

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children all took part in the Big Schools Anti-Bullying assembly online. The children talked about being kind and being 'anti-bullying' ambassadors where they call out bullying behaviour if they see it.

Yr 2 have been demonstrating some excellent teamwork and sharing skills following sets of instructions to complete Lego challenges. Yr 3 have been learning all about the skeleton and the role it plays in the body and Yr 4 did an amazing presentation of 'Meerkat Mail'. This is a book which they had been learning and they put actions to it and presented it in KS2 assembly.

Today FSU have had a science storytelling session 'Fly me to the Moon'. This was a fun, interactive session where the children went on a journey to the moon on different animals and learnt lots of facts about the moon. Yr 3 had Mrs Clements who kindly came to visit them and gave a talk about the weather in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales and the comparison between the weather in those countries, which they really enjoyed.

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Thompson. Mrs Thompson has started with us again two days a week. She is taking out children for individual and group sessions to support learning in reading, writing and maths. This is part of the recovery programme from Covid ensuring that all children are making good/accelerated progress and attaining highly in their learning.

Our new Pupil Chaplains have been interviewed and have started in their new roles. Well done to Sukie, Melissa, Barney, Shiloh, Isla and Rosie who are joining Chloe, Lydia, Gemma and Lilly. I'm sure you will all be amazing.

Next week is parents' evenings. This is a time for you to discuss your child's progress and attainment. We are now using an online system for booking appointments; the links have been sent to you on email. Please make sure you have booked as soon as possible as good links between home and school are vital.

**Exmouth Community College choir years 5 and 6**

If you love to sing, have fun and you have Tuesday's free after school then Exmouth Community College Transition Choir, **SHOUT** is the club for you. They are a transition choir consisting of Year 7 and 8 looking for pupils in Years 5 & 6 to join them. The club is free with no audition necessary but a regular commitment is required to be able to participate in upcoming concerts. The club runs after school on a Tuesday (term time).

**Sidmouth Science Festival 2022**

Sidmouth Science Festival runs from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> until Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October. There are events for all ages and abilities and most of them are free. Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October is Super Science Saturday when events include the schools' art exhibition on the topic of Robots, Geology in Our Lives, Met Office forecasting, Owls, tin can telephone record attempt, lots of hands-on make and take activities. Please see <https://www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org/> for more information.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

**Diary dates:**

Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> October – Parents evenings; appointments booked online.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October - CO2 Workshop for Years 3/4

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Rowan Class Tiverton museum workshop

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Flu vaccinations Rec – Yr 6

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – WOW Waste audit with eco-champions.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Alex Wharton author visit

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – School finishes for half-term

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Non-pupil day

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Children return to school after half term

**Headteacher Awards:** Oak Class – Yasmin, Rowan Class – Finley, Art, Aidan, Sycamore Class – Sam, Cherry Class – Poppy J, Emily

**Bronze Gospel Value Award:** Cherry Class – Chloe, Douglas, Jessi, Poppy J

**Stars of the week:** Oak Class – Max, Rowan Class – Penelope, Sycamore Class – Theo, Cherry Class – Emily, Maple Class – Amber-Lily, Beech Class – James and Rose