

Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had a lovely week in school. They have had a great time using the new play equipment, practising their climbing and balancing skills.

On Monday the children took part in a whole school online assembly with the other schools in our academy. The children enjoyed seeing one another online.

Many thanks to everyone who sent in donations for our Harvest Festival. It was lovely to see some of the children's parents and grown-ups watching. All of the food has been given to Exmouth Foodbank and will go to families in need.

The children enjoyed the Dogs Trust Assembly last Friday. The lady who came in to run the assembly and workshop sent a lovely email saying *'Thank you for inviting me to come into your school. The staff and children made me feel very welcome and I was really impressed by the thinking skills, maturity and thoughtful responses given in the workshops. Your pupils had some great answers to my questions and I hope you all learned more about How to Behave Safely Around Dogs.'*

Mental Health support

There is a new, free, mental health support initiative. Starting Point is a single point of access service for young people aged 4-17 years who are struggling with their mental health. They have an open referral system, which allows anybody who knows that child to refer. The Starting Point team will be able to provide support and advice and will assist the child or young person to reach the most appropriate service to meet their needs. They then help the individual or family to access these services by supporting them with referrals, attending meetings, and working closely with schools. This service covers the WEB (Woodbury, Exmouth and Budleigh) area. For more information please go to: <https://headsupmha.com/starting-point/>

Santa Cycle for Force Cancer support

We have been contacted by the Force Cancer Support Centre in Exeter. Every year they lay on a Santa Cycle which, in the past, has always started in Topsham. This year they've included a second route from Exmouth and are looking for families to come and take part. The ride itself is 6 miles as they follow the Exe Estuary up to Topsham before then boarding Stuart Line Cruise for the return trip. Mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies will be served on the boat for cyclists to enjoy as they celebrate. A poster is attached with further info. Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Diary dates:

Friday 7th October – Science storytelling event in FSU 'Fly me to the Moon'

Week beginning 10th October – Parents evening. Letters will be sent out.

Tuesday 18th October – Rowan Class Tiverton museum workshop

Tuesday 18th October – Flu vaccinations Rec – Yr 6

Wednesday 19th October – WOW Waste audit with eco-champions.

Wednesday 19th October – Alex Wharton author visit

Friday 21st October – School finishes for half-term

Monday 31st October – Non-pupil day

Tuesday 1st November – Children return to school after half term

Headteacher Awards: Cherry Class- Thea, Chloe, Isla, Evelyn

Bronze Gospel Value Award: Cherry Class - Evie

Stars of the week: Oak Class – Albert, Rowan Class – Art, Sycamore Class – Carly, Cherry Class – Poppy J, Maple Class – Hollie, Beech Class – Jacob & Ella