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Newsletter no.10

Dear Parents,

Thank you for a successful start to the year and we wish you an enjoyable half term break. Children will return to school on Monday 20th February.

Clubs

There will be no gymnastics club this Friday. An extra session will be held after half term instead. All clubs, including the new Year 6 Homework Club and Dance club will be taking place the first week after half term. Year 6 Homework Club will begin on Wednesday 22nd February.

Parking

Please can I remind ALL parents that unless you have had prior permission from the school, you must not park in the school car park. Car park permits have now been distributed to those who require them. As such, please do not drop off or collect your child from the car park.

School Dinners – KS2

Just a reminder, all school dinners must be paid for in **advance**. If you are more than 1 week in arrears your child will not be able to have school dinners. Please contact the school office or myself, Mr. Melling or Mrs. Guppy if you have any concerns regarding payment for lunches.

Thank you to those parents who are starting to use the online meal ordering service. We will be using this system fully after half term. As such, if you have any questions or queries about this please ask at the office as soon as possible.

School Dinners – KS1

Please ensure you use the online meal ordering service after half term. The only children who do not need to use this system are those who have Meal option 1 and a regular pudding 5 days a week.

Lost Property

There is a large box of lost property in reception. If your child has lost anything please come and have a look.

School trends

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The next deadline for ordering your school uniform is tomorrow, 9th February. Please order by the end of the day.

Year 6 Parent's Afternoon/Evening REMINDER

On Thursday 9th February Miss Tidball will be holding a parent's afternoon/evening for the children in her class. This is for parents/carers and the pupils themselves are encouraged to attend if this is possible. For appointments which are in the afternoon, children will leave their lesson and come to the meeting. This is to make sure they have a good understanding of where they are and what their targets for progress are.

If you have not yet made an appointment, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Childminding Services

Please find attached a flyer from a local Childminder.

Half Term Events in East Devon

Wildlife gardening, Tuesday 14th February, 10am to 2pm at Seaton Wetlands, £7.50 per bird box, £3 for other crafts, No booking required.

Help the Seaton Wetlands Rangers in the wildlife garden

Bird watching for Children, Tuesday 14th February, 3pm to 4pm, The Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands, Suggested donation £2 per child, book online: wildeastdevon.co.uk (or contact the Countryside team 01395 517557, countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk) Join an expert guide as they introduce you to the art of bird watching

Bird and bug box making, Thursday 16th February, 1pm to 3pm, Phear Park, Exmouth, £7.50 per bird box, donations for other crafts, book online: wildeastdevon.co.uk (or contact the Countryside team 01395 517557, countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk) Join the Countryside Education Rangers and make homes for the wildlife in your garden.

Wildlife gardening at Cranbrook, Saturday 25th February, 10am to 12noon, Younghayes Community Centre, Cranbrook, free, no booking required.

Help the Country Park Ranger in the Cranbrook Country Park Wildlife garden

What's that bird? Saturday 25th February, 11am to 1pm, The Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands, Free, no booking required.

Whatever your experience come along and improve your bird identification skills

Dates for your diary

Thursday 9th February- Intra House Hockey (Key stage 2)

Thursday 9th February 2.00pm onwards Year 6 Parents afternoon/evening (**children to attend**)

Friday 10th February 3.30pm- School finishes for Half Term

Monday 20th February- Spring Term 2 begins (clubs start back)

Wednesday 22nd February Swimming Gala year 3 and 4. (Invited team)

Monday 27th February Quick Sticks Festival 5/6. (Invited team)

Monday 27th February **No Choir afterschool**

Tuesday 28th February Kestrels walk around Axminster linked to the curriculum

Wednesday 1st March 10.00am Whole School Mass in the school hall. Everyone welcome

Wednesday 1st March 3.45pm Stockland Cross Country (Invited team)

Thursday 2nd March World Book Day Non-School Uniform

Friday 3rd March Owls walk around Axminster linked to the curriculum

Friday 10th March PTFa meeting in the school library

Best regards
Kate Middleton
Assistant Head teacher