



# Newsletter 2

September 20<sup>th</sup> 2013



## Diary Dates:

### September

20<sup>th</sup> – Class 3 trip to Broomhill Sculpture Park

23<sup>rd</sup> – Class 2 trip to Tiverton Canal

27<sup>th</sup> – Pupils from Yrs 5 & 6 to West Buckland School Sports Festival

### October

25<sup>th</sup> – Non-pupil day

28<sup>th</sup> – 1st Nov Half-Term

### December

20<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term

It's been a busy week arranging all the new clubs and trips for this term. Our Reception children have been enjoying their school lunches and we look forward to them starting full-time on Monday.

### **Science Club**

This is open to children in Yrs 4, 5 & 6 and starts on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September. It will run for 12 weeks and the children will work towards a CREST Star award. There is no charge for this club.

### **Music Club**

This is for children in Class 2 and is being led by Jane Williams and starts on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. It will run from 12.00-12.30pm on Thursday lunchtimes. There is no charge for this club.

### **Broomhill Sculpture Park**

Class 3 have spent today exploring this inspiring collection of outdoor art armed with their sketchbooks. I look forward to seeing their work.

### **Tiverton Canal**

Class 2 are visiting Tiverton Canal on Monday as part of their work on canals and rivers. They'll be exploring the different habitats along the canal.

### **Sports Festival**

Next Friday, children from Yrs 5 & 6 will be taking part in a sports festival at West Buckland School. This is a great opportunity to be coached in tag rugby, swimming, hockey and netball.

### **Focus on reading**

As a way of fostering a love of reading and ensuring that children make good progress in this key area of their learning, we are hoping to be able to hear children read in school every day. This is a big undertaking and we can't make it happen without your help. It would be fantastic if as many adults as possible could come in at 3.10pm on Mon, Tues, Weds or Fri to listen to readers. I understand that everyone has commitments but just twenty minutes of your time whenever possible will make an enormous difference to our children. Please call Justine in the office if you can help.

### **Waterproofs and wellies**

On wet days it would be great if you could send your children in with waterproofs and wellies. This means that they let off steam outside during break times rather than being cooped up inside.

### **Plastic wallets**

Just a reminder to please check your children's plastic wallets each day. Sometimes we're forced to arrange activities at short notice and if we don't receive signed permission in time, your child won't be able to participate.

### **PTFA Meeting**

This takes place on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm at the Stag Inn in Rackenford and everyone is very welcome. I hope some of our new parents will be able to come along. It's a good way to meet other parents and get involved with our fundraising and social events.

### **Links with Tiverton High School: Update**

There's a real buzz in Class 3 at the moment about the approaching science sessions being provided by the high school. There will be three on electricity and one on chemistry. These are in addition to the science club and will take place during school hours. The children are keenly anticipating the arrival of some exciting resources to support these sessions.

### **European Day of Languages**

This is coming up soon and we look forward to support and involvement from the languages department at the high school. More details to follow.

Enjoy your weekend.

Claire Joyce

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