



## 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 CREATION**

### January 2018

Dear Parents,

**A very Happy New Year to you all.**

As you are aware, we are now part of the First Federation Multi Academy Trust. Within the Trust, Rockbeare will be working particularly closely with the central hub which comprises the following schools: Lady Seaward's (Clyst St. George), Westcliff (Dawlish) and Chudleigh Knighton. The central hub is overseen by an Executive Head of Teaching & Learning, Mrs Jackie Huntington. Over the next few months changes will be made to our website which we will highlight as they occur. Please look at the First Federation website for the latest trust news [www.firstfederation.org](http://www.firstfederation.org)

A letter will be going out to you all shortly inviting nominations for a parent to sit on an Ethos Committee. The Ethos Committee is tasked with ensuring the Christian distinctiveness of our school and is a key First Federation policy; all schools within the Trust have an Ethos Committee.

### FRSA Christmas Wreaths, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.



An enormous **THANK YOU** to the members of the FRSA who organised this lovely evening of festive cheer and especially Mrs Wests' mother who demonstrated how to make the wreaths. The event was very well attended with all participants going away with bespoke Christmas wreaths.

### 'A Miracle in Town' KS1 nativity, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> & Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

As always, Mrs Burrows and the rest of the early years and key stage 1 team surpassed themselves with the production of the Christmas nativity. The children were a joy (take a look at the photos on the website [www.rockbeareprimary.co.uk](http://www.rockbeareprimary.co.uk) click on the 'Pupils' tab and then Year 1) learning lots of songs and lines - **WELL DONE!**

### 'Staying Safe' Fire & Rescue Service visit Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

After break the fire and rescue service came in to our class to talk about safety and to talk about fires. We realised there can be a lot of situations that they deal with. Also we played a game to see who could put on their fire suit on first because when there's a fire they have got to hurry. The fire fighters showed us a video about fire safety and we learnt a rule 'to stop, drop and roll' if your clothes catch on fire. Report by Cerys and Amy.

### Carols by Candlelight, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

We were pleased to be join in with the church Pilkington's Singing for Fun credit to their parents and



on lots of compliments from parishioners. Former pupils, Jack and Daisy took part in a nativity performance with their parents which was very entertaining, thank you. We are all looking forward to what next year will bring! Thank you to everyone who was able to attend this special evening service.

invited again by Reverend Lane to Christmas celebrations. Miss choir sang beautifully and was a our school. Reverend Lane passed

### Christmas jumper day, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

We all wore our Christmas jumpers for the day to raise money for Save the Children. Thank you to everyone who donated £1 towards this worthy cause.

### *'Carols & Mince Pies' Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.*



*The staff, children and FRSA were over-joyed to see so many of you at this very special annual Rockbeare event. Even after bringing in extra chairs there was still barely any standing room. Your support of this event was fantastic, **THANK YOU.** Every class and the pre-school entertained their parents with carols and musical performances. Thank you to the FRSA for providing the refreshments, but an extra **BIG THANK YOU** to Stacey Price who was the lead FRSA event organiser and who made such beautiful mini Christmas cakes and treats to sell.*

### 'Singing for fun' club at The Court, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Miss Pilkington took her club to sing at The Court care home in Rockbeare. The residents thoroughly enjoyed listening to some of their favourite carols and found the whole

experience quite overwhelming. Afterwards, the children were treated to festive cakes and biscuits by the care home staff. This annual event is very special to us.

### Polite reminders

- **48hr rule** - children should only return to school 48hrs after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.
- 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.
- **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 2018

Date	Time	Event
<b>JANUARY</b>		
Thurs. 4 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Back to school</b>
Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup>	9am	'Jack and the Beanstalk' pantomime
Thurs. 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Year 5/6 Parent Assembly
Tues. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10am-12	Year 5/6 RE workshop in Exeter
Weds. 24 <sup>th</sup>	9am	FRSA Bags2School collection of unwanted clothing

<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Tues. 6 <sup>th</sup>	3.40 - 5.10pm	Parent consultation evening ( <i>Letter to follow</i> ).
Weds. 7 <sup>th</sup>	1.25- 2.20pm	Years 3/4 multiskills @ Clyst Vale Community College (CVCC) ( <i>Letter to follow</i> ).
Weds. 7 <sup>th</sup>	3.40 - 6pm	Parent consultation evening ( <i>Letter to follow</i> ).
Thurs. 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Year R/1 Parent Assembly
Fri. 8 <sup>th</sup>		School Council 'wear your pyjamas for the day' - monies raised to the FRSA for the outdoor gazebo. Last day of half-term.
<b>Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> - Fri. 16<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>HALF-TERM</b>
<b>Mon. 19<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Back to school.</b>
Fri. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	TBC	FRSA Quiz Night

<b>MARCH</b>		
Tues. 20 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Pre-School visit to the Donkey Sanctuary ( <i>Letter to</i>

		<i>follow).</i>
Thurs. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am	Year 2/3/4 Parent Assembly
Weds. 28 <sup>th</sup>	1.25- 2.20pm	Year 5/6 High 5's Netball @ CVCC
Thurs. 29 <sup>th</sup>		Last day of term.
<b>Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> - Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>EASTER BREAK</b>

<b>APRIL</b>		
<b>Mon. 16<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Back to school.</b>

<b>MAY</b>		
May		Year 2 SATs will take place at some point during May.
Weds. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3.45 - 5.30pm	Year 5/6 Football @ CVCC ( <i>Letter to follow</i> ).
Mon. 7 <sup>th</sup>		BANK HOLIDAY
Weds. 9 <sup>th</sup>	1.15- 2.25pm	Year 3/4/5/6 Fun Run @ CVCC ( <i>Letter to follow</i> ).
Mon. 14 <sup>th</sup> - Fri. 18 <sup>th</sup>		KS2 SATs week.
Thurs. 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Year R/1 Parent Assembly
Fri. 25 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	May celebration afternoon. Last day of half-term.
<b>Mon. 28<sup>th</sup> - Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>HALF-TERM</b>

<b>JUNE</b>		
<b>Tues. 5<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Back to school.</b>
Weds. 13 <sup>th</sup>	3.45 - 5.30pm	Year 5/6 Kwik Cricket @ CVCC ( <i>Letter to follow</i> ).
Weds. 20 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Year 6 Sex & Relationship talk ( <i>Letter to follow</i> ).
Mon. 25 <sup>th</sup> - Tues. 26 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	Year 5/6 residential @ Escot.
Weds. 27 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	Years 3/4/5/6 Athletics @ CVCC ( <i>Letter to follow</i> ).

<b>JULY</b>		
Mon. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1.30 - 3.30pm	Sports Day
Weds. 4 <sup>th</sup> - Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup>		Year 7 new intake days @ CVCC
Thurs. 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Year 2/3/4 Parent Assembly
Mon. 9 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	Year 7 new intake parent evening @ CVCC
Thurs. 19 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	KS2 end of year performance to parents
Fri. 20 <sup>th</sup>	2pm & 6pm	KS2 end of year performance to parents
Mon. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5.30-	Year 6 exclusive 'fun' evening.

	7pm	
Tues. 24 <sup>th</sup>		Last day of term.