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Newsletter - September 2019 [2]

Dear Parents and Carers,

This new term has begun very well and all our new children have settled very well. We are always very busy and enjoy working closely with the community.

Diary Dates for October

Monday 30 th September	Kevin Hook taking assembly KS 1 – 2.00pm Kevin Hook taking assembly KS 2 – 2.30pm
Tuesday 1 st	3.30pm Reading Workshop for EYFS parents
Wednesday 2 nd	Year 6 serving at community lunch Pm – Year 3 and 4 swimming at Newton Abbot swimming pool
Thursday 3 rd	Fantastic food day [please see attached information] Year 4 Musical theatre workshop PTA Meeting
Friday 4 th	School Harvest Festival - St Andrews Church at 9.30 am [please see attached information]
w/b Monday 7 th	Bikeability am and pm for Year 5 and 6
Tuesday 8 th	Year 1 and Year 3 PE with Combeshead PE specialist
Wednesday 9 th	Virgin Care Immunisation – Year R - 6 Year 4 Musical theatre workshop Pm – Year 3 and 4 swimming at Newton Abbot swimming pool Pm – Year 1 Spanish at The Grange
Thursday 10 th	World Mental Health day – wear yellow or something yellow to school Year F, 1 and 2 Grandparents afternoon with afternoon tea.
Friday 11 th	Year 5 - Acacia Class assembly at 9.15 am
w/b Monday 14 th	Bikeability am and pm for Year 5 and 6
Wednesday 16 th	History Society lunch History Society Presentation Pm – Year 3 and 4 swimming at Newton Abbot swimming pool
Thursday 17 th	Year 4 visit to The Grange residential home PTA School Disco [see PTA newsletter for further information]
Friday 18 th	PTA Cake sale led by Year 5 Last day of term

Since the beginning of term

- * The whole school dressed as 'Rockstars' to launch the maths programme TT Rockstars for this year.
- * Mr Robert Coles has visited from Coombeshead Academy.
- * Year 1 have begun to learn Spanish as a joint project with The Grange
- * Year 6 have completed a swimming course
- * Year 5 have completed a swimming course

- * Years 4 and 5 have been involved with Exeter University and the archaeological dig here in Ipplepen
- * Ipplepen School hosted the Breakfast church service
- * Year F had visits from chickens and a tractor
- * Eco council delivered their ideas for Climate change in an assembly.
- * Totnes library presented reading challenge certificates
- * Lydia Lamoon from Coombeshead has been teaching Year 4 musical theatre
- * Year 1 and 3 have had PE coaching from a PE specialist from Coombeshead
- * Year 6 visited The Grange

Harvest Festival

You are invited to our Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church on Friday 4th October at 9.30am. If you would like to donate some food to Homeless in Teignbridge, your child can bring it in to school with them on Friday 4th and we will carry it to the church to make a central display. Please see attached poster for further information.

History Society

The Ipplepen History Society will be working with the school again this year. This will be in the week beginning 14th October. The focus of this week will be 'The Rights of Children', to commemorate 30 years of this charter. To support our work we would like to hear from and see any resources you and your family might have. If you could help, please contact the class teacher.

Members of the History Society are invited to share lunch with us on Wednesday, 16th October. On this day, they will be presenting the Arthur French Memorial Trophy.

Grandparent's Afternoon Tea

On Thursday, 10th October, the children in Years F, 1 and 2 would like to invite their grandparents to share an afternoon tea. While in school the children will be wanting to ask the visitors questions about their childhood and memories. The afternoon last year was extremely well attended and both old and young had a really enjoyable experience and there was lots of learning.

World Mental Health Day

Thursday 10th October is World Mental Health Day and we will be joining other schools across the country by taking part in #HelloYellow to show young people they are not alone with their mental health. Children are invited to wear yellow clothes or something yellow to school. Please see www.youngminds.org.uk/helloyellow for more details.

Maths

The Times Table Rockstars launch day was very successful and the children are really enjoying the challenge of this programme. A big thank you to everyone for making this day so very successful.

Tempest photography

Tempest will be in school Tuesday 19th November to take individual photographs

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 **31st October**. You need to apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline to have the best opportunity of gaining your child's chosen place.

Over the next few weeks secondary schools will be holding open evenings / days which are an invitation for parents and children to go and have a look at different secondary schools.

Please can I remind the parents of children in Year 6 that your children will sit their SATs in the week beginning the **11th 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, 24th November at 6.30pm. The procession will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine in St. Andrew's Church and this is where the judging will take place.

Within school, we will again be working with Mrs Judy Dewhurst, who is going to be 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.

Further information regarding this will follow, There will also be Lantern making sessions at the Hub which will take place on the following dates:-

TUESDAY 29rd OCTOBER 10 – 12.30pm

SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2 – 4.30pm

SATURDAY 23rd h NOVEMBER 10 -12.30pm

PTA

I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Grace Kidd and Mrs Katherine Neale who did a fantastic job last year as chair and vice chair. The events that they organised were fantastic and they raised lots of money for the school.

We welcome Mrs April Meaden and Mrs Emma Tapp as the new chair and vice and already we have PTA events to write in your diary: please see the PTA section on the website or the PTA newsletter.

School day

We have been reviewing our structure, at present our morning break begins at 10.55 we would like to change this to start at 10.30 am. The trial period will begin on Monday 30th September.

Shoe box appeal 2019

We are once again supporting this charity. We appreciate that filling a shoebox can be expensive and so this year we hope to fill some shoe boxes as a class activity. Children can bring one or two items to school and we will fill shoeboxes together so that more children feel included. Obviously if you would like to fill a shoe box with your family you are very welcome to do this as well. Please see the attached sheet for further details

Health and Safety - Dogs in School

Can I please remind everyone that dogs are not allowed on the school premises, that is anywhere within the school gates at both the back and the front of the school.

School meals

School dinners for KS2 are £2.30 this term.

Please remember that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are able to have a free school meal, so they do not need to pay. They just need to know what they would like for their lunch each day. Please keep your ParentPay school meal account in credit.

On **Thursday, 3rd October**, we are having a '**Fantastic food day**'. Schools receive government funding based on the number of children who are eating a school dinner on that day and we hope you will encourage your child to have a school meal on Thursday 3rd October. The ParentPay system accepts single payments of £2.30 if your child normally brings a packed lunch but would like to give School Dinners a try. The children will have the chance to win a prize – one from each class. Thank you.

A Message from the Eco Councillors

This year the eco council are working towards a bronze award. Over the year they are going to be looking at three focused areas.

There are 3 clear themes that they would like to work on over the year, so they are going to tackle one per term. In the Autumn term they are going to focus on 'climate change', then 'waste' in the Spring term and 'making space for nature at school' in the Summer term.

Autumn Term - Climate change

The eco councillors have decided that everyone can make a difference, if they all made one small change, this would result in a much bigger global change. So we can all make a difference.

We need to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide produced. One of the biggest producers of carbon dioxide are cars.

- We would like all pupils and staff to try to make less car journeys to school.
- We would like everyone to try to walk, cycle or scoot to school at least once a week.
- We understand that some of you have to come to school by car - Could you car share with another family? Could you park further away from school and walk some of the way? This will make the car journey shorter.
- We challenge each class to make as many car free journeys as possible: Each class will keep a tally of how many car free journeys they have made. If you have shared a car with another pupil who is not in your family or walked part of the way that will count too.

The class with the most amount of car free journeys at the end of the half term will get a treat. Staff can help too. If teachers or teaching assistants can reduce their car journeys these will count towards the tally!

If you have any questions please come and talk to an eco-councillor. Good luck!

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

Kind regards

Amanda Lacey
Head of School

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4 th	First day of term Divali dance Workshop Yr. F – Yr.6
6 th	Year 5 Space Dome experience Year 6 serving at community lunch Pm – Year 1 Spanish at The Grange Work showing
7 th	School open morning for prospective parents of 2020 Foundation stage children – 9.30 -11.30
Sunday 10 th	Eco – councillors attending Remembrance Service at St Andrews church
12 th	Year 2, 3 and 4 Trip to Plymouth cinema and History museum
13 th	EFYS Stay and Play
14 th	Year 5 and 6 Trip to Plymouth cinema and History museum EFYS Stay and Play
15 th	Children in Need Enterprise Day Year 6 - Sycamore class assembly at 9.15 am
19 th	Tempest – Individual photographs
20 th	Emergency Safety day – whole school Year 6 – Grandparents lunch at 1.00pm
25 th	Year 2 and 5 Fire Safety Talk Parents evening – 3.30 – 6.30pm
26 th	Year 6 trip to Buckfast Abbey– Advent Experience
27 th	St Andrews Assembly taken by Rev Andrew Down KS1 – 2.25 St Andrews Assembly taken by Rev Andrew Down KS2 – 2.50
28 th	Year 3 trip to Kents Cavern Year 5 visit to The Grange Parents evening – 3.30 – 6.30pm
29 th	PTA Cake sale led by Year 4
30 th	Ipplepen Lantern Procession
December	
2 nd	Year 5 and 6 Christmas experience at St Andrews church
3 rd	Year 5 and 6 trip to see Aladdin @ Coombeshead
4 th	Year 6 serving at community lunch
9 th	Year 1, 2, 3 Dress Rehearsal to Grandparents, Saplings and rest of school at 2.00pm
10 th	Year 1, 2, 3 Production at 6.00pm
11 th	Year 1, 2, 3 Production at 2.00pm
12 th	9.30 Christmas Service at St Andrews Church led by Years F and 6
15 th	St Andrews Church Carol Service
16 th	Year 1 Trip to Pennywell Farm Christmas Experience
18 th	Christmas lunch
19 th	Year 3 visit to The Grange Christmas parties
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Article 12 (respect for the views of the child)

Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.