were rotated as a team and shared the subs bench. The children showed great skills and excellent sportsmanship. Well done!

Year 6 had a maths teacher from Exmouth Community College in today. They really enjoyed meeting him and having an opportunity to show off their maths skills to a Year 7 teacher!

Year 1 and 2 have been having a tennis coach in every week this half term. It is something that luckily the Tennis Centre get funding for and the children really enjoy all of the sessions. The Tennis Centre has now decided to offer each student in Year 1 and 2, 6 free sessions at the Tennis Centre on a Saturday morning. Leaflets have been sent home from the coach and the first free session is on 2nd March. Please contact the tennis centre for more information.

Parent workshop to support children's mental health including anxiety and worry

We are really pleased to be able to offer a parent workshop in school run by Early Help for Mental Health which is a Devon County and Public Health funded service. The session on Monday 25th February at 9-10am will include simple ways to help your child deal with anxieties and worries and also ways to ensure they maintain good mental health in the future. I am aware it is short notice but we have only just had confirmation that the date can go ahead. The service has been in and run training sessions with staff and it would be fantastic if we could have as many parents as possible attend. Children's mental health problems are a growing issue and a concern for all of us, so the more support and information we can have, the better equipped we are to support our children.

Parent Pay

As part of Plymouth CAST we have now been asked to go cashless after Easter. This means that everything will have to be paid for through ParentPay. Please can everyone ensure they have access to their ParentPay account. If you are unable to log on or have lost your log in details, please come in to the office.

We also have a lot of debt on ParentPay. Please can everyone bring payments up to date during half term.

Safeguarding

Please remember that if you want someone else to collect your child and they are not on your contact list, you must let the school office know. We still keep having problems with parents coming to collect another child saying they have been asked to by the child's parents but at school we know nothing about it. This then results in us having to try and contact the child's parent before we can release them. This is time consuming and easily avoidable. Thank you for your support with this.

School dinners

Due to our supplier putting up their prices, from Summer half term, school dinners for Nursery and KS2 (Year 3, 4 5 & 6) children will cost £2.35. Reception and KS1 children will continue to receive free school meals. This will still keep us as one of the cheaper schools in the area for school meals.

Upcoming dates:

Monday 25th February – 8.55am children back after half term

Monday 25th February – Parent workshop – supporting children's mental health 9-10am.

Monday 25th February – Brownies can wear their uniform to school.

Wednesday 27th February – Oaks and Acorns visit the lifeboat station.

Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Headteacher's awards: FSU – Barney, Liam, Quinn, Hollie, Quinlan, Isla, Rowan – Archie, Teddy, Gemma, Mia, Ellis, Sycamore – Amelia, Willow – Summer, Halley, George, Beech - Darcie

Silver Awards: Rowan – Emily, Harry, Cherry – Zaylea, Willow - Kobi

Bronze Awards: FSU – Ethan, Rowan – Teddy, Mia, Willow – Frankie, Sophie, Beech – Katy, Scarlett

Star of the Week Awards: Oak - Ethan, Rowan – Fraser, Sycamore - Hamish, Cherry - Ellie, Willow - Imogen, Maple – George, Beech – Cameron

Breakfast club Award: Jaydon