



‘Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up’

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Thankfulness	Compassion	Perseverance	Forgiveness	Courage	Friendship
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Newsletter – Friday 31st January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As January draws to a close, we can reflect on our first month of 2020. This half term, our Christian Value focus is Perseverance. As staff, we really feel that the children, both in pre-school and in the primary school have fully embraced this value, and they continue to show us their determination to be successful in everything they do.

This week, we received a rather exciting letter from the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP who is the Minister of State for School Standards. As you may be aware, last year our SATS reading data was exceptional, with 100% of all children in Year 6 reaching the Expected Standard or above. We were informed this week that this puts us in the top 1% of all schools in the country for reading! Well done to all the teaching staff and children who continue to improve and develop both the teaching of reading and the attainment of reading in all classes.

We consider internet safety to be of utmost importance, particularly as many children independently use laptops, tablets and iPads. Therefore, this year, we will be holding an Internet Safety day on 11th February to remind children of the importance of staying safe online. The NSPCC have created a website called 'Net Aware' (<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>) which includes information about the suitability of different websites and what age children should be before accessing them.

Should you at any point wish to discuss any issues concerning Internet Safety, or wider issues related to school, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school.

Kind regards,
 Miss Ratcliffe

NSPCC Number Day

Next Friday (7th February) will be NSPCC Number Day. We are hoping to celebrate Number Day at school by dressing up and completing a range of number-based activities. Children in Pre-School, Classes One and Two can dress up in number-themed outfits and children in Classes 3 and 4 can dress up as their TT Rockstar! We ask that children bring in a £1 donation. All money raised goes to the NSPCC. Please could children bring in any milk bottle lids on Friday for use in a number art project!



Does anybody have...

- Snakes & Ladders board games which they no longer need or would be willing to lend to Class 1 when we go to play board games with residents at The Firs in March.
- Farming magazines - out of date copies are fine as long as they are in reasonably good condition.
- Children's comics in good condition.

News from our Early Years Foundation Unit

Last week's snap of cold crispy weather sparked lots of exploration for the pre-school children. We went for a short walk around our back garden area listening to the sounds we made as we moved and looking closely at the frost - we were delighted to discover that we could make marks in it using our fingers. We also examined the ice and our discussions ranged from its depth and weight to how it had formed, what might make it melt and how we could transport it.



We are continuing to enjoy our traditional 'On the Farm' stories. Pre-school and Reception children have all thoroughly enjoyed lots of rhyming fun - in particular, much hilarity was had as we joined-in with the characters in 'Chicken Licken' - creating rhyming names for ourselves and our friends. We have enjoyed acting out the stories with masks and puppets and have discovered that we are good at re-telling these stories ourselves - which is why they have become traditional tales.

This week we have been reading 'The Little Red Hen' and yesterday we successfully followed her recipe to make our own bread rolls *and* our own butter too!



Class One Dioramas

We have had some amazing farm dioramas brought in to Class One this week. Children have worked really hard and paid attention to detail in creating their own miniature farms and animal enclosures. The children were also very brave in showing the whole school their creations in our Celebration Assembly this morning. Well done to all the children involved, and a big thank you to the parents who helped, too!





School Dinner Menu week commencing 3rd February 2020

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Toad in the Hole	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding	Hunters Chicken	Oven Baked Fish
Vegetarian	Vegetarian Toad in the Hole	Quorn Bolognese	Lentil Loaf	Tomato Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Nuggets
Sides	Creamed Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Mixed Vegetables & Garlic Bread	Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Sliced Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Salad	Golden Fries, Seasonal Vegetables & Salad
Dessert	Fruit & Yogurt	Jelly Fruit & Ice Cream	Fruit Platter	Jam Tart & Custard	Flapjack

Key Dates for the Spring Term 2020:

Saturday 1 st February	Exmoor Challenge Practise walk
Tuesday 4 th February	Class 4 – Otterton Mill visit – Contribution to be paid on Parentpay
Thursday 6 th February	Class 4 Swimming
Thursday 6 th February	Tear ¾ Orienteering & Team building @ SMCC
Friday 7 th February	NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 12 th February	PTFA Meeting at 7.30pm in the Fire station
Thursday 13 th February	Class 4 Swimming

Monday 17th to 21st

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Thursday 27 th February	Year 2, 3 & 4 Swimming
Thursday 27 th February	Year 5/6 Football Tournament
Friday 28 th February	Class 1 Sharing of learning journeys with parents 8.40am to 9am
Tuesday 3 rd March	Year 5/6 High Five Netball @ SMCC
Thursday 5 th March	Year 2, 3 & 4 Swimming
Thursday 5 th March	Fire and Rescue visit for Year 2 and Year 5
Monday 9 th March	KS2 Dodgeball Match @ Castle (Details to follow)
Tuesday 10 th March	Class 1 Visit to the Firs
Wednesday 11 th March	Messy Church
Thursday 12 th March	Year 2, 3 & 4 Swimming
Thursday 12 th March	Year 1 & 2 Multi Skills Festival @ SMCC (TBC)
Thursday 19 th March	Year 2, 3 & 4 Swimming
Wednesday 25 th March	Year 3/4 Dance Festival
Thursday 26 th March	Year 2, 3 & 4 Swimming
Thursday 26 th March	Boys 7aside Tournament @ SMCC
Thursday 26 th March	Easter Service @ the Church
Friday 27 th March	Class 1 Sharing of learning journeys with parents 8.40am to 9am



**Celebration Assembly
Well Done
For receiving a
Certificate of Achievement**



Work	
Pre-School – Arthur B for thinking about his actions, problem solving, persevering & showing an interest in mark making	
Class 1 – Mason for fantastic effort in his writing	
Class 2 – Hope for her fantastic writing	
Class 3 – Amelia for consistently overcoming barriers in her Maths learning	
Class 4 – Adam for fantastic attitude to learning, especially when things are tricky at first.	
Extra	
Rock Star – Harry V Rock Legend – Zac F	
500 Word Story Entry – Neave	
Contribution	
Adam for helping younger children on the playground	
Class 1 – Farm project	
Pre-School Reaching 20 on the Wow Caterpillar	
Declan	
20 Merits	
Class 2 – Jayden	
Class 3 - Owen	
40 Merits	
Class 2 – Kyah	
Discovery 17	Endeavour 19
Enterprise 26	Voyager 31