

'We must get rid of everything that slows us down, especially the sin that just won't let go.' Hebrews

We hope everyone has a good half term, with a chance to rest before the busyness of the build up to Christmas and all the excitement that brings!!

Thank you for all your support this half term and the positive feedback on the new website. If there is anything you would like to see added please do let us know.

### Dates for this term

**30<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 1 hearing screening.

Dance workshop in school for Kaplan Gwaw celebrations being held on the 4<sup>th</sup> November.

**1<sup>st</sup> November** – **All Saints Day Eucharist in School at 9.15am. Everyone welcome.**

**17<sup>th</sup> November** – **CHILDREN IN NEED. Come to school dressed as a coloured pencil!!**

**29<sup>th</sup> November** – Immunisation (nasal flu) for Reception, Yr 1, 2, 3 and 4.

**4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Advent Prayer Spaces in School.

**8<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner.

**13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Productions

**18<sup>th</sup> December** – **KS2 Christmas Party 1 – 3pm**

**19<sup>th</sup> December** – **KS1 Christmas Party 1 – 3pm**

**19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christingle Service at St Stephens for all KS2 children.

Further information for each event will follow.

**20<sup>th</sup> December** – **END OF TERM**

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

**THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018 – BACK TO SCHOOL**

**5<sup>th</sup> January** – **School Disco night.**

**FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – PARENT CONSULTATION DAY TO DISCUSS YOUR CHILD'S ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS.**

**12-16<sup>th</sup> February** – **HALF TERM.**

**29<sup>th</sup> March** – **END OF SPRING TERM.**

**16<sup>th</sup> April** – **SUMMER TERM BEGINS.**

**25<sup>th</sup> May** – **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET**

**28<sup>TH</sup> MAY – 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE – HALF TERM**

**4<sup>TH</sup> June** – **BACK TO SCHOOL**

**9 – 13<sup>TH</sup> July** – **HEATREE RESIDENTIAL FOR YEAR 5**

**20<sup>TH</sup> July** – **BREAK UP FOR SUMMER**



Congratulations to Miss Edlin and Miss Greenaway who both completed the Exeter 'Half Marathon' last weekend. They were raising money for St Luke's Hospice.

Mr George will be starting Karate Club after half term on Mondays from 3.15 – 4.00pm. You will have been informed by text if your child was successful in gaining a place.

### PTA News

Thank you to the parents who joined us for the PTA meeting last week to plan events for the coming year. We try to have a mixture of social **and** fund raising events.

Our next big event will be the **Christmas Fayre** on **December 1<sup>st</sup> from 3.15 – 4.45pm**. In preparation for the Fayre we need help wrapping and organising things for Father Christmas' visit. There will be three working parties in the Education Centre on Fridays 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November. Please just turn up – everything will be provided.

After half term we will be sending out a letter giving details for the Fayre and how you can help.

There will be Christmas parties in the final week of term for the children and we will be asking for donations of food nearer the time and also help setting up the hall and packing away.

On **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January** there will be a school disco – **FS2 and KS1s disco** will be from 5.00 – 5.45pm and **KS2** from 6.00 – 7.00pm. Children must only come to their year group disco. More details will follow later in the term.

And finally the PTA are organising a **Barn Dance on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February** so please keep this date free.

Thank you in anticipation of you support.

If you are out and about over the next few weeks and visit a beach please could you keep your eyes peeled for any 'drift wood' which we can use for a school art project. Thank you.

Over half term please can we ask you to check your child and the whole family for head-lice. They are cunning creatures, they like children's heads as well as adults and it is sensible to check regularly – one louse can quickly lead to lots!!! Thank you.

If you have any good quality children's and adults clothes (particularly bras) that can be sent to the Gambia (Gambian Projects), there is a container shipment leaving in November to take supplies for those in need. Miss Thompson is our point of contact and is happy to ensure that your donations are taken to the depot. If you have anything to donate please bring them into school after half term. Thank you.

Congratulations to the Cross Country team who took part in the first, and most difficult, race of the season!

With some excellent individual placements and encouraging team results. The Year 3/4 boys team came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 19 teams, the Year 5/6 girls came 10<sup>th</sup> out of 18 teams and the Year 5/6 boys came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 20 teams.

Well done everyone who took part.

We still have a few USB Memory sticks which have not been returned to school following the summer term video reports. Please could you ensure they are returned as soon as possible so we can keep them safe ready for next year. It is very costly to keep replacing these and therefore we do need to re-use them each year. Thank you.

### **Kalan Gwav – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

Kalan Gwav, with the free public firework display and children dancing the Wassail, will be on 4<sup>th</sup> November, with market stalls and bouncy castles on Warfelton Green from 2pm. Like last year there will be a scarecrow making competition – this could be a great half term project. If you want to take part please register on the Facebook page.

Year 1 have created some amazing works of art using natural materials. Here are just a few of their pictures. They loved making them and collecting the materials needed.



Here are some more photographs of the Year 6 evacuation to Lanhydrock – didn't they look splendid.



Thank you so much to all the Y6 parents for making a voluntary contribution which enabled this trip to go ahead. Your support is much appreciated and the children had an amazing day.