

Friday 19 January 2018 Newsletter

It has been another busy week in school and the children have been working really hard to enjoy, aspire and achieve.

We have been looking at reading provision across the school over the last two weeks and we are delighted with the increase in the number of children reading at home. Please continue to support your child's reading progress by hearing them read at least three times a week.

Mrs Matthews and Mrs Frampton

This week's challenge....

In assemblies this week we have been talking about the power of kind and unkind words. We have asked the children to use kind words to each other and the staff are spotting and rewarding children when this happens. Please continue to encourage this out of school and notice the kind words used in your home.

Clubs

The clubs are in full swing now and it is great to see so many children taking part in such a range of extracurricular activities across the school.

A few club reminders:

- Please make a note of which clubs your child attends and refer to the letter for days and timings. Office staff unfortunately do not have time to remind parents each day of which clubs their child attends
- Be on time to collect your child – clubs do finish at different times so please refer to the letter
- Let Miss Miles or Hannah know if your child no longer wishes to attend a club as we do have children on waiting lists

Headlice

There have been reported cases of headlice in the school. Please check your child's hair this weekend and treat as necessary. It requires **all** parents to check and treat regularly for them to disappear!

Dogs

Please may I remind you that no dogs are allowed on to the school premises. If you have to bring your dog to the car park as an emergency, please ensure they remain on a lead and are calm and quiet. We have had some reports of children being scared of dogs in the wider school grounds and this is not acceptable.

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Anti-bullying week

Following the success of last term's anti bullying week, we are holding our Spring Term focus week very soon. During the week beginning 29th January, the whole school will be taking part in activities and events that will remind children that bullying is not allowed at Somerset. This term we have also invited members of the community to join our week – watch this space for more details!

During the week there will also a competition for the children to design a 'Mr Kind' or a 'Little Miss Kind' and describe what they are like. The children will be told more details in class.

On Thursday 8th February we would also like to invite you to an exhibition of the children's learning from the week. More details will follow.

The Parent coffee morning which is next Friday – 26th January – will have an anti-bullying theme and Mrs Doherty and Mr Walsh will tell you more about the school's response to bullying. Only 69% of parents thought we dealt well with bullying (or had had no experience of bullying) in the latest survey so please come along to find out more!

Sickness bug

Please ensure that if you suspect your child has had the winter vomiting bug, that you keep them off school for 48 hours after the last event of sickness or diarrhoea. This will help to stop the bug spreading. Please do call the office and let us know why your child is not at school. You can do this by pressing 1 and leaving a message.

Staffing

Unfortunately, Mrs Perks is not yet ready to return to work as she had hoped. Mrs Gaines will remain as the teacher in 2YP at this time to ensure consistency for the children. We all wish Mrs Perks the very best as she gets better.

Rocket Fund Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported the cake sale either by providing or buying cakes. Thank you also to the staff who organised the sale and the Y6 helpers selling the cakes after school. The Rocket Fund raised over £130! Thank you all.

Staff Training

A reminder that the school will be closed to pupils on Friday 9th February for staff training.

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Parent Nominated Somerset Stars

This week we are celebrating:



Tommy in 1LH and Freddy in RSB for taking part in the Christchurch Christmas parade and walking through the High Street. Well done from Mum and Dad!



Tommy in 1LH and Freddy in RSB for both scoring a try in their first rugby match against Poole RFC. Well done from Mum!



Ella in 3RF for singing at the pantomime in front of everyone. Well done from Dad!



Charlie in 5DC for being brave after losing his tooth at Wembley and having it put back in and having root canal treatment without complaining once! He was also not allowed to play outside at break or lunch at school and he has been patient and brave throughout it all. Well done from Mum!



Christchurch Community Partnership

**“Volunteering – the Lifeblood of any Community”
But what are the benefits of volunteering to you....?!**

To gain confidence? To make a difference!

To meet different kinds of people and make new friends □ To get involved in your community? To learn new skills or try a challenge perhaps

but most importantly TO HAVE FUN!

Christchurch Community Partnership

Community Forum.

Tuesday 30th January 2018

Come and join us at

St Josephs Church Hall, Purewell.

5.30 pm to 7.00 pm – refreshments from 5.00 pm

The next newsletter will be on Friday 2nd February 2018

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