

Weekly News

12th March 2020



Dates and key information

School Meals

Week Beginning 16th March - **PINK**

Juniors ~ £2.30 Infants ~ free

February

- Fri 13th - Brumble Bees in session
- **Fri 13th - Infants Forest School Group 2**
- Fri 13th - Sports Relief 1.30pm Village Hall
- Fri 13th - Choir Club 3.30-4.15pm
- **Mon 16th - Junior Forest School Group 3**
- Mon 16th - Fitness Club - 3.30-4.15pm
- Tues 17th - Brumble Bees in session
- Tues 17th - Walking YR5/6 3.30-5pm
- Weds 17th - Brumble Bees in session
- Weds 18th - Infants Forest School Group 1
- Weds 18th - Proms Concert 1.30pm & 6pm
- Weds 18th - NO Football Club
- Thurs 19th - Exeter Cathedral Trip - Juniors
- Fri 20th - Brumble Bees in session
- Fri 20th - Choir Club 3.30-4.15pm
- Mon 23rd - Fitness Club - 3.30-4.15pm
- Tues 24th - Brumble Bees in session
- Tues 24th/25th - Bikeability - YR 5
- Weds 24th - Virtual Supermarket Pitch 2pm
- Weds 25th - Brumble Bees in session
- Weds 25th - Football Club 3.30-4.30pm
- Thurs 26th - Boys Football SMCC - YR 5/6
- **Fri 27th - LAST DAY OF TERM**

Dear Parents

The children enjoyed their first football session with Clem yesterday. They learnt some basic skills and were able to apply these skills in small matches. Each week Clem will choose a player of the session who will receive a medal, this week's medal went to Ellie for her excellent touch passing.

The infants have taken part in a chocolate workshop led by the company 'Celebrate Cacao' this morning along with the infant class from Umberleigh Academy. The children have learnt about the history of chocolate; where it comes from and how it is made. They have had the opportunity to crush cocoa beans and make raw chocolate and an Aztec style chocolate drink.



Yesterday the children went to Pilton for their first full rehearsal for the Proms concert. I was really impressed how well all the children performed in front of a large audience. They showed confidence and a dedication to do well. I am really looking forward to next week's performance at the Queens Theatre. Tickets can be purchased direct from the theatre at a cost of £5 per person.

<https://www.queentheatre-barnstaple.com/events/proms-music-concert/>

Best wishes
Corrinne Smith

INVITATION TO PARENTS

On Tuesday 24th March at 2pm, we would like to welcome parents into school as an opportunity to view the hard work the children have produced this half term. As part of this afternoon, the junior children will pitch their new virtual Supermarket to you in order to welcome a mock investment. They will share everything they have learnt about farm to fork and persuade you as to why their supermarket is the best choice. Other work will be on show alongside this. An Easter egg hunt will follow for all the children where they will have a chance to win a chocolate egg generously provided by the PTFA.

PLEASE NOTE:

- NO Infant Forest school (Group 1) on **Wednesday 11th March**, this session will now place on **Friday 13th March**.
- NO Junior Forest School (Group 3) on **Wednesday 18th March**, this session will be on **Monday 16th March**

SPORTS RELIEF - FRIDAY 13th MARCH

Sports competition afternoon on Friday 13th March at 1.30pm for children, parents and the community. The afternoon will consist of working in teams to compete in a range of sporting activities including dodge ball, dance and team building activities and will be judged by the teachers. The winning team will receive a prize. All we ask is for a small donation from everyone who takes part in order to raise money for Sport Relief, a charity that helps people in disadvantaged positions all over the world.



CORONAVIRUS

Things have been moving very quickly over the past week with regards to the Covid-19 virus. Like all schools across the country, we are following daily guidance sent to us by the government. At the moment schools are being told to remain open, unless advised otherwise. Key messages from yesterday's GOV.UK update highlighted the following:

Updated travel advice for travellers returning from Italy

Yesterday, Public Health England updated their travel advice, recommending that anyone returning from Italy should self-isolate, even if you do not have any symptoms. If you do develop symptoms, call NHS 111.

The importance of hygiene

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes.

Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds with soap and hot water.

In addition to handwashing before eating, and after coughing and sneezing, both children and staff should also wash hands after using toilets and travelling on public transport.

Department for Education coronavirus helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is now available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Devon Public Health have put together a website aimed at residents which brings together all the relevant public links to information about Coronavirus. The link is on the front page of the DCC website and is also here for your information:

<https://www.devonnewscentre.info/coronavirus-advice-from-public-health-england/>

Over the past few weeks we have been working with the children on the importance of good hygiene and providing them with guidance on the correct way to wash their hands. Our approach at present is very much focused on reducing anxiety and responding to questions as they arise.



Well Done
for receiving a certificate of achievement this week



Certificate of Achievement

Juniors

Josh - For having an excellent attitude to all areas of his learning.

Infants

Aaron - For asking lots of relevant questions at Otterton Mill.



Merit Achievers

40 Merit achievers

- ★ Louis L
- ★ Bailey
- ★ Luca

House Points totals:

Middlecott=320 Molland=360

Longwood=340 Kedworthy=320



We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to:-
Liam - 17th March

Community Lunch

The next Community Lunch will take place on **Wednesday 22nd April 2020 at 12.15pm**. Please call the school office on 01598 710345 to book your place by Friday 17th April. The cost is £5 per adult.



BRAYFORD VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET

Saturday 14th March

11am – 1pm

Lots of tables including:
Besshill Farm Shop
East & West Bakery
Local wool and Arts & Crafts
Local bedding plants
Homemade Baked Goods
Southwest Cheese Shop
Cards and household items
Tea, Coffee and homemade cakes available.
Come along, all welcome!!



Friday 3rd April
Brayford Village Hall
7pm for a 7.30pm start
Teams of 4-6 players
Adults £3pp, 11-16 yrs £1pp, Under 10's Free
Prize Draw
Tea & Coffee available or bring your own drinks



Letters sent home this week

Calendar

MARCH

Thursday 12th - Exeter Cathedral trip forms and payment due
Thursday 12th - Chocolate Workshop - Infants
Friday 13th - Sports Relief 1.30pm
Wednesday 18th - Proms Concert Queens Theatre
Thursday 19th - Exeter Cathedral & Synagogue - Juniors
Tuesday 24th/ Wednesday 25th - Bikeability - YR 5
Tuesday 24th - Virtual Supermarket pitch to Parents 2pm
Wednesday 25th - Football and after school Football Club 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 26th - Boys Football SMCC - YR 5/6
Friday 27th - **LAST DAY OF TERM**

APRIL

Wednesday 15th - **FIRST DAY SUMMER TERM**
Wednesday 22nd - Community Lunch
Friday 24th - Tempest Portraits and Families
Monday 27th - Tag Rugby SMCC YR 5/6

MAY

Saturday 2nd - Exmoor Challenge
Thursday 7th - Rounders SMCC YR5/6
Friday 8th - V.E Day Bank Holiday
Monday 11th - Cricket/Rounders SMCC YR3/4
Monday 11th - SATS week
Monday 18th - First transition visit to SMCC - Year 6
Tuesday 19th - Tag Rugby Tournament at Barnstaple Rugby Club 9.15am -2.45pm - YR5/6
Monday 25th - **HALF TERM**

JUNE

Monday 1st to Friday 5th - Year 6 Residential to Ultimate Adventure
Tuesday 8th - Swimming first session (5 weeks)
Tuesday 9th - Junior Lifeguard Day 10am-2pm
Friday 12th - Tempest Whole School and Leavers Photos
Tuesday 16th - Infants Lifeguard Day 10am-2pm
Friday 19th - Puddings and Songs

JULY

Thursday 2nd - Intake Day at SMCC - Year 6
Thursday 16th to Friday 17th - Year 3/4 Residential to Wildside Experience
Wednesday 22nd - **LAST DAY TERM**

These dates are intended as a guide and you will be notified of any changes

Booking for Breakfast Club

I wish to book my child(ren) _____ into Breakfast Club
from 7.45am for the week commencing - Monday, 16th March 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY

(please tick)

I enclose £4 per day per child, total £_____ Please make cheques payable to
TEAM Multi Academy Trust.

I have paid via ParentPay

Signed: _____ (Please return by Friday 13th March).

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