

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable half term. The children have come back full of beans and excited about their new learning.

**Poppies**

Next week we will be selling poppies and poppy related items in school.

Poppies – 50p, Zip pull – 50p, Reflector – 50p, Wristband - £1, Snap band - £1.50. All donations are suggested amounts and all monies collected go to the Royal British Legion.

**Covid**

We have had notice from Devon and CAST that due to the number of cases in the area we have had to go back to online assemblies and reducing the amount of mixing across classes inside school. At the moment we are still keeping to mixing at lunch and break time due to staffing but we will continue to monitor the situation. We have had a staff member and a child test positive this week. Staff are continuing to do lateral flow tests and I know many families are as well which is great. The tests are free and can be collected from Maer carpark (was closed due to storm damage) or ordered from <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>. The lateral flow tests are just for when there are no symptoms present. If there are any symptoms – a temperature, cough or loss of taste or smell, a PCR test must be done at a test centre.

We have had a number of children and staff off unwell – non Covid related. This is the same for all schools at the moment and supply agencies are also struggling to have enough staff to cover the absences. Please bear with us. If your child has a different teacher or teaching assistant this is unavoidable and we are doing the very best we can.

**Breakfast and After School Club**

Due to the large number of children now attending we have had to cap the numbers to meet staff/child ratios. It is important that you book a place 3 days in advance. If you do not book 3 days in advance you need to ring us. If we have space then we will book your child in but as happened this week if the club is already full then unfortunately you will not be able to book your child in.

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

**Diary dates:**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Early reading workshop 2.30pm. Parents of FSU, Yr 1 and 2 invited.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Yr 6 science visitor in school

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Exmouth Library talks to classes

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Shipwreck Sam, Theatre production for KS1

Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-bullying week – activities in school across the week

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Rec, Yr 1 and 2 – tennis morning in school

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Mufti Day for Children in Need. £1 donation.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November – PTA Film night

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Author visit Yr 4, 5 and 6

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Recycling workshop – FSU and Yr 5.

Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> November – Yr 6 Bikeability

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – FSU Nativity (10am)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Christmas present wrapping room

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm and 6.00pm – KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch

**Headteacher's Award:** Rowan Class – Catriona, Aurelia

**Bronze Awards:** Oak Class – Zara, Bella, Laicee, Penelope, Finley, Rudy, Lily, Jaime, Rowan Class – Arthur, Gabriel, Arlo, Sycamore Class – Jude, Evelyn,

**Silver Awards:** Rowan Class – William, Sycamore Class - Rory

**Stars of the week:** Oak Class - Samuel, Rowan Class – Louie W, Sycamore Class - Theo, Cherry Class - Leo, Maple Class - Archie, Beech Class – Spasimir