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## **Newsletter - October 2017**

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of a long first half of term, I would like to thank all the parents, children and staff for all their hard work and efforts; you should be really very proud of your children as they have been a real credit to you and absolutely fantastic ambassadors for the school both when in school and when we take them out.

### **In October**

- \* Year 3 have been busy, using our environmental area, with Forest Schools.
- \* All years took part in the Fantastic Food Day, which involved over 75% of our school having a school lunch. Well done to all our lucky plate winners, we had one from each class
- \* All year groups took part in the Harvest celebration in St Andrews Church, with donations going to HITS. What a fantastic display of donations we had, so a very big thank you.
- \* Mathematicians from Year 5 continue to take part in maths challenges at Coombeshead Academy.
- \* Foundation stage had a day investigating colour, they particularly enjoyed dressing up in their favourite colours.
- \* Year 6 have had the opportunity to take part in outdoor adventure - coasteering this half term.
- \* All year groups have been researching the local area for local studies history week.
- \* The Ipplepen History Society have been in to share lunch, then present The Arthur French History Cup in a special assembly. The work will be displayed at our work showing on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Well done to all the children for such fantastic history work, and a special well done to Emily Hunt who was presented with the Arthur French History Cup.
- \* Year 4 conquered their fears and persevered at Clip 'n Climb Plymouth.
- \* Premier Sports came in to deliver a sports assembly and they held a pop up sports event before school.
- \* Year 1 and Year 2 had a successful day out at the World of Country Life.
- \* Children from Chestnut, Acacia, Willow and Sycamore have been involved with making a class willow lantern for the village lantern parade.
- \* Children from Year 6 served at the October community church lunch.

\* Football teams have played matches against Blackpool and Bovey Tracey Schools.

\*Grandparents of Year 6 joined us for a roast beef lunch.

### **Governor "Drop in"**

Paul Sampson, Natasha Johns and Pauline Morley, representatives of the USF Governing body, will be holding a "drop in " coffee afternoon from 3.00- 3.20pm here in the school hall, on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November; they look forward to meeting you and talking to you about the school.

### **Application for a Secondary school place**

For children in Year 6, please remember that applications for a place at secondary school need to be submitted by **31<sup>st</sup> October**. You need to apply online at **[www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)** to have the best opportunity of gaining your child's chosen place.

Please can I remind the parents of children in Year 6 that your children will sit their SATs in the week beginning the **14<sup>th</sup> May**. Please could we ask that, during this week, you try to make appointments either for the afternoon or for after school, and that you do not take any holiday.

### **Candlelit procession**

The Candlelit procession will take place on the evening of Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November. Lantern making dates for anyone to create their own are Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00-12.30 at the Hub, and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November 2.00-4.30 also at the Hub.

Within school, we have 2 lovely helpers - Mrs Judy Dewhurst and Mrs Kerswell - who are supporting the children to create a willow sculpture for each class.

We really hope that each class can take their sculpture to this community event, but this can only happen if we have some lovely parent/grandparent volunteers as the creations will be quite heavy for the children.

Earlier in the week one class made a fish and some very enthusiastic children said it would be great if everyone in their class made an individual fish lantern so they could walk along in a shoal- any encouragement you can give would be appreciated as we thought that was a lovely idea!

Some of the children were thinking they could not have their own lantern and still hold the class one, but everyone will be able to take turns with the class one and they should be able to hold one in one hand, one in the other, or maybe hand their own lantern to a parent. Everyone will be welcome - more information about this great community event will follow in November.

### **Clubs**

This term we have offered 18 different clubs. Thank you to everyone who has supported these.

May I say a very big thank you to everyone who sent in Sainsbury active kids vouchers. We collected over eleven thousand! With this great total we were able to purchase lots of new exciting PE equipment, as well as some new gardening things. We are expecting these to be delivered soon.

### **Lunchtime**

After half term we are going to have Total 14 providing a wide variety of sports activities for all the children at lunchtime. This will be an excellent opportunity to sample a wide variety of different sports.

### **Ipplepen Parish Magazine**

Year 6 writers workshop have been working hard this term and will now publish an article each month for the Parish Magazine.

### Swimming

Over the next 2 terms we have been able to book for all the children at Ipplepen School to go swimming at Newton Abbot Leisure Centre. This does include children in Years F, 1 and 2. Letters about swimming will follow soon after half term.

### History Society

The Ipplepen History Society have been in to share lunch, then present The Arthur French History Cup, in a special assembly. The work will be displayed at our work showing on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Well done to all the children for such fantastic history, and a special well done to Emily Hunt who was presented with the Arthur French History Cup. The representatives from the society were amazed at the extremely high standard and they could see that the children had put a lot of thought into being history detectives.

### Work Showing

The Wednesday 1 November the first Wednesday after half term is work showing. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to come into school and look at their child's work. The work showing is available from 3.20pm until 4.30pm

### Poppies for Remembrance Day

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion in November. Poppies will be on sale in school, along with other items such as keyrings and snap-bands.

### Half term holiday

Please note that school closes at 3:20pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October and gates open again at 8:45am on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October.

The governors have agreed the holiday dates for next academic year which will be the same as the other school in the federation. The dates have been emailed out.

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

Kind regards

Amanda Lacey  
Head of School

### Dates for Your Diary

October			
21 <sup>st</sup>	School closes at 3.20pm	21 <sup>st</sup>	Oak Class - Year 1
30 <sup>th</sup>	School opens at 8:45am Boots Pharmacists administering Flu vaccination		
November			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 to serve at Community lunch Work showing 3:30 - 4:30pm		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	PTA meeting at The Wellington	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rowan Class - Year 2
6 <sup>th</sup>	Individual School Portrait Photographs	10 <sup>th</sup>	Cherry Class -Year 3

12 <sup>th</sup>	Eco Councillors to attend Remembrance Service in St Andrew's Church at 10.15am		
14 <sup>th</sup>	British Values afternoon Kevin Hooke leading assembly		
17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need Shoe Box Service at the Methodist Church @ 5.00pm	17 <sup>th</sup>	Chestnut Class - Year F
21 <sup>st</sup>	International Day	24 <sup>th</sup>	Willow Class - Year 4
25 <sup>th</sup>	Lantern Procession early evening		
27 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening - 3.30- 6.30pm		
28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Experience at Buckfast Abbey		
29 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening - 3.30- 6.30pm		
30 <sup>th</sup>	Pop up sport Event and assembly by Premier Sport		
<b>December</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	PTA Christmas Fayre - 5.30- 7.30pm		
5 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Carol concert led by Year 6 and Foundation @ St Andrew's church at 10.00am		
7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Christmas Experience at St Andrews Church		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Performance of Mr Scrooge by Coombeshead Academy		
11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas performance at 6.00 pm		
12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas performance at 2.00pm		
13 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Christmas lunch		
14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas party		
15 <sup>th</sup>	School finishes for Christmas holiday at 3:20pm		
17 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Concert at St Andrews church 6.30 pm		
<b>January</b>			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	School opens at 8:45am		