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Dear Parents,

West Devon Football Finals Tournament

Yesterday, we took 3 teams who had progressed to the West Devon Finals Football tournament, which is a good achievement in itself to progress that far. The whole squad showed great spirit, determination and skill throughout the tournament. I am delighted to say that the girls won their competition, and will now progress to the Devon School's Finals – a great achievement! The Year 5 and Year 6 boy's football teams played well to progress from their groups to meet each other in the semi-final. This close fought contest ended 0-0, with Year 5 coming out victorious on penalties. They went on to play a very physical Tavistock side, losing out in the final. Meanwhile, our Year 6 came back from the disappointment of defeat by penalties, to then win the bronze medal play-off match on penalties. So every child came back to school with a medal and we all had a great day. Well done to all the players and coaches!

SIAMS Inspection

We had a very positive day with our SIAMS inspection last Tuesday, and although we are not allowed to communicate any provisional grading the school has received, I would like to thank the children for the excellent attitude they showed throughout the day, the teaching staff for all their hard work in preparation for this inspection, and to those parents who met with the Inspector. We will publish the SIAMS report as soon as it is available.

Additional Special Needs & Intervention teaching

I am delighted to report that we have managed to gain a day per week of additional special needs and intervention teaching, beginning after half-term. Mr Robert Davis, is an experienced teacher and has worked as a SENCO for a school with classes from Reception to Year 11. Mr Davis has recently moved to this area, and is planning to extend his primary experience further, and will be providing one-to-one and small group intervention teaching for a number of pupils across the school who will benefit from focused targeted support.

Year 5 & 6 Homework

There has been a recent review of homework provision, specifically in our Upper Junior classes. After half-term, we will be introducing 'Numeracy Ninjas' a highly motivational Key Stage 3 intervention scheme that I have used in a previous school very successfully with Year 5 and 6 pupils. This is a daily maths programme, that is intended to reinforce and sharpen key maths skills. We will be providing all the materials and an information sheet for those children and parents after half-term. In the meantime, if you visit <http://www.numeracyninjas.org/> you can gain a better understanding of the scheme yourself.

On the point of homework, the school is going to begin using the 'Survey Monkey' app to conduct parent and community surveys. Our first survey, again taking place next half-term, will relate to homework across the whole school.



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Red, White & Blue Day

We had a good day celebrating Red, White & Blue Day and raised over £200 for the Forces charities. Well done to Jack Trueman, Charlie Jacques and Eleanor Allford who were all winners in the Poppy Bake off contest – all the cakes looked amazing! The children also enjoyed the assembly talks given by servicemen working in Army Engineering.

Apple Day

Thank you for your support for our recent Apple Day. The school raised £205 for the community orchard charitable Trust.

It's been a fantastic first half-term of this school year, with the children taking part in many interesting activities, and working hard in class. Have a very good half-term everyone!

Yours sincerely,

Phillip Harvey

Headteacher