



Summer Term Newsletter No.2

The weather has caught us out a few times this week! Can you please make sure your child comes to school with a light raincoat even on sunny days at the moment as it seems to rain half way through every playtime or lunchtime! Also, if you wish your child to bring a bottle of suncream in to school they are very welcome to do so. Please help them learn how to apply the sun cream as the adults in school are not allowed to do so, and please make sure your child's name is clearly marked on the bottle.

This week we opened up a Y6 common room at lunchtime. The children are able to go in and do what most Y6 children like to do in their break time—talk! It is staffed but the children are free to play games or just sit around and chat. This is a privilege they have earned and we hope it helps set them up for the next stage of their education when their lunchtimes will be less structured than ours. They Y6 children have a busy term ahead with a week of SATS, followed by a few weeks of writing assessment. After that they will be busy rehearsing their play for the end of the year. We will also be holding the traditional Leavers' Assembly for the Y6 parents and putting on special events for the Y6 children. Dates and times are on the second page of the newsletter and we will send home more information closer to the time.

Save the date! We are hoping to take part in The Great Plastic Pick Up on the morning of Saturday 12th May. If we are able to organise this, we would like to meet outside school and spend up to an hour and a half clearing all the litter from our local area, especially the roads approaching the school. This would be a great way to show our local community that we care about the area and to help raise awareness of the amount of litter thrown away. Children would need to be accompanied by an adult. More details to follow soon, if we are able to proceed with this.

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



Ash— Max has shown good collaboration when building with his peers. A project manager in the making!
Kyle has been a 'stickosaurus', especially when working around a carousel of activities this week.

Elm— Amy, Darcey and Pepe have shown independence and courage to come into the class by themselves.
Angel has been a super listener and tried hard to do what the grown ups ask of her.

Beech — Brooke confidence is growing by the day. She has joined in with lots of class discussions this week.

Pine — Charlie has shown excellent listening skills and respect in PE. He is a super star!

Apple — Ben has been aspirational with his learning and always works to 'get out of the pit'!

Oak — Ethan has a fantastic growth mindset in writing and amazing attitude in every aspect of his learning.

Birch — Emily has come into school every day with a positive attitude and been extremely aspirational.

Rowan — Vincent has shown consistently high levels of enthusiasm and motivation this week. Keep it up!

Cherry — Charlie's confidence has grown so much recently. He's made a super effort particularly in maths!

Maple — Ryan has been making a special effort to contribute in class. Well done, Ryan.

Holly — Lottie has really developed her explanations in maths using mathematical terms and reasoning.

Willow — Cristina has a wonderful attitude and has been competing her own projects at home.

Hawthorn — Will B has an exemplary attitude and puts in an incredible effort.

Hazel — Ashliee's determination and perseverance has shown excellent results!

Diary Date Reminders:

PTA Events:

Friday 27th April – PTA cake sale 3:05pm
Thursday 3rd May – PTA film night for Reception and Y1 and Y2
Thursday 24th May - PTA film night for Y3, 4, 5 and 6
Friday 25th May – PTA Bring a Bottle Non Uniform day
Fridays from 8th June – PTA ice cream sales
Friday 6th July – PTA summer Fair

School Events:

Thursday 28th June – KS1 sports afternoon
Friday 29th June – KS2 sports day
Monday 2nd July - Reception Sports afternoon
Monday 23rd July- Y6 Leavers' Disco from 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Thursday 19th –Y6 Leavers' Play for Parents (Afternoon performance 1:30pm and evening performance 6:00pm)
Tuesday 24th July – Leavers Assembly 9:15am for Parents (BBQ for children to follow)

Statutory Testing

Y6 SATS – Monday 14th May to Thursday 17th May (Grammar, Reading and Maths)
Y6 SATS – Monday 21st May onwards –Writing assessment
Y2 SATS – Throughout May.
Y1 Phonic Screening Check – Week beginning Monday 14th June

Holidays

Monday 7th May – Bank Holiday
Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June – Half term
Tuesday 24th July – Last day of school for children
Wednesday 25th July – Non Pupil Day
Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September—Non Pupil Days
Wednesday 5th September – first day back for children



Attendance Award
Congratulations to
Cherry Class
for winning the School
Attendance Award with
99.3% attendance.

**They have won a non-uniform day
on Monday 30th April!**

The whole school achieved 96.5%
attendance. Well done everyone!
Keep it Up.



Our school has recently been nominated for a
Torbay Sports Awards 2018 in the Healthy
School of the Year category and we learned
this week that our school has been shortlisted
to win an Award at this year's Awards
Ceremony.

We are not sure who nominated us but are
proud that the work we do on promoting
healthy lifestyles to the children has been
recognised. We will let you know more after
the award ceremony on 10th May.

We are busy in the Orchard! We are moving the chicken coop to a slightly less muddy place and are making a better base for them. At the moment we only have one chicken left and she is living with some other chickens so she is not lonely but we hope to have some eggs in school soon that we can hatch and then keep those chicks.

Can you help? We would also like to create a natural or wild flower area to encourage more wildlife in. If you have any bluebells, primroses or other Spring flowers in your garden that you could divide and send in to us we would love to plant them. If you know of any companies who might donate flowers or wild-flower seed we can scatter please let us know, or approach them on our behalf. The orchard is such a peaceful and beautiful area and the children love going in there so we would like to continue to develop it further.

Our greenhouse is springing in to life, as are our veg beds but if you have a garden patch or allotment and have any plug plants or seedling to spare we would be happy to take them off your hands! We have lots of hungry mouths to feed!



If you have any wellies that your children have outgrown could you donate them to the school, please? We would love to get more children building dens at playtime or digging up the veg but not everyone has wellies in school and the orchard can get very muddy! All sizes and colours welcome!

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.