



Summer Term Newsletter No. 7

Welcome back to the final half term of the school year! How fast time flies and we have so much to fit in to the next seven weeks! Hopefully at some point the sun will shine so we can have our sports days and our fair without having to reschedule!

On Tuesday, Year 2 went to Quince Honey Farm in South Molton. Throughout the day the children were given a guided tour and learned many interesting facts. Did you know if bees became extinct we would lose much of the food we take for granted? The children learned that through pollination the bees help supply us with fruit, coffee and lots of other things we enjoy eating and drinking! Just before the tour finished, the children met Alex who showed them a bee hive and took wooden frames out so the children could see the queen bee and her worker bees while they were busy at work. They were able to watch the various stages of how honey is taken from the hive and how it ends up in a bottle, on our shelves. As part of the visit, the children were able to taste honey straight from the hive and brought some home to share with their families. They also took home a candle they had made from rolled bees wax and even a bug house from bamboo canes and pine cones. Everyone enjoyed the day and some were so tired they slept on the way home.

Thank you to the parents who came to help and joined in with the activities enthusiastically.



We are very proud of this week's Star Pupils:



Ash — Noah has really concentrated in phonics and shown kind behaviour with friends.

- Rocco is aware of others' needs and supports them in their play.

Elm — Joshua B is such a super learner and tries hard in all that he does.

- Leo is becoming very independent in his writing and remembering to use digraphs.

Beech — Teddy has shown a fabulous improvement in his learning and behaviour choices.

Pine — Oscar S. is aspirational with his learning, particularly his handwriting.

Apple — Gemma has a positive attitude and participates well in class.

Oak — Ashton wrote an incredible, detailed recount of his trip to Quince Honey Farm.

Birch — Marco having such a fantastic first week in his new class!

Rowan — Alfie has made an excellent effort with his writing. Well done!

Cherry — Amari has a good attitude to learning in the classroom—always doing the right thing.

Maple — Daniel has made excellent progress in both maths and literacy. Amazing work!

Holly — Luca has settled well into his new school and makes a great effort in independent tasks.

Willow — Jay has improved his attitude to learning and given school his best effort!

Hawthorn — Omar has an exemplary attitude and always gives his best effort.

Hazel — Peter has a superb attitude and is a great role model to all.

Diary Date Reminders:

Week beginning 12th June—Phonic Screening Week
Monday 12th June—Birch Class swimming
Wednesday 14th June— Y3 and Y4 Roman Day
Wednesday 14th June—Y5 Taster day at Torquay Academy
Wednesday 21st June—Foundation Stage intake for September 2017 New Parents' Meeting 2:00pm



Attendance Award
Congratulations to Maple Class
for winning the
School Attendance Award
with 98.3% attendance.

The whole school achieved 93.2% attendance overall which is below our target.

Website Tip of the Week

One of the questions we often get asked is about term dates and when children return to school after a holiday. All our term dates are on our website and can be found here:

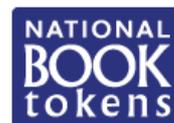
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Tip
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National Book Token Competition

There is a competition on the National Book Token website that you could enter to help our school win £5000 of books. You don't have to do anything other than nominate our school! One school will be randomly chosen so the more nominations we have the greater chance we have of winning. If you have a spare few minutes, please follow the link below and nominate our school!

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools#.WTl9iOvyvIU>



Healthy Eating Week (June 12th to 16th)



We will be joining in with Healthy Eating Week again this year—this is to promote healthy eating and drinking, being active, cooking and finding out about where food comes from. We already do a great amount of Food Education in school but love taking part in this event as there are challenges for the children each day. Our Health

Champions will be leading the assembly on Monday to explain the challenges to the children — Monday's is to 'have a healthy breakfast' so perhaps you could talk about this with your child as they are munching breakfast on Monday. Breakfast is a meal that is sadly missed by some children and it definitely has an impact on their health and readiness for learning.

We will also be participating in a sponsored run as part of our Golden Mile challenge on Monday. It's lovely to see the children out being active and one of things we will look at investing the money into is a running track around the field. Whatever amount we raise will definitely be spent on encouraging an active lifestyle.

On Friday we will be having another one of our popular tasting tables in the Orchard Bistro at lunchtime as this is 'Try Something New' day. Keep an eye on our twitter feed and website for photos and updates as the week progresses.

Perhaps you too would like to try something new? It's not too late to sign up for our parent running club—one session is on Wednesday mornings with Torquay United and one is Friday at 2pm with Mr Mayling. If you fancy giving it a go, please call in and ask for more information.

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.