



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 FRIENDSHIP

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Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to everybody, especially our new children. We hope you had a lovely summer holiday whether at home or away and are looking forward to the new school year ahead. Our thoughts are with our previous Year 6 cohort who are starting the next stage in their education at secondary school - good luck to them all.

OFSTED 'GOOD'



Finally, we have received our Ofsted report. They will publish it on the official Ofsted website within 5 working days, however, we have attached a copy for your reference. The report reflects all the hard work everyone has put in over the past few years - children, staff, governors and parents. Congratulations to all of us.

School Council

Each year group (except Reception) has voted for their school councillor representatives. Those children who were councillors last year stepped down and were not eligible this year.

Year 1	Molly & Gregory
Year 2	Ruth & Freya
Year 3	Kate & Shai
Year 4	Tempy & Rhys W
Year 5	Iona & Elyse
Year 6	Tilly & Jemima

The School Council will meet on the first Wednesday of every month to discuss issues important to the children, charity fundraising and the running of our school. At their first meeting on the 8th September specific roles and responsibilities were voted for through a secret ballot.

Chairperson Tilly

Vice-Chair	Jemima
Treasurer	Elyse
Secretary	Iona

House Captains

All of the children have been allocated a new house based on precious gems chosen by the outgoing School Council in July. Everyone exercised their democratic right by voting for the Yr6 they felt would best lead their house.

Sapphire	House Captain = Ethan	Vice House Captain = Rebecca
Ruby	House Captain = Fenella	Vice House Captain = Daniel
Emerald	House Captain = Alice	Vice House Captain = Tilly
Gold	House Captain = Reece	Vice House Captain = Jemima

House responsibilities include creating and supporting a team atmosphere within school work, competitions, sports day etc.

Clubs

A new list of clubs for this half term is being sent out to start week commencing the 18th September. Please return as soon as possible as places are limited in some clubs. If you would like to run a club, please let the office know, you will need to have a DBS check.

Reading

Listening to your child read is really important. If you can manage at least 5 times a week that would be very helpful to them. As they read, ask questions e.g. What do you think will happen next? What is your prediction? How do you know? What does the picture tell you? Do you know what word means? How could you find out? Have you enjoyed the story/information? If yes, why, what was the best part? If not, why not? What would make it better? Would you recommend to a friend to read? Please write in your child's reading record/journal any comments/answers to questions you have asked. Also, please make a note of any other books from home your child is reading, it helps us to find out more about their personal interests/reading preferences.

PE

Teachers have reviewed the PE curriculum and will now teach two 1 hourly sessions a week to their class, one indoor and one outdoor (weather permitting) on the following days:

Mrs Burrows - Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning
Miss Pilkington - Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon
Miss Fox - Monday afternoon and Thursday morning.

The children will need to leave their PE kit in school as there may be occasions when their teacher needs to change the day; it will be sent home at the end of each half-term for washing (or sooner if necessary).

Please remember to have a spare pair of socks and hairband (if long hair) in PE bags. If your child has earrings, they must be able to take them out themselves or you need to take them out before coming to school on the PE days. Due to statutory safeguarding requirements, staff are not allowed to take them out or cover them over. Thank you for supporting us in this.

Parent readers

If you are interested in coming in to school to support readers, even if you did so last year, please come and speak to me as soon as possible.

Nits

It's a new school year and these little visitors tend to rear their ugly heads!! Just remember to check your child's hair on a regular basis - they tend to like very clean hair in particular as it's easier to grip the hair shaft. Should your child get nits, they (and the whole family) need to be treated before returning to school. Shoulder length hair is best tied back with a simple blue, black or white hair band please.

School lunches

All children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 however, their lunch choices **MUST** be are required.



receive a universal free school meal each day, ordered by Thursday of the week before they

We encourage children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to continue to have a school lunch; their choices **MUST** also be ordered and paid for by Thursday of the week before they are required.

Polite reminders

Our apologies for so many but it is always good to have a quick reminder at the beginning of the new school year, especially for our new families.

- 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. If arrangements change, please let us know as soon as possible. If we are in any doubt, we will always contact you to double check.
- We encourage all of the children to be independent when coming in to school. However, if you should need to come in to school at any point during the school day (including in the morning), please make sure that you sign in and out again when you leave. This is for the safety of the children.
- **Drinks bottles** - please make sure a drinks bottle is brought in each day, water only please.
- **Y6 only** can walk home on their own once we have parental written permission.
- **48hr rule** - children should only return to school 48hrs after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.
- The weather can be very changeable at this time of year so please check the forecast and make sure your child has sun cream, sun hat and a raincoat in school for all eventualities.
- **Earrings** - must not be worn for PE lessons. We are not allowed to remove them so please make sure your child can either take them out themselves, or don't put them in on the day they have PE.
- **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

We are in the process of setting diary dates for the coming months and year; however, you may wish to make a note of the following which have already been agreed.

Diary Dates 2017

September

Tues. 19th Prospective Y6 (2018) open evening @ Clyst Vale Community College.
Thurs. 28th 9.30am Harvest Festival at church

October

2nd - 6th Prospective Y6 (2018) open week at CVCC for parents to visit.
Fri. 13th 6pm FRSA 'Glow in the dark' disco
Tues. 17th 3.40-5.10pm Parent evening (*letter to follow*)
Weds. 18th 3.40-6pm Parent evening (*letter to follow*)

Fri. 20th

Last day.

HALF-TERM

Monday 23rd – Monday 30th (inclusive)

Mon. 30th

NON-PUPIL DAY

Tues. 31st

Children back to school

November

Thurs. 2nd

Forensic Day for Y5/6 in school

Weds. 8th

9.15am Reception/Y1 Parent assembly

Thurs. 9th

11am Remembrance Day service at the war memorial - all welcome.

Thurs. 16th

9.15am Y5/6 Parent assembly

Weds. 22nd

Individual photos.

Thurs. 30th

9.15am Y2/3/4 Parent assembly

December

Fri. 1st

7-8pm FRSA Christmas Wreath making

Thurs. 7th

2pm Reception, Year 1, 2 & Pre-School Christmas Nativity

Fri. 8th

9.45am Reception, Year 1, 2 KS1 & Pre-School Christmas Nativity

Weds. 13th

6.30pm Carols at Christmas at the church - all welcome

Mon. 18th

9.30am Carols and Mince Pies in the hall - all welcome

Tues. 19th

Last day.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Wednesday 20th December – Wednesday 3rd January (inclusive)

January 2018

Wed. 3rd

NON-PUPIL DAY

Thurs. 4th

Children back to school

Thurs. 18th

9.15am Y5/6 Parent assembly

February

Tues. 6th

3.40-5.10pm Parent evening (*letter to follow*)

Weds. 7th

3.40-6pm Parent evening (*letter to follow*)

Thurs. 8th

9.15am KS1 Parent assembly

Fri. 9th

Last day

HALF-TERM

Monday 12th – Friday 16th (inclusive)

March

Mon. 19th

Children back to school

Thurs. 22nd

9.15am Y3/4 Parent assembly

Thurs. 29th

Last day

EASTER BREAK

Friday 30th March - Friday 13th April (inclusive)

April

Mon. 16th Children back to school

May

Thurs. 24th 9.15am KS1 Parent assembly

Fri. 25th 2pm May celebration day - all welcome.

HALF-TERM

Monday 28th May - Monday 4th June (inclusive)

June

Mon. 1st NON-PUPIL DAY

Tues. 2nd Children back to school

July

Mon. 2nd 1.30pm Sports Day

Weds. 4th - 6th New intake days for Y6 @ CVCC

Thurs. 5th 9.15am Y3/4 Parent assembly

Mon. 9th CVCC new intake parent meeting

Thurs. 19th 6pm KS2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6) 1st performance for parents

Fri. 20th 2pm KS2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6) 2nd performance for parents

6pm KS2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6) 3rd performance for parents

Tues. 24th Last day