



## Rockbeare Church of England (VA) Primary School and Pre-School.

*'Empowering every individual as they learn and grow  
through God's love'.*

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**Our value for this half term is TRUST**

### January 2017

**Dear Parents,**

Happy New Year and welcome back to everyone, I hope you had a great Christmas and are ready for the term ahead. We are welcoming three new members of staff: Miss Lundh, Class Teacher Year 5/6, Miss Mcrae, Pre-School Play Assistant and Ms Brazil, Kitchen Assistant. We wish them all the best at our lovely school.

#### **Attendance**

The table below shows the percentage attendance for the whole school and each class. Our whole school target is 97%. Congratulations to Year 5/6 for having the best attendance for the term.

	<b>Autumn Term 2016</b>
All	95.62
FS	94.0
KS1	95.05
3/4	95.0
<b>5/6</b>	<b>96.26</b>
Boys	95.51
Girls	95.85

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December Year 3/4 Parent Assembly

The last parent assembly of the term went extremely well. Thank you to Miss Pilkington and Mrs Bateman for all their hard work, and of course to the children in years 3 and 4 who demonstrated beautiful singing, ocarina playing and performing amongst other things. Please see the diary dates at the end of the newsletter for the next parent assemblies for each class.

### Samba drumming

The whole of KS2 were treated to a special samba drumming workshop provided by the area music hub. The sessions were very rhythm! Miss Pilkington is the drums during the summer hope we'll be able to give you loan period - fingers crossed!



exciting, lots of noise but with plenty of making arrangements for the loan of term for everyone to have a go. We all a performance at the end of the

### FRSA Bingo Night

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, the FRSA held their annual Christmas bingo night. Thank you to the committee members who spent a lot of time ensuring everyone had a fantastic evening. All FRSA events rely heavily on parents helping out and supporting by attending, so a huge THANK YOU to everyone who gave their time and support. Over £200 was raised.

### 'Hey Ewe'!

KS1 and Pre-School gave a wonderful performance of 'Hey Ewe!' for their Christmas nativity. The acting, singing and narrating was brilliant! Well done to all of the children, their teachers and teaching assistants who worked tirelessly to ensure you all had an afternoon to remember. Do take a look at the photos on our website [www.rockbeareprimary.co.uk](http://www.rockbeareprimary.co.uk)

### FRSA Christmas Disco

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December the FRSA held their Christmas disco for the children. A lot of fun, laughter, dancing and moves took place with Mr Ball providing (for free) his superb professional disco for us – THANK YOU.

### 'Singing for fun' club at The Court

Miss Pilkington took her club to sing at The Court care home in Rockbeare on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The residents thoroughly enjoyed listening to some of their favourite carols and found the whole experience quite overwhelming. We hope to make this more than an annual Christmas visit as part of our involvement in our local community. Take a look at the photos on our website [www.rockbeareprimary.co.uk](http://www.rockbeareprimary.co.uk)

### Carols by Candlelight, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

We were pleased to be invited by Reverend Lane to join in with the church Christmas celebrations. Our choir sang beautifully, as usual, and were a credit to their parents and teachers. The service was very child and family friendly, with carols and entertainment coming from a most unexpected quarter – the nativity performance was brilliant. We are all looking forward to what next year will bring! Thank you to everyone who was able to attend this evening service.



### 'Carols & Mince Pies' Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

This is a very special Rockbeare event which the children really look forward to doing. Every class and the pre-school entertained parents with carols, songs, poetry and music. Many thanks to the FRSA who provided the mince pies and coffee.

### School Council Talent Show

The School Council were very keen to hold a talent show this year and their friends in all year groups did not let them down. There were great singers, actors, comics, dancers and gymnasts who all performed with confidence and maturity. The audience was warm, friendly and very supportive of all the acts, clapping and joining in throughout. Mrs Spencer-Smith, Miss Bucci and Miss Pilkington were given the onerous task of scoring each act then adding the totals to find the winners.

**Joint 1<sup>st</sup>** went to **Sophie** for her ballet dancing and **Elyse & Ava** for their gymnastics display.

**3<sup>rd</sup>** place went to **Rebecca & Fenella** for their rendition and performing of 'Rocking around the Christmas Tree'.

### Clubs

Arsenal Soccer School Awards for 'Sportsmanship and Good All-Rounder' during the Autumn Term 2016 went to:

**Ethan - Year 5**

**Elyse- Year 4**

**Shai - Year 2**



You will receive the new list of clubs this week for them to start week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> January.

### Reminders:

- If your child is not being collected by yourself, please ensure their teacher/office is given a **written note of permission** or verbal confirmation as to who will be collecting them at the end of the day. We need this each school year for our records.
- **48hr rule** - children should only return to school 48hrs after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.
- **PE Kit** - don't forget to bring this on the following days: **Yr3/4 Tuesdays, KS1 and Y5/6 on Fridays**. If there is ever a change to this, the class teacher will inform you.
- **Mobile phones** must be switched off and out of sight in school - this includes all staff, parents and visitors. Please respect this safeguarding requirement.

### Diary Dates 2017

#### January

Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup>

**NON-PUPIL DAY**

Weds. 4<sup>th</sup>

Back to school

Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup>

Yr6 height and weight screening

Mon. 30<sup>th</sup>

Full Governing Body meeting

#### February

Tues. 7<sup>th</sup>

3.50pm - 5.10pm Parents evening (*letter to follow*)

Weds. 8<sup>th</sup>

3.50pm - 6pm Parents evening (*letter to follow*)

Thurs. 9<sup>th</sup>

9.15am KS1 Parent Assembly

**Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> - Fri. 17<sup>th</sup>**

**HALF TERM**

#### March

Weds. 1<sup>st</sup>

Yr3/4 'Net & Wall' @ Clyst Vale Community College (*letter to follow*)

Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> - Fri. 17<sup>th</sup>

Yr5/6 PGL Residential trip

Mon. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body meeting
Thurs. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Foundation Stage screening checks
Thurs. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am Yr5/6 Parent Assembly
Fri. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day ( <i>School Council letter to follow nearer the time</i> )
Weds. 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Yr3/4 Parent Assembly
Thurs. 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Easter Service in Church
Fri. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of term

### April

Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mon. 17<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 18<sup>th</sup>

Weds. 19<sup>th</sup>

Mon. 24<sup>th</sup>

### **EASTER**

#### **NON-PUPIL DAY**

Back to school

Bikeability week for Yr5

### May

1<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

Mon 8<sup>th</sup>

Weds. 10<sup>th</sup>

Fri. 26<sup>th</sup>

Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> – Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> June

KS1 SATs administered during this period, full attendance essential.

KS2 SATs week, full attendance essential.

Fun Run for Yr5/6 @ Clyst Vale Community College (*letter to follow*)

2pm May celebration afternoon

#### **HALF TERM**

### June

Tues. 6<sup>th</sup>

Weds. 14<sup>th</sup>

Weekly swimming sessions for KS2 begin

Kwik-Cricket @ Clyst Vale Community College (*letter to follow*)

### July

Tues. 4<sup>th</sup>

Weds. 5<sup>th</sup> – Fri. 7<sup>th</sup>

Fri. 7<sup>th</sup>

Weds. 12<sup>th</sup>

Mon. 17<sup>th</sup>

Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup>

Fri. 21<sup>st</sup>

Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> – Weds. 26<sup>th</sup>

2pm & 6pm KS2 end of year performance

Yr6 new intake days at Clyst Vale Community College

End of year reports out

Yr5/6 @ Exeter Arena athletics (*letter to follow*)

2pm Sports Day

9.30am Leavers Service in church.

Last day of term for children.

#### **NON-PUPIL DAYS**