



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 COMPASSION

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Dear Parents,

Doesn't time fly? It hardly seems long ago that it was Christmas and we're into spring already. We have extended a warm Rockbeare welcome to Mrs Rachel Miller as the Year 5/6 class teacher who will be with us until the end of the summer term. Our wonderful Year 6 have been allocated their secondary school places and we await allocation of the prospective new Reception intake.

Devon & Somerset Fire Service, Monday 20th February



Report by Evangeline, Yr2.

He came in and his name was Dan and he was a fireman. First he said that if you had a question to ask it at the end. Then he asked some questions and some other children answered it. Then he said we were going to play a game. In the game we had to look at a picture and do an action if it was hot or cold. We also had to tell him what the item was. Then Freya and Will were chosen to dress up as firefighters. As they did it we looked at them. After that we watched a programme of a firefly to teach us about matches. Then Dan said now for some questions. After that we said "goodbye" to Dan.

KS1 Parent Assembly, Thursday 9th February

Report by Mia, Yr2.

We welcomed everybody to our class assembly. Then we started our assembly our topic was Julia Donaldson we learned the *Gruffalo*, the snail and the whale monkey puzzle. We wrote about the *Gruffalo* and the characters. We made up are own character like the *Gruffalo* then we described it. Then we done the snail and the whale we story planed it. Then we made our class story. We story mapped our own we wrote them up in neat writing. Then we done monkey puzzle we searched up the characters like parrot, monkey, bat, frog, snake, butterfly and elephant. We wrote it down in our books. We done colour mixing as well. We know ocarinas to twinkle little star and changed the words to The child of *Gruffalo* we learnt the song each day different every day now we done highland dancing six people were picked and they were Ruby, Zaine, Summer, Esme, Archie and Mia. They did highland dancing in our class assembly. They started with their rite leg out then back in with their hand's on their hip's then up to their knee's and down then do the same with your left leg. At the end we said thank you for coming to the parent's assembly.



Parents Evenings

Thank you to all those parents who were able to meet with their child's' class teacher at the consultation evenings before half term. End of year reports will be going out at the end of June.

Wednesday 1st March Yr3/4 Ball Skills at CVCC

At ball skills we had to race holding a bib and whoever got three in a row of the bibs wins. We had boys against girls



and we had a tie. When we got to the next activity we had to skip to space hoppers and then hop around cones and then do five star jumps and run

back. The first team to get back wins the race. Cerys

At ball skills we raced on the skipping ropes and then we had to hop in between three cones and then we had to throw the ball on the wall and turn around and catch the ball again. We had to throw a ball in a small hoop and a big hoop and I only got it in the little hoop. Kai

Thursday 2nd March World Book Day

KS2 were involved in a 'Big Write' where they had to write (in groups) different parts of a fictitious story and then put them together at the end of the afternoon. They found this task really challenging! They later shared books with the children from Pre-School and KS1.

Administration of medicines

With lots of bugs and illnesses around at the moment may we please make you aware of our policy for administering medicines within school, which is on the school's website.

Reminders:

- Please ensure that your child has no more than one identification tag/key ring on their book bag, this is because of the lack of space in their drawers.
- 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

March

Fri. 10 th	FRSA 'wear your home clothes' day
Mon. 13 th - Fri. 17 th	Yr5/6 PGL Residential trip
Mon. 20 th	Full Governing Body meeting
Thurs. 23 rd	9.15am Yr5/6 Parent Assembly
Fri. 24 th	Red Nose Day (<i>School Council letter to follow nearer the time</i>)
Weds. 29 th	9.15am Yr3/4 Parent Assembly
Thurs. 30 th	9.30am Easter Service in Church
Fri. 31 st	Last day of term

April

Mon. 3 rd - Mon. 17 th	EASTER
Tues. 18 th	NON-PUPIL DAY
Weds. 19 th	Back to school
Mon. 24 th	Bikeability week for Yr5

May

1 st - 26 th	KS1 SATs administered during this period, full attendance essential.
Mon 8 th	KS2 SATs week, full attendance essential.
Weds. 10 th	Fun Run for Yr5/6 @ Clyst Vale Community College (<i>letter to follow</i>)
Fri. 26 th	2pm May celebration afternoon
Mon. 29 th - Fri. 2 nd June	HALF TERM

June

Tues. 6 th	Weekly swimming sessions for KS2 begin
Weds. 14 th	Kwik-Cricket @ Clyst Vale Community College (<i>letter to follow</i>)

July

Tues. 4 th	2pm & 6pm KS2 end of year performance
Weds. 5 th - Fri. 7 th	Yr6 new intake days at Clyst Vale Community College

Fri. 7 th	End of year reports out
Mon. 10 th	Yr6 new intake week at The King's School, Ottery St. Mary - TBC
Weds. 12 th	Yr5/6 @ Exeter Arena athletics (<i>letter to follow</i>)
Mon. 17 th	2pm Sports Day
Thurs. 20 th	9.30am Leavers Service in church.
Fri. 21 st	Last day of term for children.
Mon. 24th - Weds. 26th	NON-PUPIL DAYS

FRSA Newsletter March 2017

With increasing pupil numbers at both the school and pre-school, there is increasing pressure on fundraising. The FRSA currently funds coaches for school days out and swimming lessons, together with leavers' gifts, Christmas presents and ad hoc events for the school and pre-school (e.g. Roman Day event). In the last academic year, the FRSA spent in the region of £1,400 for these items.

We have some wonderful new ideas on fundraising but will need your support at these events as the more money we raise, the more we can contribute to the school. You have always been very generous in the past donating raffle prizes for events, so as a thank you we have arranged with the school a home clothes day on the 10th March for donating a raffle prize.

We are looking for a variety of prizes for forthcoming raffles and events and so we have created themes for each year group:

- Reception/ Year 1 and 2 - Chocolate
- Year 3 and 4 - Biscuits or sweets
- Year 5 and 6 - Craft make and do kits, general gifts or toys

At Bristol

Thank you very much to everyone who bought a raffle ticket for the At Bristol Family Ticket. Noah in Reception picked out the winning ticket in Mrs Burrows' school assembly with the winners being Tom and Harry Rintoul. We raised £27 which will help go towards funding future trips etc.

Bags2school

A reminder that Bags2school will be collecting on Tuesday 21st March. Bags have been sent out for you to put your unwanted clothes, towels, curtains etc in. Black sacks are also accepted. A reminder on what is accepted will also be sent out, together with information on what to do on the day.

This could be a brilliant fundraiser for us. If every pupil in both the school and pre-school, together with staff members, filled one bag each then we would receive in the region of £400. This would go a huge way to making sure we can fulfil all of our current spending requirements.

Please ask family, friends and work colleagues to donate their items too.

The more bags we have, the more money we will raise.

Easter Bingo

We are in the process of finalising the date for the Easter Bingo and will confirm that shortly.

We are always very grateful of everything you donate to such a good cause that will benefit all our children and the school.

Many Thanks
FRSA

