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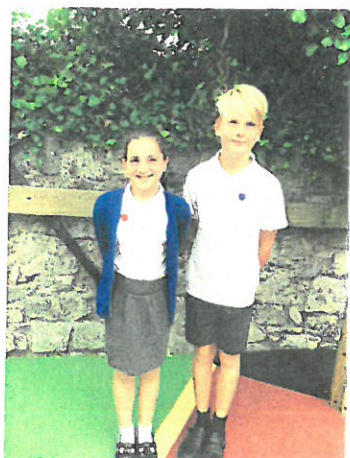


16th Sept 2016

Welcome back to the Autumn Term. We have some exciting events coming up and so here are a few important dates and information from the start of the term. We say a huge welcome to our new pupils who have joined us and we hope they will all enjoy their time at our school.

School Council

Our School Council has been elected and we have a new Head Boy and Head Girl. Well done to Henry and Tilly who will work with Issy, Lucy, Sam, Lara, Callum and Asha. We look forward to seeing the difference they can make in improving our school. We have already met and discussed ways forward, and the council members are leading our school assembly on Monday. A super start from all of our children. We met with the Dawlish Gazette, Councillor John Clatworthy and governors to celebrate our new playground. The children were keen to demonstrate the positives so look out for the news report in the coming weeks.



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The climbing wall and basketball hoops have provided a real boost for the children and their behaviour has been outstanding since we returned from the holiday. We hope that as parents you like the changes we have made. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Watts who was integral in getting the grant needed to complete the works and who was ably assisted in this by Mr Harben. Thank you to Mrs Watts for giving up so much of the summer holiday to ensure that everything went smoothly.



Mary Poppins DVD

This DVD is still available if you would like a copy. The price is £5 and all funds go to the school PFA.

PFA

The AGM will be held on Thursday 29th Sept in school at 3:40pm. All parents are most welcome. The PFA is vital to our school and raises much needed funds every year to support both the purchasing of resources for the pupils and the cost of school visits. Parents please keep an eye on the gate and take a note of emails for all up and coming events.

Can I say a huge thank you to the staff who took part in the two sleepovers last term. These events raised £473.70 for the PFA. Some children have still not returned their sponsor money so could this please come in asap.

Harbourside Chutney

Our Enterprise Project last year saw the production of our amazing chutney. Jars will be on sale next week after school as we have a few remaining. We have two flavours left: strawberry and apple and plum and violet. The cost of the chutney is £3 per jar.

Headlice

We have had some instances of head lice in the school. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat their hair if necessary. Thank you.

Parking

Could I urge all parents to be mindful of the residents and our children's safety. Please park away from the school gates, preferably at the bottom of the hill or on Kenbury Crescent. Please also drive slowly through the village, as the roads are narrow and safety must always be our first priority.

Bellever 17th October to 18th October

Pupils in Class 2 will be receiving a letter regarding their residential to Bellever. The dates are above and we are looking forward to this exciting experience!

Harvest

You will shortly receive a letter regarding our annual harvest celebration at St Mary's Church Cofton.

Just for information at this stage, the rehearsal will be for Classes 1 and 2 only on **Monday 3rd October (afternoon)** so these children will need to be collected at 3:15pm from the church if possible. The celebration itself will be on **Wednesday 5th October at 2:15pm**. Again, the children will need to be collected from the church after the performance at 3:15pm. We will arrange for the Rosie Bus to collect the bus children from there on these days.

Just a reminder that we can only allow 2 people per family as the church is so small.

Flu vaccine for Year's 1 to 3

You have received information regarding this new health programme. Please read the information carefully and decide whether you would like your child to take part. Send in the consent form by Friday 23rd if you would like your child to receive the vaccine.

Tennis

Tennis is soon starting for Class 1 at the Dawlish Leisure Centre. Huge thanks must go to Mrs Jago for securing a grant and Mrs Watts for organising the sessions.

Bikeability

This begins for Year 5 and 6 pupils the week beginning 10th October. More details will follow.

School photographs

This will take place on Thursday 20th October.

Parent Meal Class 3

If you are a parent or grandparent, you are welcome to join us for a Class 3 Parent Meal on Tuesday 18th October. For all new parents, this is where you can join us at lunchtime and eat a meal with your child. We will send out the menu nearer the date.

Half Term Dates

Half Term runs from Monday 24th October through to Friday 28th October. We have a **non-pupil day on Monday 31st October** so pupils will return to school on **Tuesday 1st November**.

Parent consultations

These will take place during the afternoon and early evening on Tuesday 1st November and Monday 7th November.

Swimming gala

This will take place for selected pupils on Wednesday 9th November. If your child is selected for the team, parents are more than welcome to attend. It takes place in the afternoon at Dawlish Leisure Centre.

History Days

We have two wonderful days organised for Classes 1 and 2. Class 2 will take part in a Viking Day on Thursday 17th November and Class 1 will take part in a World War 2 Day on Friday 18th November. Both events will take place in the village hall.

Class 1 Assembly for parents

This will take place on Tuesday 22nd November at 9:30am in the village hall.

Fair Trade Café/Sale

The School Council are busy organising a fair trade fund raiser. This will take place on Friday 2nd December. Times to follow.

Whole School Christmas Production

This date is provisional at this stage but we are hoping that this will take place at the Langstone Cliff Hotel on Monday 5th December. When the dates are confirmed I will let you know.

Christmas carol service and lunch

The children and staff will celebrate with the super christmas lunch on Thursday 15th December. The carol service for pupils, staff and governors will take place on Friday 16th December. Year 6 parents are also welcome to attend.

Theatre Alibi performance

This performance will take place on Tuesday 13th December.

Further fund raising events

Pupils and staff are very keen to support fund raising for charity. We are taking part in the School's Race for Life competition on Wednesday 28th September. Mrs Hannaford will send out details as soon as possible. This will be a family fun run event.

We are also supporting our armed forces and are having a Red White and Blue Day on Friday 14th October.

In addition to this, Mr Harben is personally raising money for the Rowcroft Hospice. This is in support of a friend whose wife stayed at the hospice and who has sadly now passed away. He will be bleaching his hair alongside other members of his rugby club

on Friday 7th October. If you would like to support the Rowcroft Hospice and the wonderful work they do then please use the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/torquayathletic>

We look forward to a busy and productive term. The children have been offered an incredible number of after school and lunchtime clubs and it has been wonderful to see so many children taking part.

As always, if there is anything you are concerned about or would just like to chat, our doors are always open.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Curry'.

Lorraine Curry