



# The Bell



Dear Parents/ Carers

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and that your children are now looking forward to a new term in school.

It has been a difficult and sad return to school but the school community has really supported us and we are very grateful to you all for your thoughts and kindness. The children are wonderful and we continue to walk through this time together.

We have so many exciting activities planned for this term. Please keep checking the calendar on the website for dates. Also remember that we are always updating our class pages with information about what the children have been doing. The children have returned to school ready to learn with the correct uniform and PE kit. Thank you for supporting us with this.

This term, we are continuing to develop our outdoor spaces. You will see that our Forest School area is changing every week. We are very excited about these spaces and the opportunities that they will give to our children.

We are having a whole school drop-in afternoon on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30pm-4.00pm. We hope to see you there.

Kind regards  
Vanessa Briggs

## KEY DATES

23<sup>rd</sup> January

Foundation Stage  
Community Writing  
Afternoon

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25<sup>th</sup> January

Year 3  
Eden Project Trip

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13<sup>th</sup> February

Year 6 visit to RAAM

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Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

February

Whole School Drop-in  
afternoon  
3.30pm-4.00pm

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15<sup>th</sup> February

INSET Day

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18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Half Term Holidays

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## Foundation Stage Unit

We are looking forward to seeing you on our Community Afternoon on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January to have fun and find out how we teach .....

Writing skills

We will also look at ways parents and carers can help their child to achieve their potential in writing (and reading).

The fun starts at 1.30pm and will draw to a close at 3.30pm. All family members including toddlers welcome!





## Plastics in the Ocean

Blue Marine Foundation visited Years 4, 5 & 6 to help raise awareness about the world's plastic pollution problem and its snowballing effects on our planet.

Did you know that each year an estimated 18 billion pounds of plastic waste enters the world's ocean from coastal regions - that's equivalent to five grocery bags of plastic rubbish piled up on every foot of coastline on the planet! A scary but true fact. Let's start making a difference!

# Holiday Club



# holiday fun

## St Sidwell's **INSET Day** Holiday Club 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

We are pleased to confirm that Fun Club will be open on 15<sup>th</sup> February should you wish to reserve a place for your child.

**Holiday Club opening time:** 7.45am to 5.30pm **Cost:** £25 per child



## Holiday Club Provision for February Half Term

The closing date for booking your child onto our February Holiday Club is noon on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

Please note that we must have at least **5 children attending each day** in order for us to host the Holiday Club. We will endeavour to confirm numbers to you by 3.30pm on the 11<sup>th</sup> February.

**Dates:** Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February to Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**Holiday Club opening times:** 7.45am to 5.30pm

**Daily cost:** £25 per child

\*\*\* Please contact the School Office for further information \*\*\*



Screening of.....



## England Vs Ireland Match

**When:** Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019

**Where:** St Sidwell's School Hall

**Time:** 4.30pm

**Cost:** £10 per adult ticket

Price includes a choice of Chicken or Vegan Curry

Free entry for children – Meat or veggie hot dogs available

Drinks, fun activities and face painting on the day – all 50p

\*\*\* NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED \*\*\*

All profits will go to FOSSS to help St Sidwell's School.

To reserve a spot please contact Sam Gaskill on 07967 203 407 or email  
[thegaskills@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thegaskills@hotmail.co.uk) by 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019.





## Exeter University Hockey Club

Exeter Hockey Club are hosting a charity day on Sunday 27th January, raising money for Hockey for Heroes. Using hockey as their sport to help, the Hockey for Heroes team work to raise funds for Help for Heroes, with their efforts dating back to 2012 and encompassing a mixture of exceptional physical exertion combined with playing hockey.

### A brief overview of the day:

12:00 Ladies Chairman XI vs Hockey for Heroes Ladies XI

13:30 Short Corner Masterclass

14:30 Mens Chairman XI vs Hockey for Heroes Mens XI

BBQ, hot drinks and raffle tickets for sale throughout the day.

The day is focused around a double header; our Ladies Chairman's XI will be up against the Hockey for Heroes Ladies XI, with push back at midday. The second match of the day will be our Mens Chairman's XI vs Hockey for Heroes mens XI, pushback at 14:30.

We are also holding a **SHORT CORNER MASTER CLASS SESSION**, led by our mens and ladies 1XI players who have represented England U21. This is a great opportunity for children of all ages and abilities to get involved and play hockey. It will be held on our Olympic standard water based astro here at Exeter Uni at 13:30pm and we will be giving away a Exeter University playing shirt to the most improved boy and girl on the day!

We're hoping to make it a great day and would love for as many people to come as possible, either to watch the games or to take part in the masterclass or both! We are not charging spectators to watch the games or individuals to participate in the master class, but we will have a donation bucket on the door to try and collect money for this incredibly important charity.

We will also be holding a raffle and have a BBQ and hot rinks on sale throughout the day. **RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDE** a brand new Y1 Hockey Stick, 2x tickets to Exeter Chiefs vs Newcastle Falcons (23rd February) and a free Gym membership at Exeter University.

The day is going to be a great Sunday out, watching a quality standard of hockey, having a bite to eat and the opportunity to learn some new hockey skills from some of the best hockey players in the South-West. The focus of the day of course is raising money as much money as we can for a really good cause.