

Friday 18th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had a good week in school. KS2 all had a lesson by South West Water yesterday learning about water filtration. They were very excited hearing about the different methods. They also learnt about how some materials such as toilet paper can break down and disintegrate in water but materials like baby wipes can't and the effect flushing materials like baby wipes down the toilet can have on the environment.

This afternoon Year 6 have Mrs Clements coming in to talk to them about Storm Eunice and show graphics and observations from the storm. Many thanks to Mrs Clements for giving up her time to do this. The children are really looking forward to it.

Covid update

As I put in the letter yesterday due to the number of staff and children off with Covid we have had a number of supply covering classes. This is unavoidable and we are trying to minimise disruption as much as possible. This week we have managed to keep all classes open but there continues to be a huge shortage of supply teachers due to all schools needing them and then themselves testing positive. This means that with staff still unwell it is highly likely that next week if the class teacher is off we will have to close the class. We will give parents as much notice as we possibly can. Closing classes is a last resort but as I'm sure you will appreciate if we cannot safely staff a class then we cannot keep it open.

Art Club Year 4, 5 and 6

After Easter we are pleased to be able to offer an Art After School Club run by Art Specialist and Ex-Headteacher, Nic George. Letters have been sent home so please sign up quickly if you are interested.

Absences

If your child has an appointment booked and they are going to miss school e.g. a hospital appointment or music exam please can you either bring the appointment letter to the office or complete an absence form. (These are kept just inside the office doors in the rack for you to collect). The absence is authorised but it means that we have a record of when the children will be absent and why they are off.

Easter activity

We have been asked to pass on that over the Easter Holidays Tiverton Museum will be offering a special Spring family trail around the museum, along with two spring themed craft days on 12th and 19th April. There is a flyer attached with more information.

Many thanks for your continued support

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Diary dates:

Friday 8th April – Last day of Spring term

Monday 25th April – First day of Summer term

Headteacher's Award: Rowan Class – Catriona, Millie, Cherry Class – Daisy, Shiloh, Leo

Platinum Awards: Rowan Class - Lincoln

Gold Awards: Rowan Class - Arlo

Silver Awards: Sycamore Class - Thea

Stars of the Week: Oak Class - Anna, Rowan Class - Arthur, Sycamore Class – Freddie, Cherry Class - Hollie, Maple Class - Archie, Beech Class - Amber