



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

December 2017

Dear Parents,

This seems to have been a
but the Christmas break will
you and your family a very
Year.



long autumn term with lots happening
soon be upon us. May we wish all of
Merry Christmas and a Happy New

Reception/Year 1 Parent Assembly

Mrs Burrow's class treated their parents to a lovely class assembly on the 8th November. They demonstrated the life cycle of a plant, showed their portraits and explained what the primary and secondary colours are. Some of the children read out their own robot stories whilst others retold the story they had been listening to. The grand finale was a very energetic exercise workout the class does to keep fit - Mrs Burrows had all the parents joining in at the end. The children are certainly fitter than us! A huge thank you to everyone in the class, Mrs Burrows and Sue for putting on such a lovely, happy assembly. We all went away with a smile on our face.

Remembrance at the war memorial

Years 2 - 6 walked up to the war memorial on the 9th November to join in with Reverend Lane and members of our local community to remember those who gave their lives or were injured during a conflict. We sang 'Peace is like a flowing river' and 'Peace, perfect peace'. As Headteacher, I was extremely proud of our children; they were respectful and thoughtful, singing with great beauty and clarity. We received a lovely message from Mr Wollen of the Parish Council to say that our school raised a total of £ towards the poppy appeal. The sale of British Legion items was run by our school councillors.

Boots



As the weather gets colder and wetter, by all means let your child walk to and from school in boots, however, please ensure they have their school shoes with them to change into in class. Feet get extremely hot, sweaty and uncomfortable in our warm classrooms!

Year 5/6 Parent Assembly

Miss Fox's class presented a very special assembly on their learning about World War I. The children planned, wrote, acted and sang all of their own work. Throughout, they demonstrated a real sense of understanding of the life and hard times of trench warfare, the impact on soldiers' lives and those of their families. Not only was it a credit to themselves, but also to Miss and Mrs Kidson. A big thank you to the class.

School Council

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

Thank you to our School Council for organising this year's Children in Need. Your donations from dressing in a 'spotacular' way and cakes sales raised a total of £116.00

Onesies

If your child has grown out of an animal onesie Mrs Burrows and Sue would love them! Please could you donate them to school to add to the collection of animals for the nativity or for dressing up/role play? Thank you.

CCLC – Multi-skill Year 1 & 2

On Wednesday the 29th November we travelled by coach to Clyst Vale Sports centre. Here we tried lots of different games which were led by Year 12s. We took part in five activities, tennis skills, throwing balls and bean bags, target throwing at cones, relay running and ball skills. We all had a great time putting what we have learnt in PE into practise.

PE Footwear

For your child's safety, they need to wear trainer type footwear for PE, these have more grip and support than ordinary school shoes. As the weather gets wetter and outside becomes muddier, they need to be able to change back into their school shoes once back in the classroom. Thank you.

Year 2,3 & 4 Parent assembly

Miss Pilkington's class treated us all to a very musical parent assembly. They played an ensemble of ukulele tunes and showed their own homemade instruments which were very imaginative and different. The class also showcased their learning about the Romans with dance, drama and writing. The class, Miss Pilkington and Mrs Bateman have clearly been working very hard this term.

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.
- **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 2017

December

Fri. 1 st	7-8pm FRSA Christmas Wreath making (adults only)
Thurs. 7 th	2pm KS1 Christmas Nativity
Fri. 8 th	9.45am KS1 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
Fri. 5 th	'Jack and the Beanstalk' Pantomime, courtesy of the FRSA.
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. 7 th	Multi Skills (Y3 + Y4) v Whimple Primary School at CVCC (in school time, coach TBA)
Thurs. 8 th	9.15am Year R/1 Parent Assembly

March

Mon. 19 th	Children back to school
Thurs. 22 nd	9.15am Y2,3,4 Parent Assembly
Weds. 28 th	High 5's Netball (selected Yr5/6)
Thurs. 29 th	Last day

EASTER BREAK

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

April

Mon. 16th Children back to school

May

Weds. 2nd Football (Y5/6) v all schools in our local learning community at CVCC
Weds. 9th Fun Run (selected children) v all schools in our local learning community at CVCC (in school time, coach TBA)
Mon. 14th – Fri 18th KS2 SATs week
Thurs. 24th 9.15am Reception/Y1 Parent assembly
Fri. 25th 2pm May celebration day – all welcome.

HALF-TERM

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

June

Mon. 4th NON-PUPIL DAY
Tues. 5th Children back to school
Weds. 13th Kwik Cricket (Y5/6) v all schools in our local learning community (after school, letter to follow)
Mon. 25th – Tues. 26th Yr5/6 residential at Escot (letter to follow)
Weds. 27th Athletics @ CVCC (Years 3-6).

July

Mon. 2nd 1.30pm Sports Day
Weds. 4th – Fri. 6th 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
6pm KS2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6) 3rd performance for parents
Tues. 24th Last day

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PEACE
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CHRISTMAS