



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 JUSTICE

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Dear Parents,

I was not expecting to greet the first official day of spring with two days of school closures due to snow! We hope you are all enjoying this unexpected long weekend and are keeping safe and warm. Please send in any photos of 'fun in the snow' and we'll make a school collage. I'm hoping this will be for historical records rather than a regular occurrence!

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend the parent consultation evenings. If you were not able to, please contact your child's teacher who will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient time after school one day.

Ethos Committee



As part of First Federation Trust, we have set up an Ethos Committee. The committee is tasked with ensuring and developing the Christian distinctiveness of our school. The members are: Reverend Lane, Mrs Jeanette Hornblow (ex Foundation Governor and Secretary), Mrs Burrows (staff representative), Daniel Kerslake (Chair and Y6 representative), Kayla Dart (Y5), Tempy Forsyth (Y4) and Mia Priddis (Y3). The minutes of their meetings will be posted on our website.

'On Friday 9th February the Ethos Committee of Rockbeare School went to an ethos day at Lady Seaward's Primary School. At the ethos day we thought about why Lent is important to Christians. One of the first activities we did was making pancakes. Pancakes link in to Lent because people would use all the food they had left and make pancakes. They did this because the 40 days of fasting for Lent was coming'. By Daniel.

'After break we went to a classroom and we had a picture board to say about the 40 days of Lent. First we set up where we were going to stick pictures that say about kindness. After that we made some drawings of a cross and bubble writing'. By Kayla.

Website

Our new First Federation website is currently under construction. We hope it will be going live towards the end of March. The new website will include up to date First Federation policies and procedures that now apply to Rockbeare.

Bags4School

Congratulations to the FRSA, with special thanks to Becky Randall for organising this event. The bags of unwanted clothes raised a total of £144.

KS1 Parent Assembly 8th Feb.

Mrs Burrow's class led a great parent assembly, showing all they had been learning about recently. They started by retelling different traditional tales - The Three Little Pigs, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Jack and the Beanstalk and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. In between each, they sang a short song. The class also demonstrated their beginning ocarina skills with some playing 'Twinkle, twinkle Little Star' whilst others sang. The class also showed the creative felt faces they had designed and made. Thank you to all in Reception and Year 1 for such a lovely assembly.

Pyjama Day 9th Feb.

Great fun was had by all on this special day. Many of us (children and staff alike) felt very relaxed in our PJ's! Thank you very much for the items which were brought in for the FRSA Summer Fete. Look out for the sale of raffle tickets to win one of the fantastic hampers.



KS1 Shumba Arts 20th Feb.

A visiting music group organised as part of our Local Learning Community collaboration, demonstrated drumming using the various djembe drums to children in Reception and Year 1. Here is Harry's report in his words. 'We claped to the beats. The drummer teasht us how to drum. Then we started to drum. We lissoned to the drummer. We did some animal beats. Then we did some music together. We did a elihent music. We did a crocodill and we did a lion music. We really injoid it.' By Harry Y1.

KS1 'Wedding'

As part of their learning and understanding of Christian celebrations in RE this half term, the children in KS1 went to church where Reverend Lane spoke to them about the marriage ceremony and its importance to Christians. They then role-played the ceremony with Reverend Lane 'marrying' Joanne and Noah! Back in school, there was the wedding reception with lemonade to toast the happy couple. The whole class fully entered into the spirit of the ceremony with everyone dressing up in their best wedding outfits as befits such an occasion. Mrs Burrows is planning to take the class for a baptism service next.

Polite reminders

- **Backpacks.** These seem to be getting very popular and very large and are taking up a lot of space in our small cloakrooms, especially as class sizes are increasing. They are becoming a safety hazard. Please encourage your child to carry in their book bag and lunch box rather than put in then take out of a backpack that is then left empty all day. However, those children who cycle in will still need to use a backpack for their safety when cycling. Thank you.
- **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 2018

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| 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. |
| Mon. 19 th - Fri. 23 rd | | Sports Relief week -School Council organising events. |
| Tues. 20 th | 9 - 1.30pm | 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 |

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| APRIL | | |
| Mon. 16 th | | Back to school. |

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| MAY | | |
| May | | Year 2 SATs will take place 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 |

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| JUNE | | |
| Mon. 4 th | | Non-Pupil Day |
| Tues. 5 th | | Back to school. |
| Tues 5 th & Weds 6 th | pm | KS2 swimming lessons begin. Y5/6 will go on Tuesdays, Y3/4 on Wednesdays. <i>(Letter to follow)</i> . |
| 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> . |

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| JULY | | |
| Mon. 2 nd | 1.30 - 3.30 | Sports Day |
| Weds. 4 th - | | Year 7 new intake days @ CVCC |

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| Fri. 6 th | | |
| Thurs. 5 th | 9.15am | Year 2/3/4 Parent Assembly |
| Mon. 9 th | TBC | Year 7 new intake parent evening @ CVCC |
| Fri. 13 th | 3.30 - 5.30pm | FRSA Summer Fayre |
| 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 | 9.30 - 11am | End of year Celebration Service @ Church Including: Y6 Leavers Service, Y2 and Y5 award shields, 100% attendance - All welcome. |

SUMMER BREAK

Wednesday 25th July to Tuesday 4th September inclusive

ALL RETURN ON WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2018