



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 PEACE

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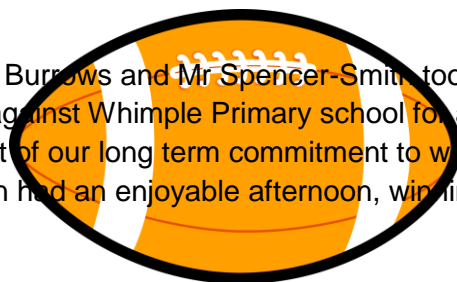
Dear Parents,



We are still having traffic issues around dropping off and collecting times at school. A number of parents have been to see me about their continued concerns. School has been in touch with the Police and Highways Department again, but we are reliant on them following up on our concerns. Please also express your concerns to these bodies, together we may exercise more weight.

TAG Rugby

On Wednesday 11th October, Mrs Burrows and Mr Spencer-Smith took our Year 6 and some Year 5 children to represent Rockbeare against Whimble Primary school for a Tag Rugby event at Clyst Vale Community College. This was part of our long term commitment to working with schools in our Local Learning Community. The children had an enjoyable afternoon, winning some matches and representing our school with pride.



FRSA

The 'Glow in the Dark' disco on Friday 13th October was a huge success. Mrs Burrows reported that all but 14 children from the whole school attended the event. Many, many thanks to the hard work of the FRSA committee who made this event so successful. The disco (brilliant as always by Mr Ball), breaks and sweet treats were loved by all. Thank you for supporting the FRSA so comprehensively.

Parent Evenings 17th/18th October

As usual these were very well attended, thank you. The teachers saw nearly all their parents on the evenings with alternative appointments being arranged for those of you who could not attend.

ACADEMY

The process by which Rockbeare CE Primary School joins The First Federation Trust does seem to be taking a long time; however, this is because there are a number of due diligence processes that both we, First Federation and Exeter Diocese have to go through. We are nearly there and I hope to be able to confirm our formal joining soon.

School Council

BBC 'Children in Need' - Friday 17th November.

The School Council will be sending out a letter shortly about the non-uniform day they will be running.

On Thursday 2nd November, Rebecca (Secretary of the School Council last year) and Tilly (Chair of the School Council this year) presented a cheque for £273.67 to Laura from the Children's Hospice, South West. The Children's Hospice was the chosen charity last year for whom we raised funds. Thank you to all of you who over the course of the year donated money at School Council events. They really appreciated the cheque.



Forensic Workshop



Check out our website under the Pupil tab, Year 5&6 for more photos.

Year 5/6 were treated to a fantastic forensic workshop run by Mrs Baugh from Exeter College and organised through Mrs West of the FRSA. Thank you to both ladies. It was BRILLIANT! The class measured the growth of maggots to deduce how long they had been at the crime scene using real maggots! They went on to take and study their own fingerprints and finally had a complex crime scene to investigate. There were 32 suspects and a series of clues to work out in order to eliminate people. Congratulations to Tom who uncovered the suspect first. I think we have some budding entomologists and forensic scientists amongst us.

'Songs of Praise'

After school on Wednesday 1st November I went to Whimble Church, this was to be part of a small group of children who were being recorded for a television program called 'Songs of Praise'. We were filming a Christmas special. We were filmed decorating the trees as well as helping to fill up shoe boxes with gifts, these will be given to children who will not get a present this Christmas. Some of us got interviewed, they asked us a few questions about the shoe boxes we were filling. The programme will be shown on the 10th December. Daniel Kerslake.

Polite 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. 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

November

Weds. 8 th	9.15am Reception/Y1 Parent assembly
Thurs. 9 th	11am Remembrance Day service at the war memorial - all welcome.
Thurs. 16 th	9.15am Y5/6 Parent assembly
Weds. 22 nd	Individual photos, Flu immunisations for Years R, 1, 2, 3 & 4.
Weds. 29 th	Multi Skills (Y1 + Y2) v Whimple Primary School at CVCC
	(in school time, coach TBA)
Thurs. 30 th	9.15am Y2/3/4 Parent assembly

December

Fri. 1 st	7-8pm FRSA Christmas Wreath making for adults only
Thurs. 7 th	2pm Reception, Year 1, 2 & Pre-School Christmas Nativity
Fri. 8 th	9.45am Reception, Year 1, 2 & Pre-School Christmas Nativity
Weds. 13 th	6.30pm Carols at Christmas at the church - all welcome
Mon. 18 th	9.30am Carols and Mince Pies in the hall - all welcome
Tues. 19 th	Last day.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

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

January 2018

Wed. 3 rd	NON-PUPIL DAY
Thurs. 4 th	Children back to school
Thurs. 18 th	9.15am Y5/6 Parent assembly

February

Tues. 6 th	3.40-5.10pm Parent evening (letter to follow)
Weds. 7 th	3.40-6pm Parent evening (letter to follow)
Thurs. 8 th	9.15am Reception/Y1 Parent assembly
Fri. 9 th	Last day

HALF-TERM

Monday 12th - Friday 16th (inclusive)

February

Weds. 21 st	Multi Skills (Y3 + Y4) v Whimple Primary School at CVCC (in school time, coach TBA)
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March

Mon. 19 th	Children back to school
Thurs. 22 nd	9.15am Y2,3,4 Parent assembly
Thurs. 29 th	Last day

EASTER BREAK

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

April

Mon. 16 th	Children back to school
Weds. 18 th	High 5's Netball (selected Y5/6) v Lady Seawards and Whimple at CVCC (in school time, coach TBA)

May

Weds. 2 nd	Football (Y5/6) v all schools in our local learning community at CVCC (after school, letter to follow)
Weds. 9 th	Fun Run (selected children) v all schools in our local learning community at CVCC (in school time, coach TBA)
Thurs. 24 th	9.15am Reception/Y1 Parent assembly
Fri. 25 th	2pm May celebration day - all welcome.

HALF-TERM

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

June

Mon. 4 th	NON-PUPIL DAY
Tues. 5 th	Children back to school
Weds. 13 th	Kwik Cricket (Y5/6) v all schools in our local learning community (after school, letter to follow)
Mon. 25 th - Tues. 26 th	Yr5/6 residential at Escot (letter to follow)

July

Mon. 2 nd	1.30pm Sports Day
Weds. 4 th - Fri. 6 th	New intake days for Y6 @ CVCC

Thurs. 5th

9.15am Y2,3,4 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

Tues. 24th

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

Last day