



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

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Dear Parents,



We are again having traffic issues around dropping off and collecting times at school. A number of parents have contacted me about their continued concerns. We have again been in touch with the Police and Highways Department and sent out a parentmail reminder about this. Everyone has a responsibility to ensure they park with consideration and within the Highway Code.

Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime

Thank you to the FRSA for paying for this fantastic experience for all of our children. The pantomime was a great success, which we hope we will be able to repeat in the future. Please go to our website to view the photographs.

Maths hub meeting

The teaching staff has attended a maths meeting which involved all teachers from our central hub. The meeting focussed on cross school moderation of standards and progress in maths. Over the course of the year, we will have access to a wide variety of professional development training to enhance the learning and progress of the children. A real bonus of being part of a larger group of schools all working towards excellence.

Local Learning Community

Our links with the LLC will not diminish even though we are part of First Federation Trust. As part of the LLC, we recently welcomed some young musicians to our school who gave a highly enjoyable 'how to write your own song' with KS2. Many children were inspired to put pen to paper to write their own chart toppers! Our next musical experience will be after half term for KS1 and involve 'Shumba' Arts (looking forward to finding out exactly what this is!), followed by another KS2 session later in March on World Music.

Year 5/6 class assembly

On Thursday 18th January our class (Year 5/6) performed our class assembly! We were learning about Shakespeare and a few of the Year 6's did the start of the play, The Tempest. Some people read out facts about Shakespeare, whilst others did their drawing descriptions of Caliban, the scary monster! Everyone also made junk models of Caliban from all the leftover rubbish they had in their houses. At the end of our assembly we sang a song all about William Shakespeare. We had an amazing time performing our assembly and cannot wait until the next one! By Rebecca.

Visit to the Belmont Chapel, Exeter

On Tuesday 23rd January, Year 5/6 went to Exeter to a Life Exhibition. We had iPads to watch videos on of stories of Jesus. We also had to answer a quiz on them, we had to go to 3 zones. On the green zone we learnt about when Jesus helped a man walk who could not walk. On the second zone, the blue one, we learnt about when Jesus dies on the cross for us. On the last zone we learnt about when two robbers who hurt a man and a priest and a friend saw him and did not help him but his enemy helped him. When we had gone through all the zones we went into a big tent and watched why Jesus died on the cross at the end we had these remotes and did a quiz with some flavoured water. By Iona.

Church visitors

It was lovely to welcome some visitors from Brazil to Collective Worship on the 26th January. Reverend Lane had worked with them when he was in Brazil as part of a Christian mission, Emmanuel International. They talked briefly about their work and explained about the colours of the Brazilian flag.



Teaching School

The Teaching School branch of First Federation have asked us to bring to your attention the following advertisement.

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Polite reminders

- We have noticed a growing trend of decorative and colourful hair accessories creeping in. Please keep these for home wear. Hair accessories should be the school colour that is navy blue. Thank you.
- **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

FEBRUARY		
Tues. 6 th	3.40 - 6pm	Parent consultation evening
Weds. 7 th	1.25 - 2.20pm	Years 3/4 multiskills @ Clyst Vale Community College
Thurs. 8 th	9.15am	Year R/1 Parent Assembly
Thurs. 8 th	3.40 -6pm	Parent consultation evening
Fri. 9 th		FRSA & School Council ' wear your pyjamas for the day ' - please see the parentmail sent out requesting item donations from each year group.
		HALF-TERM Mon.12th - Fri. 16th inclusive
Mon. 19th		Back to school.

MARCH		
Mon. 12 th	a.m	Year 6 and Reception - school nurse vision screening
Weds. 14 th	a.m.	NSPCC roadshow talking to all classes about safety.
Tues. 20 th	All day	Pre-School visit to the Donkey Sanctuary
Thurs. 22 nd	9.15am	Year 2/3/4 Parent Assembly
Tues. 27 th	9.30 - 10.30	Easter Service @ Church
Weds. 28 th	1.25-2.20pm	Year 5/6 High 5's Netball @ CVCC
Thurs. 29 th		Last day of term.
		EASTER BREAK Fri.30th March - Fri.13th April inclusive

APRIL		
Mon. 16th		Back to school.

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

JUNE		
Tues. 5th		Back to school.
Weds. 13 th	3.45 - 5.30	Year 5/6 Kwik Cricket @ CVCC (<i>Letter to follow</i>).

Weds. 20 th	2pm	Year 6 Sex & Relationship talk (<i>Letter to follow</i>).
Mon. 25 th - Tues. 26 th	TBC	Year 5/6 residential @ Escot.
Weds. 27 th	TBC	Years 3/4/5/6 Athletics @ CVCC (<i>Letter to follow</i>).

JULY		
Mon. 2 nd	1.30 - 3.30	Sports Day
Weds. 4 th - Fri. 6 th		Year 7 new intake days @ CVCC
Thurs. 5 th	9.15am	Year 2/3/4 Parent Assembly
Mon. 9 th	TBC	Year 7 new intake parent evening @ CVCC
Thurs. 19 th	6pm	KS2 end of year performance to parents
Fri. 20 th	2pm & 6pm	KS2 end of year performance to parents
Mon. 23 rd	5.30-7pm	Year 6 exclusive 'fun' evening.
Tues. 24 th		Last day of term.