

Newsletter – Wednesday 3rd April 2019

Curriculum

We had a great day at Woody Bay yesterday: we experienced blue sky and sunshine as well as cold wind and a massive hail storm during the day! We all had several train rides and an informative and interesting talk from Graham Bridges who was our driver for the day. Graham also answered the many very good questions that the children had come up with. It was really lovely to be able to take the entire school on a trip together - something that has become rare as the school has grown - and the children were a real credit in the way they behaved and the interest they took.

The trip was part informative and part 'thank you' to the children for the hard work they have all put in this term. Across all year groups, staff are seeing good progress being made by the children and this will secure good standards for most. In KS1 and KS2 next term, we will be trying something slightly different in the way we collate children's Reading, Writing and Topic work. Although we have asked a lot of the children (and they have responded with a great deal of effort) in terms of the work that goes into books, we know that we need to move this up another level. We want *all* of the children to feel proud of the content and presentation of *all* of their work in their books.

During the Summer Term topic, '**Going on Safari**', the children will put all writing and topic work, as well as work resulting from whole-class guided reading into one book. The children all know what high expectations we have of them and we want them to have the same high standards and expectations for themselves: these high standards will be exemplified in this book.

To launch the topic, we will be having a 'Big Event' for all of the children in the school at the start of the term. More details should hopefully be with you before the end of the week, but the plan is that we take KS2 children to **Longleat**, whilst Class One and Class Two will be off to **Paignton Zoo**.

We want to be a Reading school!

The first week (actually three days!) back, we are calling, "Reading Week" as we look to put a major emphasis back on the importance and pleasure of reading. Each class will be doing lots of reading-based activities and events. Really though, we want every week to be a reading week! Please do make sure that there is plenty of reading at home over the holidays and if you are able, **take a photo of your child(ren) reading in some weird and wonderful places**. There will be prizes for any photos that are sent in to school!

Rob Norton

Devon school games netball final

The netball team really excelled themselves at the Devon finals last Thursday. They had a really hard pool as they were the overall champions of North Devon. They won 4 of their 7 matches and finished a very respectable 4th place, so sadly missed reaching the semi-finals. Their footwork was impeccable compared to other schools. Their teamwork was amazing and their respect for the other teams was noticed by many. Fin led the way on honesty, he was offside, not noticed by umpires, yet he put his hand up to it. Holly and Freya scored some fantastic goals and Charlie scored his first goal for the team followed by another within a few minutes. Maria showed great sportsmanship by helping up an injured opponent. Leyla and Grace showed some fantastic interception skills on many occasions. Well done team, you can hold your heads high; you did yourselves and North Devon proud!
Mrs Pearce



Week Commencing 22/04/19

Monday:

Tuesday: Non Pupil Day

Wednesday: First Day of Term

Thursday: No clubs first week back – to resume W/C 29th April.

Friday:



End of Term - School Shop

On the last Friday (5th April) the children will be organising a School Shop. In the shop you will be able to buy: second hand books; Class Two's excellent wheeled vehicles and Class Four's fantastic anti-plastic Bags for Life. Please come and spend some money - all receipts will be split between PTA and the Comic Relief Charity.

Class Two's wheeled toys will be on sale for £1 – if you are not able to make the sale but your child wishes to buy their toy, they can bring in £1 to buy the toy themselves. Similarly, Class Four's bags can be reserved and will be available for a £2 minimum donation.

Year Six Residential

Please remember to return slips and pay deposits by this Friday, 5th April. Payment to be made on ParentPay. Thank you.

Choir

Please note that there will be no choir club this Thursday. Thank you.

Uniform

Tesco has now ceased its uniform embroidery service. Our embroidered items are now being produced by MyClothing - www.myclothing.com. The website is very similar to the previous Tesco website in layout, with the same products being offered.

PTA Easter Activites

Easter Bingo – Friday 5th April, Eyes Down 6.30pm in the Church Hall. Donations of Easter Eggs and raffle prizes gratefully received – please drop in to school reception by 28th March.

Breakfast Club

A reminder that as in a previous newsletter, the cost of breakfast club will increase to £3.00 after Easter.

Crisp Packet Recycling

There is now a crisp packet recycling collection point in High Bickington – on the gates opposite the Doctors' Surgery.

Y6 Parents – Transition Information from Great Torrington School

We have added a page to our website which explains what happens and when for our Transition. All documents that are sent out to parents/carers are on the right hand side of the page, including kit list for camp and the data forms that we chase up. <https://gts.devon.sch.uk/information/transition.html>

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to Oliver B for the 8th, Olivia H for the 14th, Phoebe for the 14th and Rupert for the 17th.



Reading News

Again this year, it has been my privilege to see some fantastic teaching of phonics in classes One and Two and to witness the amazing work of the children as they take their initial steps towards being independent readers. The swift grasping of phonics allied to exposure to excellent and varied books is clearly key to fostering a child's ability to read and love of reading. One little person well on her way in that life-long journey is Jessica in Class Two. Here is what she has had to say about reading this week ... "I have to learn what kind of sounds we have to do - what we need for reading and writing. Sometimes I sound words out when I am reading. There are some words that I don't actually know yet, but there are lots I do know. 'The' is a red word - you can't sound it out because it is a 'tricky' word. My mum lets me read the words before bedtime. Dad read me the 'Hungry Caterpillar' - that's my favourite story. I also like to sit in the book corner at school and look at the pages - I like to read it on my own and yesterday Lorelai read me a book ... it was kind of funny!"



Reading Stars!

Class One – Charlie T for a great effort with your reading this week.

Class Two – Lucy for being a keen reader at home and sharing her experiences at school.

Class Three – Phoebe for having great perseverance with reading and always challenging herself.

Class Four – Louis for demonstrating an obvious passion for reading and books.

Stars of the Week!



Class One – Freddie for wanting to try activities and do your best.

Class Two – Harrison for working on good behaviour and for being keen to learn.

Class Three – Elliott for being a responsible role model on the trip to Woody Bay.

Class Four – Lloyd for having a tirelessly enthusiastic attitude to school and a great thirst for knowledge (as exemplified on the trip this week)

To be presented at our celebration collective worship, Friday 10.15am in the Church

What happened at school this week?

These questions are about what has been happening in each class this week and are designed as 'conversation starters' for you to use with your child. We hope that they will provide a useful prompt to encourage conversations about school - talking for just three minutes each day about school has been shown to have a great impact on children's learning!

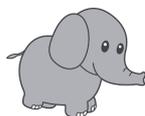


Learning Lions

What was your favourite part of our trip to Woody Bay?

Why do we celebrate Easter?

Where did you find the Easter eggs on our hunt?



Exploring elephants

Can you write a book review about one of Roald Dahl's books?

Can you count in 2s, 5s and 10s? Year Twos do you know your 2, 5 and 10 times tables?

Can you do some Easter baking at home?



Inventive Impalas

What inventions did you see at Woody Bay?

How does a steam train work?

What questions did you have about Woody Bay? What answers did you find?



Challenging Cheetahs

What can you remember about the trip to Woody Bay?

What areas of geography did you learn about on Monday?

How did the 'Staying Safe Online' drama help you to think about being safe?

2018-2019 Term Dates

Spring Term 2019

First Day – Tuesday 8th January

Half Term – W/C Monday 18th February

Last Day – Friday 5th April

Summer Term 2019

First Day – Wednesday 24th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May

Half Term – W/C Monday 27th May

Non Pupil Day – Monday 3rd June

Last Day – Wednesday 24th July

2019-2020 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2019

First Day – Monday 9th September

Half Term – W/C Monday 21st October

Last Day – Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2020

First Day – Monday 6th January

Half Term – W/C Monday 17th February

Last Day – Friday 27th March

Summer Term 2020

First Day – Wednesday 15th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May

Half Term – W/C Monday 25th May

Last Day – Wednesday 22nd July

Easter Egg Hunt with woodland crown making, Sat 13th April, 3.00 – 4.30pm. Meet in the Mucky Pups area of Quarry Woods (behind the community centre). £2 per child (0-12) with accompanying adult. To include a drink and Easter cookie.

Easter Egg Hunt and Coffee Morning with Car Boot Sale

Saturday 6th April 10.00am @ Atherington Children's Playing Field, EX37 9HY

Stalls, Raffle, Children's Games and Refreshments

Egg hunt in the Playing Field! £2 entry. To reserve an egg hunt prize please ring Sarah 560537

Car Boot Sale – Sellers 9am, £5 per car, Buyers 10am. Stalls available, £10 per table

All Proceeds Atherington Church and Children's Playing Field

Good Friday



Activity Morning

GUESS HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU

What's that about then?

Learn about Easter. There'll be things to do, stuff to make, worship, music and food –
it's loads of fun!

When's it on?

Good Friday, April 19th 2019
10.30am to 12.30pm

Where?

St Peter's Church Roborough



Who's it for - can I come?

Yes it's for you and your family – all ages –
come along and join the fun, just let me know or
for more info tel: Jacque Ward (01805 603602)
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D'Click Isla

Isla is based on the dreams and hallucinations of three shipwrecked characters who find themselves alone and who will need each other to remake their story. These characters will create unbelievable situations and they will choose the most bizarre strategies to overcome the limits of their island.

With stunning movement and acrobatics this is a chance to see wonderful circus-theatre from an award-winning Spanish company.

Friday 12 April,
High Bickington Community Centre
7pm (doors 6.30pm)
£7.50 adult, £5 under 16s,
family £22.50 (2 adults 2 under 16s)
For tickets call 01769 561387 or High
Bickington Community Centre Office or
High Bickington Community Shop.
Light refreshments available.

More info and book tickets:

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