

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had a super week in school. It has been great to see some of them out there exploring and learning about the frost on the ground. Year 3 have been enjoying writing their story quests this week. I have been hearing all about Lavender Rose going on a quest with the dragon. Some of the writing looked very impressive, well done year 3!

We are also really pleased that the large piece of play equipment on the main playground is now fixed. After waiting months for the delivery of wood the company were able to come out and repair it today. The children were so excited to be able to use it again. It is a great piece for the children's physical development as well as their social development.

The year 6 had a Latin taster session from ECC this week which they enjoyed. If children wish to take Latin at ECC they sit a short test in year 6 and those that pass are accepted onto the course.

### **Pupil Chaplains**

The children in year 4/5 have been applying to Miss Rowe and myself to take on the role of pupil chaplains. We interviewed them and we are really pleased to announce that Lily, Lydia, Gemma, Harry Ha and Chloe have been given the roles. They will be working alongside Zaylea, Justas and Lewis in year 6. The year 6s started last year but unfortunately have not been able to do all that was planned due to Covid. We are hoping that soon we will be able to have two of our school governors come in and work with all our Chaplains.

### **Covid update**

We do have a growing number of Covid cases in pupils and staff. It is really important that you get your child tested if they have any symptoms but also regular testing with the lateral flow tests is picking up cases which are asymptomatic. It is really important that these cases are picked up as otherwise they are spreading throughout the class. Many thanks to all those of you who I know have been carrying out the LFD tests regularly. The LFD tests can still be ordered free online or collected from pharmacies.

On top of the usual extra cleaning, sanitising etc in school we have reverted to online assemblies and some classes eating dinner in classes rather than all together in the hall.

### **Breakfast and After School Club**

We are now often reaching our maximum number of children in Breakfast and After School Club. This means if you require a space you must book in advance. Even if you are a regular club user you must still book the space at least 3 days in advance. If you know you are going to need it we recommend booking as soon as you know because we already have some days which are fully booked for next week. We cannot go over these numbers due to ratios and staffing. Many thanks for your support with this.

Many thanks for your continued support

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

### **Diary dates:**

Tuesday February 1<sup>st</sup> – Recycling workshops year 1, 2 & 6

Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> February – SEND parent meetings

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Visit by Exmoor Zoo for Rec and KS1 TBC

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February – last day of half term

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – children return to school for second half of the term

**Headteacher's Award:** Oak Class – Rudy, Finley, Sycamore Class – Rory

**Gold Awards:** Rowan Class – Liam, Lily

**Silver Awards:** Maple Class – Adam

**Bronze Award:** Maple Class - Queenie

**Stars of the week:** Oak Class – Lily, Rowan Class – Arlo, Sycamore Class - Rowan, Cherry Class – Oliver, Maple Class – Jacob, Beech Class – Zaylea