



This week we were visited by Colette, from the NSPCC to provide an assembly about 'Speak out. Stay Safe'. It was a very worthwhile and empowering session for both pupils and teachers. She spoke to the children and staff about the valuable work they do across the country, and talked about how important it is for everyone in our school community to join them in their 'fight for every childhood'.

We decided to hold a 'wear what you like day' to fundraise for the NSPCC for the free programmes and services they offer and raised £42. These programmes are of vital importance for children to understand that they have the right to speak up. Colette also spoke about the importance of online safety. For advice and support on setting up parental controls, adjusting privacy settings, understanding social networks and more, visit nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety or call 0808 800 5002



After reviewing our safeguarding audit, we have had a new intercom system fitted over this last week with a camera. If you get stuck on how to use it, please ask!

Nickki and Eleanor have also been on a Fire Safety Training course and we have had fire extinguishers fitted throughout the nursery.

Awards



Learning Leaves

Class 1 – Buck & Lottie

Class 2 – Gideon & Eleanor

Class 3 – Katie & Lee

House Points

Class 1

Lowman

Evie

Reading Raffle

James

Lucy

Evie

Congratulations to the Drake family on the birth of Teddy Albert Drake.



Mindfulness

"What You Plant Is What You Grow"



Dress Down Friday



With a busy summer term ahead of us, full with trips, art week and the residential/enrichment week, we have decided to make Friday 'Dress Down Friday'

For the rest of the summer term, children can come to school on Fridays in non uniform, we ask for £1 in hope to raise money to put towards the cost of coaches, trips and supplies so that these days can happen and be kept at an affordable price for our families.

Collective Worship

Please come and join us for our collective worship held at Rackenford All Saints Church at 3pm. This will begin on May 15th and then held every Wednesday throughout the term. We hope to see you there!

Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass is a Police and Education, early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people exposed to domestic abuse. They report to school before the start of the next school day when a child or young person has been involved or exposed to a domestic abuse incident the previous day.

The information is given in strict confidence to a schools Key Adult to enable support to be given dependant on the needs and wishes of the child. For more information visit Operation Encompass online.

Our Safeguarding Officers are:

Sarah Maude (Designated Safeguard Lead)

Sharon Hagley & Tracey Taylor (Deputy Safeguarding Leads)

Like many of our children, Katie has been busy helping her family throughout lambing season. Here she is with quad lambs.



Websites worth a look

Happymaps website for parents on children's mental health problems has been launched. Funded by Health Education England, HappyMaps is designed to help parents find useful resources on behaviour and mental health for their children
www.happymaps.co.uk/

Pinpoint Devon: Pinpoint thousands of services and community groups across Devon.

[www.pinpointdevon.co.uk /](http://www.pinpointdevon.co.uk/)

Just for Fun - Reading for Pleasure MC Grammar reading 'The Gruffalo' – a lovely clip to share with parents Here's his link to 'Putting the Swag in SPAG'

www.tinyurl.com/y5b4cr5h
[www.theteachertrain.com /mc-grammar](http://www.theteachertrain.com/mc-grammar)

Construction Yard

Our new construction yard has been a great success with the children.

The children have been busy using their imagination in building houses, shops and obstacle courses.



Term Dates



May Bank Holiday
Monday 6th May

Summer Half Term
Monday 27th May-
Friday 31st May

Last Day of Summer Term
Friday 19th July

First Day of Autumn Term
Tuesday 3rd September

Autumn Half Term
Monday 21st October –
Friday 25th October

Gardening Club



Last week we were visited by Ian Smith to look at our garden and may hopefully receive some funding to improve it further.

Our flowers and vegetables are growing well and it shouldn't be too long until we are able to use our own grown produce in the kitchen.





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After School Clubs



Wednesday

Homework Club

Thursday

Multisports

Lunchtime Clubs

Thursday

Football Club with Chris Webster

Friday

Class 3 Walking Club

Dates for Summer Term



15th May – Class 1 Knightshayes

17th May – Year 5 & 6 School Sleepover

23rd May – Class 3 Wilcombe Wobbler

4th June – Aquarium trip

W/C 1st July – Camping/ enrichment week

10th July – Sports Day

PTFA notices



23rd May - PTFA meeting at school 3.30 on the

14th June - Quiz at the Stag Inn 7pm

17th May - Movie night straight after school. Film and snacks provided for £2 per child.

Help needed to organise the summer fun day on **Friday 12th July**. If anyone is interested please get in touch with Ellie Denno or the school office.



YEAR 5 OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 21 May – 5pm-7pm
Tiverton High School

In order to give Year 5 pupils and their parents the opportunity to see our school, meet staff and students and explore the array of opportunities available to them at Tiverton High School, we have arranged an open evening.

Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/THSYSOpenEvening> if you and your child would like to attend.

Alternatively please call 01884 256655

