



Dear Parents and Carers, thank you for all the lovely cake donations for our School council bake sale this afternoon to raise money for Devon Air Ambulance. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at 3.30pm in the school hall!

With one week to go until the Half Term holiday can we please remind you how important it is to come to school every day. Our target for the whole school is 97% so everyday counts. We look forward to seeing you at our Parents Evening next – if you haven't booked your space yet, please do so via the MCAS app.

As the weather turns chilly, please ensure your child comes to school with a named coat each day.

Plastic Free School

We are delighted to announce that we are working towards achieving our Green School Status. As part of this campaign we are asking parents and carers to be mindful of the packaging for your child's snacks and lunchbox treats. Where possible, please remove packaging and place in a named re-useable container. Thank you for your support – lets go green!



Next Week!

We have updated the rest of this years term dates at the bottom of this Newsletter. **I urge you to have a look and add them to your diary. As always, please do ask if you need clarification as to what is happening.**

Date	Event NO CLUBS THIS WEEK (Not including A4A)
Monday 20 th	Parents Evening – All classes PE for ALL, please come in PE kit Achieve4All https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/achieve4all-football-club-ks12-loddiswell-monday-kingsbridge-64ff786c-1f3a-4e2c-80c1-88e97acd6f4f
Tuesday 21 st	KS2 Tag Rugby Tournament @ Modbury See MCAS for details
Wednesday 22 nd	Parents Evening for: Reception, Year 1, Year 4 & year 5
Thursday 23 rd	Parents evening for: Year 2, Year 3 & Year 6 FOREST SCHOOL PM Reception & Y4, please come in forest school kit
Friday 24 th	Last Day of this Half Term Reception open afternoon – parents welcome from 2.30-3pm Year 1 Poetry performance @ 3pm in class 2.

Preschool News

This week in Preschool we have been learning all about Diwali and how it is celebrated by Hindus as a festival of lights. The children have been making Diyas and working on rangoli patterns for our display board. We've also had lots of fun in our messy trays and outside area where we have welcomed a new book barge! A Huge thankyou to Mrs Kirkham and Debs for putting it together for us. Have a lovely weekend everyone. Lisa , Jess and Kelly.



Class 1 – Reception. PE Days: Monday and Friday. Forest School: Thursday PM children to come to school in forest school clothes.

This week in Class 1 we have been getting really excited about how we can build words using our phonics. We got inspired by the 'Zog and the flying doctors' story Ben chose to write words, role play as doctors and make potions both in our mud kitchen and at Forest School. We have had great fun playing games subitising in maths. We look forward to

sharing all our learning with you next Friday at our Reception class open afternoon at 2.30pm.

Class 2 – Year One. PE Days: Monday and Tuesday.

This week we have begun our plans for our final poems which we have decided, through a democratic vote, will be Halloween themed! The children have generated lots of ideas in preparation for writing them next week and we have been focussing on using adjectives to describe our halloweeny ideas. In Maths the children have blown me away with their problem-solving abilities, finding missing numbers in maths stories and using their knowledge of 'part- whole models' and 'bar models' to support.

Class 2 would like to invite you to their 'Poetry Recital' on Friday 24th October at 3pm. The children have been writing poems this half term and would love to perform some of them for you! You are welcome to take your children once our performance has finished.

Class 3 – Year Two & Three. PE Days: Monday and Wednesday.

A big well done to everyone in Class 3 for some super story writing this week! The children have worked so hard creating, checking and presenting their work and it has been a pleasure to read the results. In music with Mrs Reeves, they have been using the glockenspiels and had the chance to be composers. We have also been learning how to read O.S. maps and the difference between physical and human features, so if you are out and about this weekend see what you can spot.

Class 4 – Year Four & Five. PE Days: Monday and Friday. LAST SESSION of Forest School for Year 4: Thursday PM Children to come to school in forest school clothes.

In Maths, Year 5 have started their new unit on Money. We've been learning strategies such as adjusting to help us add different amounts with confidence. Year 4 have been practising rounding numbers to the nearest 1,000, 100, and 10 — a great skill for building number sense! In History the children have really enjoyed finding out who the Romans were and how they lived. We've also been learning some brilliant new vocabulary — ask your child if they can tell you what plebeians, patricians, and legionaries were! It's been wonderful to see everyone so engaged and curious in their learning. Well done, Class 4!

Class 5 – Year Six. PE Day: Monday and Wednesday.

We've had another brilliant week in class 5. We had a brilliant time at the lifeskills event in Kingsbridge this morning and the children learnt all about how to stay safe in the community. On Wednesday in English the children wrote some beautiful setting descriptions and I was very impressed by all their wonderful use of noun phrases and adverbials.

Celebration



Reader of the week...

Class 1 Brodie H
Class 2 Nelly
Class 3 Rufus
Class 4 Isaac G
Class 5 None.



Writer of the week...

KS1 Robin

KS2 Jake

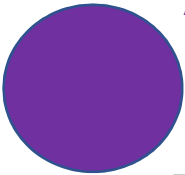
Stars of the Week



Reception Ben H
Year 1 Bodhi
Year 2 Jim
Year 3 George B

Year 4 Matilda
Year 5 Rupert
Year 6 Sophia

Anne-Marie's Purple Plate Award



This week's Purple Plate winners are... **Luna F, Raffy, Lucas and Matilda T**

The Purple Plate Award is for showing exceptional manners in the lunch hall

Yours sincerely,

Tess Coulthard

Executive Head Teacher

Lucinda Kirkham
Head of School

Diary Dates – New events in **RED**



Monday 20 th October	Whole School	Parents Evening
Wednesday 22 nd October	KS2 Reception, Year 1, Year 4 & year 5	Tag Rugby Tournament @ Modbury Parents Evening
Thursday 23 rd October	Year 2, Year 3 & Year 6	Parents Evening
Friday 24 th October	Reception	Open afternoon. Parents welcome 2.30-3pm.
Monday 27 th October -Friday 31 st October	Whole School	Half Term Break
Wednesday 12 th November	Year 2 Preschool & September 2026 new starters	Oral Health Visit Open Day
Thursday 20 th November	Whole School	Usborne Book Fair
Wednesday 3 rd December	TBC	X Country @ Malborough
Tuesday 16 th December	KS1	Christmas Play PM 2.15pm
Wednesday 17 th December	KS1	Christmas Play AM 10am
	KS2	Christmas Play PM 5.30pm
Thursday 18 th December	KS2	Christmas Play AM 10am
Friday 19 th December	Whole School	End of Term Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 3 rd July	Whole School	Sports Day



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When: Monday 10th November

Monday 8th December 4-6pm

Where: Tumbly Hill Wellbeing Hub

Cost: £10 per adult, £5 per child

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