

**WEEK COMMENCING**  
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**BLUE DINNER MENU**

# WEEKLY NEWS



**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

Dear Parents,

All the children and staff look fantastic for World Book Day today with costumes ranging from princesses, Harry Potter, farmers and cowboys. Thank you if you were able to stay to enjoy a breakfast and share a story with your child this morning; it has been a great day to talk about our favourite books and encourage a love for reading. The children have been given a book token which entitles them to £1 off a book of their choice in participating retailers.



On Tuesday Class 1 travelled to Otterton Mill to learn about how flour is made. They had a walking tour of the mill and saw the process of how wheat is ground to make flour and watched the cogs turning in the mill by water power. We learnt about different types of foods that are made from wheat, oats, barley and maize. They had a go at hand grinding some wheat to make their own flour. The children also enjoyed a walk along the river, learning to spot signs of beaver activity.

We were pleased to welcome Isaac and Medi from Green Valley Primary School in Uganda on Monday. Pilton Bluecoat Academy share a link with the school in Uganda and the teachers have spent a week working with the classes at



## **MONDAY – SCIENCE WEEK**

Brumble Bees

Private music lessons, am

Tiny Tots Stay & Play from 2pm

Juniors Farm Visit, pm

ASC: - Needle Craft with Miss Short

Y6 SATS Club with Miss Smith

## **TUESDAY**

Brumble Bees

Private music lessons, pm

ASC: - Music with Mrs Brayley

## **WEDNESDAY**

Brumble Bees

Proms rehearsal at Pilton 9.30am – 12pm

FUS Meeting, staff room at 2pm

Forest School – Juniors, Group 1

ASC: - Yoga with Miss Smith

## **THURSDAY**

Brumble Bees

Infants attending a chocolate workshop at Brayford, am

Tennis Coaching for infants & juniors, pm

ASC: - Baking with Mrs Scott

## **FRIDAY – Sports Relief Day**

Drumming Lessons, pm

Forest School – Infants, Group 1

ASC: - Circuit Training with Mrs Langdon

ASC: - Bridge with Sally

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Pilton. We appreciate that they were able to take some time out of their busy schedule to talk to the children here. The children were able to ask lots of interesting questions about Green Valley Primary school and life in Uganda. This was a great opportunity for our children to learn, first hand, about another culture.



On Tuesday our Year 5 children enjoyed a science enrichment day at SMCC. They took part in 3 fantastic lessons across the day; enjoying physics, chemistry and biology. The physics lesson was all about current electricity where the children had to carry out investigations with a series circuit. The chemistry lesson was all about Chromatography, where they explored the separation of mixtures and finally a biology lesson about microscopes. The children studied the cells of an onion and learnt about the different parts of a microscope and how to use it. It was an inspiring and enriching day. Well done Year 5.

The juniors will be visiting two farms on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March** to make up for their missed visit last week. The first farm is Higher Blackpool Farm near South Molton by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Jones where the children will get to see a lambing sheep in action and understand life of a sheep farmer. The second farm is South Newton near Chittlehampton by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Thorne



where the children will experience a dairy farm. We will have an early lunch at leave at 12.30pm. Please make sure your child/ren have older clothing to change into and a waterproof and wellington boots for this day. Permissions slips from the previous cancelled farm trip will stand as permission for this trip, unless parents contact the school office.



Next **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** the infant children will be travelling to Brayford Academy for the morning to take part in a chocolate workshop led by the company 'Celebrate Cacao'. The children will learn about the history of chocolate; where it comes from and how it is made. They will have the opportunity to crush cocoa beans and make raw chocolate and an Aztec style chocolate drink. It is set to be a very yummy day! A big thank you to the FUS for paying for this workshop.



On **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** we will be raising money for Sports Relief. The children can dress up as their favourite sporting personality or in their favourite sports kit for the day with a 50p donation to do so. Hopefully the children have been filling in their sponsorship forms as the juniors and infants will take part in a sponsored 6 hour 'rowathon'!



Best wishes, Corrinne Smith

## Digital Champions Meeting

Jake and Brandon attended the Digital Champions meeting last Thursday at Pilton Bluecoat. They discussed the findings from the survey done by year 5 and 6 children across the Trust. The main findings were that some children said that they spent more than 2 hours online on a school day. At weekends more children said that they spent more than 2 hours online a day.



Advice for the children from our Digital Champions is that the recommended time is a 2 hour a day maximum but preferably an hour or less. You could use a timer and set yourself a time limit.

**Tooth Brushing** – This started this term for Brumble Bees and Reception children to take part in after lunch. All children have participated in this exercise and enjoy Mrs Brown & Mrs Howard demonstrating using the hand puppets and singing their tooth brushing song!



## PROMS CONCERT

Tickets for parents to watch the Proms Concert went on sale on Monday. They cost £5 each and need to be purchased directly from the Queens Theatre, Barnstaple.



Next week we are having a run through of the concert on **Wednesday 11th** so please can all children taking part bring their costume to school in a bag ready to wear and make sure they bring anything else that they might need (e.g. a recorder if they are in recorder club). *Mrs Brayley*

**Tiny Tots Stay & Play, Monday afternoon's from 2pm** – Come along and join in this fun session run by our Pre-school leaders on Monday afternoon in our school hall from 2pm.

Activities planned for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March –

- Junk modelling – making tractors
- Magical mud
- Tractors and farm machinery



## **FUS NEWS**

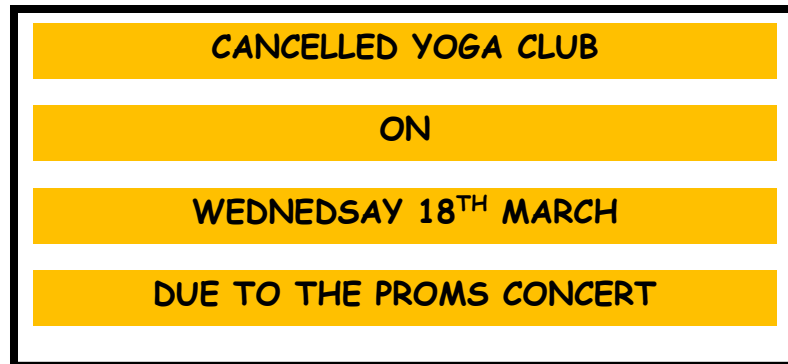
We have our Easter Bingo on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at Umberleigh Village Hall. If you are able to help please let me know. There is a raffle on this evening which we are looking for donations for please – either hand direct to me or drop into the school office. *Many Thanks in advance!*

Our next FUS meeting is to be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March in the school staff room at 2pm.

Many Thanks,

Paula Alford

FUS Chairperson



**Breakfast Club** runs daily from 8am with Mrs Scott and is available to Brumble Bee children as well as school children at the cost of £3.00 per child. Please pre-book

sessions through the school office.



### **CONGRATULATIONS**

**For receiving a certificate of achievement this week goes to:-**

#### **Juniors**

**Walter** - For showing excellent cooking skills

**Poppy** - For enjoying her reading

**Cooking Club** - Walter, Jake, Max E, Mamie, Holly & Poppy

#### **Infants**

**Isabel** - Doing fantastic in your reading

**Isaac** - Doing really well in your tennis



## Congratulations on Achieving

**40 Merits**

Jake, Macy & Isabel

**60 Merits**

Hattie, Tilly, Maddie, Daniel, Mamie

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### March

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Proms Music Concert at The Queens Theatre, Barnstaple 1.30pm – 3pm & 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Junior trip to Exeter Cathedral and Synagogue

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM – Easter Picnic from 2.30pm

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April – EASTER HOLIDAYS**

#### April

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – FUS Easter Bingo at Umberleigh Village Hall, eyes down 7.30pm

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – BACK TO SCHOOL FOR SUMMER TERM

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – 6-week Swimming lesson block at South Molton Swimming Pool starts for Reception to Year 6

#### May

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL, BANK HOLIDAY**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – HALF TERM**

#### June

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Residential to Ultimate Adventure

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Whole School & Leavers Photos, am

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Infant Lifeguard Day

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Junior Lifeguard Day

#### July

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Years 3&4 Residential to Wildside Experience

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM