



Summer Term Newsletter No.5

What a fabulous week in school! We love getting the children outdoors and we have fantastic grounds so joining in with Outdoor Classroom Day is a must! Some schools are not able to get their children out and about and we often take for granted how often we go out into the community, organise trips or spend time in our outside spaces. All of these experiences broaden the children's understanding of the world and there are so many benefits to their health and wellbeing too! On Thursday the teachers planned maths, geography, art and history activities that could take place outside and it was fabulous to see the children enjoying different challenges. All day long the classrooms were empty as we were very fortunate with our weather!



Y1 News

We went to Brixham. We went on the Golden Hind and learned about Sir Francis Drake's voyage around the world. We loved exploring the ship, especially walking the plank and steering the large wheel. In the afternoon we met the harbour master who took us on a tour around the harbour. He taught us about fishing and we even got to touch some fish, crabs and lobsters.

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



Ash — Maisie made a tremendous effort in writing the story of Jack and the Beanstalk

Holly shows great creativity, trying different approaches when something doesn't work!

Elm — Madiha has beautiful manners and works hard in all she does.

- Joshua D tries so, so, so hard to make good choices and try hard with his learning!

Beech — Skye showed great enthusiasm on our school trip by trying to answer lots of questions.

Pine — Erin was a super enthusiastic learner during the Y1 trip to Brixham.

Apple — Edwards has lovely, sensible behaviour and a great learning attitude.

Oak — Leon has settled into Oak Class and has tried his best to learn our school rules quickly.

Birch — Jude has worked extremely hard to improve his spelling and handwriting.

Rowan — Charlie for working hard and trying his best all week.

Cherry — Ashton shows true aspiration and determination in his learning, especially maths and DT.

Maple — Kelcy shows excellent perseverance and embraces the challenges of the 'learning pit'

Holly — Andre has settled in well. Showing respect and helping others around the school.

Willow — Holly is an all round excellent example to everyone. A true superstar!

Hawthorn — Sophia has superb writing and shares her fantastic ideas in class.

Hazel — Lewis has been participating well and is really challenging himself with his writing.

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 22nd May— Y1 assembly for parents at 2:30pm
Monday 22nd May— Rowan class swimming
Thursday 25th May—Drop In. An opportunity to call in and look through your child's work with your child from 3:05pm to 3:30pm.
Friday 26th May—last day of the half term
Monday 5th June—first day back for children
Monday 5th June—Birch Class swimming



Attendance Award
Congratulations to Cherry Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 100% attendance.

The whole school achieved 95.9% attendance overall which is just below or target.



If you have a smart phone we would love you to do two things to help improve communication with the school! The first thing would be to download the eschools app (check you have the one with the owl symbol) and enter our school details and your own details.

If you cannot find the details we sent you we have copies of all the information you need in the office so please call. This means that you receive instant messaging from the school and can access more information about your child by logging in to the website.

Secondly, could you add our website to your Home Screen? The website has been designed to be viewed on a phone, tablet or desktop and you should be able to find all the information you need in the different sections. This should help reduce the number of calls into the office about information that is readily available online.

The eSchools app will also help keep the school costs down as messaging is free whereas texts are not. If you have the app you will get an alert every time we send a letter, email or message home so you should never miss out on key information. There are many parents who have downloaded the app but our system is showing that there are still many yet to do so. We are very happy to help you set it up, so please do come in to school and ask.

Collection at the End of the Day.

Can we please remind you that we are not able to release children to adults other than those you have notified us of. At the end of the school day, if someone different arrives to collect your child we will not release them without checking with you. If you cannot be contacted we will still not release the child to the person who has come to collect. This can make for awkward situations but it is a safeguarding procedure. If you know someone else is collecting your child the easiest way to inform us is to speak to the class teacher in the morning. If this is not possible please call the office in good time and give the details of the person collecting on your behalf. Please do not leave this until 3pm to tell us as the end of the day is very busy for the office staff too.

Sports Days—Dates for your Diary!

We will holding our sports days throughout the week beginning Monday 26th June as this is National Sports Week. We have run some sports days with the whole school taking part when we have held special Olympic Sports but this year we will be returning to different key stage Sports Days so the children can enjoy activities that are appropriate to their age and curriculum.

Foundation Stage—Monday 26th June (in the afternoon)

Y1 and Y2—Thursday 29th June (in the afternoon)

Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6—Friday 30th June (all day)

We will send out more details closer to the time and hope you will be able to join us for some or all of the events.

Lost Property

The pile is dwindling but we will be recycling everything left next Friday- do please come and check if you are missing shoes, lunchboxes, rucksacks and coats.

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.