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## Newsletter - November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fast approaching Christmas and as a school we have many exciting events planned.

### In November

- \* Year 4 and 5 continue to be very busy, using our environmental area, with Forest Schools.
- \* Eco Councillors represented the school at the Remembrance Service in St Andrew's Church.
- \* Mathematicians from year 5 have been going to Coombeshead to take part in maths challenges.
- \* Premier Sports came in to deliver a sports assembly and they held a pop up sports event before school.
- \* Year 5 and 6 have had football matches against St Michaels, Blackpool and Bovey Tracy Primary.
- \* Year 5 and 6 have had the opportunity to take part in outdoor adventure - caving at Buckfastleigh.
- \* All year groups were involved with the Children in Need Enterprise day.
- \* Reverend Kevin Hooke took an advent assembly for both key stages.
- \* Children from Year 6 served at the November community church lunch.
- \* Year 5 and 6 went to play in a USF tag rugby day.
- \* Children donated to the shoe box appeal, and there were representatives from the school at the church service.
- \* The school was well represented at the community lantern procession.
- \* Year 5 have had cookery lessons
- \* Year 6 have been to Buckfast Abbey for a "Christmas Experience"



### **Building Work**

The alteration of the old swimming pool into a sports hall will begin on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018. This is very exciting and will be a valuable resource for both the school and the community. The building work should be completed by February half term.

Although this is very exciting it will cause a small disruption to school life. As the workers need to access the area a small portion of the foundation stage will be closed off. This area will unfortunately include the cycle/ scooter park, therefore I would like to ask if during this time I can discourage children from bringing bikes and scooters to school. I am really very sorry for the inconvenience but I do not have any other areas in which to store so many bikes and scooters.

### **Safeguarding**

As a school we take safeguarding very seriously and having reviewed our current practice we would like to make a change in order to ensure all our children are safe. From January we would like to ask that parents and carers say good bye to their children at the playground door and then they enter the school building independently. A member of staff will be at the door to greet the children. Years F and 1 will enter from the side cloak room door and Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 from the playground door. If you have to speak to the class teacher can we ask that you come to the office and either make an appointment or leave a message to be passed on.

### **Safety**

Please can I ask everyone to be very careful at the front of the school, especially in and around the car park. No child should be in the car park as it is in constant use.

### **Application for a Primary school place**

The application process for primary places for September 2018 opened on 15th November 2017 and will close on 15th January 2018. You need to apply online at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline).

### **Fund Raising**

This term we have been very busy and have supported HITS, Samaritans Purse, Poppy Appeal and Children in Need.

We sent 32 Christmas boxes to the church for Operation Christmas Child, raised £222.42 for the Royal British Legion and £729.22 for Children in Need. This has been a fantastic effort and everyone should be proud of their contribution to these charities.

### **Ipplepen Lantern Procession**

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported this community event. It was such an amazing sight looking up through the roads and seeing all the lanterns. A really fantastic community event

### **Safety**

Please be extremely careful when arriving and leaving school, especially the staff carpark. Vehicles have access to the carpark at all times of the day so please ensure you and your children walk using the paths and pavements and do not cut through the carpark.

### **End of term**

Please note that school closes at 3:20pm on Friday 15th December and gates open again at 8:45am on Wednesday 3rd January 2018

If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Amanda Lacey

Head of School

1 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ PTA Christmas Fayre - 5.30- 7.30pm</li> </ul>
4 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Carol Concert - Dress rehearsal @ St Andrews Church at 10.00 am</li> <li>❖ Year 1 trip to Pennywell Farm</li> </ul>
5 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ School Christmas Carol concert led by Year 6 and Foundation @ St Andrew's church at 10.00am</li> </ul>
6 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Year F and 6 Heights and Weights measuring</li> <li>❖ Year 6 - serving at the Christmas Community lunch</li> <li>❖ Choir singing at the Christmas Community lunch</li> <li>❖ Year 5 trip to Coombeshead to see "Robin Hood-Babes in the Wood"</li> <li>❖ Phonic Meeting for Foundation parents and carers at 2.30pm</li> </ul>
7 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Year Foundation class trip to Kents Cavern.</li> <li>❖ Year 4 trip to Coombeshead to see "Robin Hood-Babes in the Wood"</li> <li>❖ Year 5 Christmas Experience at St Andrew's Church</li> </ul>
8 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Year 5 going to Newton Abbot College to take part in the Christmas celebration including making puppets</li> <li>❖ Opportunity for more able children in English in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to work with an external visitor</li> <li>❖ Performance of Mr Scrooge by Coombeshead Academy</li> <li>❖ Dress rehearsal of 'Ned's Christmas Discovery' to the school, Grandparents, Saplings and younger siblings - 1.45pm</li> </ul>
11 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas performance of 'Ned's Christmas Discovery' at 6.00 pm</li> </ul>
12 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas performance of 'Ned's Christmas Discovery' at 2.00pm</li> </ul>
13 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Children's Christmas lunch</li> </ul>
14 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Christmas party</li> </ul>
15 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ School finishes for Christmas holiday at 3:20pm</li> </ul>
17 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Carol Concert at St Andrews church 6.30 pm</li> </ul>
3 <sup>rd</sup> JAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ School opens at 8.45am</li> </ul>