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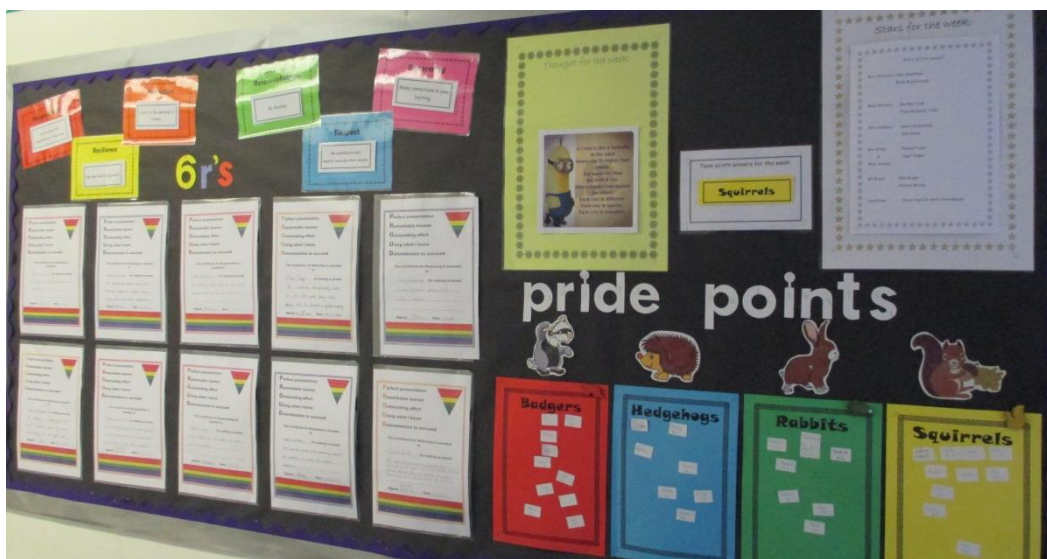
Celebrate success

The two boards inside the double doors have been refreshed - please feel free to come in after school and have a look with your child.

One board has the children's New Year's resolutions on and we are going to see if they manage to keep them.



The other celebrates the children who have received certificates, stars, pride points and team points.



Singing session with children in Oak

Last week the children in Oak had a visit from Mrs Wordsley who conducted a very enjoyable singing session. This involved the children learning new songs, using their voices in a variety of ways and singing in rounds. Everyone had great fun.

Chess Club

Four Year 6 children, Rhys, Robin, Issy and Noah, set up this small club initially - starting this week it has been opened up to children in Year 5 and 6. We have recently bought a large version for children to use in the playground at lunchtime too.

If you want to play at home there is an app called ChessKid.



Fantastic Fridays - please note:

Yet another change to Fridays for Year 5 and 6: Year 5 - 6th and 27th January; Year 6 - 13th January and 3rd February). ***Please note there is now no outdoor education on Friday 10th February - both year groups will have a drama session.***

First Aid skills - if you have a child in Year 1 please ask them about making a 999 call and putting someone in the recovery position. They have been really great at using their new skills in class including putting me into the recovery position!

Date Change: Safer Internet Assembly - Wednesday 8th February

In the last Contact the date for the Safer Internet Assembly for parents was given as Wednesday 8th March and it should have read February. In order to accommodate everyone, a letter will be sent home at the beginning of next week asking you to indicate if you will be attending.

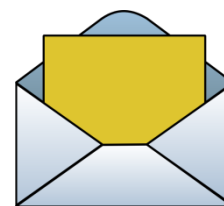
KS2 Maths Information Evening for Parents

Letters will be sent home today with regard to signing up for the Information Evening next Thursday, 2nd February.

Important Reminders:

School Dinner Money

Please remember all KS2 school meals should be paid for either prior to or on the day of consumption. Money should be sent in a named sealed envelope with all information written on the outside of the envelope.



Parking in the Victory Hall Car Park



The hall car park is a very busy place. Please refrain from using the car park at drop off and pick-up time. The doctors' surgery has the use of some spaces and they need access in and out in case of an emergency. Free parking is available at the Thirsty Farmer. Parking on the zig-zag lines outside the school gates is not permitted under any circumstances.

Younger children must be accompanied into the bottom playground and watched into class. Please help us to keep your children safe.

If you think parking is an issue around the school, I would encourage you to address your concerns by writing to the Whimple Parish Council.

Attendance at after school clubs

Please can I remind you that if your child is in school and not attending a club they have booked into after school, that you ensure that the club leader is notified. We have had several occasions already this term where staff members and/or club leaders have been frantically trying to find specific children at the end of the day only to find they are not attending and been taken home. As you can appreciate the playground is a busy place at the end of the day and it is becoming more difficult to ensure every child leaves with the correct adult.

Child Illness



The school office is manned from 8.50 a.m. If your child is unable to come to school for any reason, can you please ring the office after 9 a.m. so the register can be updated appropriately. Thank you.

Using parents' and volunteers' cars

As you are all aware, we encourage our children to participate in a range of sports and other activities which sometimes require the children to be transported to other locations. Increased focus on keeping children safe means as a school we have to ensure the appropriate paperwork is completed to protect our children as well as our volunteers.



“Where parents and volunteers' cars are used on school activities the head should notify parents and volunteers of their responsibility for the safety of pupils, to maintain adequate insurance cover and to ensure their vehicle is roadworthy and has a current MOT certificate.”

If you are willing to offer your services as a driver we need a form read and signed alongside a DBS check.

Please don't be put off by the paperwork; this only has to be completed once. We would like to compile a list of volunteers we can ask appreciating that we do not expect you to be available all the time. Collect forms from Mrs Smith in the office.

We will need drivers please for a football match against Stoke Canon on 6th February and for the TAG rugby competition on Friday 10th February.

FOWS

Charlotte Woollam and George Bayley would like to thank everyone involved in the School Christmas fair in December. It was another great success, the children had a wonderful time and we raised £190 for FoWS. We would like to thank everyone for their support, especially all the Class Reps, their helpers both on the day and before wrapping and organising. Also a big thank you to Year 6 who helped on the day, you were amazing and very hard working. And lastly a thank you to all who donated items, our stalls were jam packed with yummy cakes/biscuits, toys and gifts. Well done everyone.

Don't forget the next F.o.W.S. meeting is to be held on Tuesday 7th February, 7.30 p.m. in the Thirsty Farmer – all are welcome.

Dates for your diary

Thursday January 26 th	Tag rugby Yr5/6
Thursday 2 nd February	KS2 Maths information evening for parents
Tuesday 7 th February	FoWS meeting 7.30 pm at the Thirsty Farmer
Wednesday 8 th February	Safer Internet Assembly for parents
Friday 10 th February	Reception reports home to parents
Friday 10 th February	TAG rugby competition

Monday 13th – Friday 17th February – Half-term holiday

Wednesday 22 nd February	Parents evening for Reception (from 2 pm)
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Thursday 2 nd March	Start of Readathon
Wednesday 22 nd March	KS1 Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation evening for parents
Friday 24 th March	Reports home to parents - KS1 and KS2
Tuesday 28 th March	Willow drama production
Wednesday 29 th March	Willow drama production
Wednesday 29 th March	Parents evening KS1 and KS2 where requested
Friday 31 st March	End of Spring term – 1.30 pm finish

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