

Taking it in their stride

On Thursday we were joined on our Daily Mile by ITV News West Country, discussing why we chose to take part in the national initiative and the benefits it has.

As many of you will know, since January we have been walking (or dancing!) for 15 minutes at the start of the day. Not only does the Daily Mile have excellent health benefits, but we find children to be more engaged in first lesson and it's a great opportunity for children to socialise with their peers and teachers.

All of the children behaved brilliantly and spoke beautifully – we could not be prouder of every single one of them!

In case you missed it, the full feature is available to view on the news section of the school website.



Awards



Learning Leaves

- Class 1** – All
- Class 2** – Benjamin and Alex
- Class 3** – All

Meet the teacher

Thank you to everyone who joined us on the 'Meet your Teacher' evenings. The teachers found it really valuable and we hope that you did too.

Thank you also to Liz and Ellie for refreshments, and to Cath for sorting out the uniforms.

First week in school

We had a great first week back to school last week. Here are just a few images of the children settling in!



International Days

Next week we will be celebrating:

International Day of Democracy
Saturday 15th September

We will be having hustings and electing our school councillors on Monday 17th. Remember to practice your speeches.

International Day of Peace
Friday 21st September

We will be thinking out what peace means and what it brings; writing poetry and letters of peace to work leaders.

Class 3 will be carrying on with this theme into their English work the following week.



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Diary Dates



17 September
School council voting

21 September
International Day of Peace

27 September
Theatre Alibi visit

Useful contacts

Early Help For Mental Health:
<http://eh4mh.co.uk>

Early Help: <http://devon.cc/earlyhelp>

SEND local offer:
<http://new.devon.gov.uk/send>

Uniform

Uniforms are available at £3.00 per item. There are lots of red polo shirts still available.

Uniform for PE:

White or blue T shirt
Black or blue shorts
Socks and trainers/pumps

Choice of school uniform:

Grey/black trousers
Grey/black long shorts
Grey/black skirt
Grey/black tunic
Blue or red polo shirt (school logo)
Blue sweat shirt or cardigan (school logo)
Summer dress (blue or red)
White, black or blue socks
Black, red or blue tights
Black school shoes

A reminder to please label all uniform with your child's name. We have had a few lost items already!

Worlds Biggest Coffee morning

Join us on Friday 28th September, from 9am- 10.30am, for our coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Any cake donations and volunteers to help serve would be greatly appreciated!

It will also be non-school uniform for the children, with a £1 donation. All money raised goes toward Macmillan!



Music tuition

Drumming
Tuesdays with Ella

Piano and Keyboard
Wednesdays with Mandy

If you would like to find out more about music tuition please contact the school office.



Outdoor Education

Outdoor Education starts on Tuesday (18th) with Class 3.

Please remember to bring in a change of suitable clothes and footwear (in a bag).



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Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people exposed to domestic abuse.

Reporting to schools 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 evening.

The information is given in strict confidence to a school's Key Adult to enable support to be given dependent on the needs and wishes of the child.

More information can be found online.



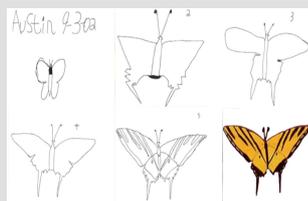
Share your favourite prayer

If you have a favourite prayer you would like to share with us please bring it /send it into school. We would like to compile a school anthology which will be illustrated by the children. They will also be writing their own special prayers too.

Austin's Butterfly

Austin's Butterfly is short film on YouTube, which captures one of our approaches to learning. Class 2 have been using this approach with their writing this week.

You can read all about it and watch the video online here: <http://modelsofexcellence.eeducation.org/resources/austins-butterfly>



Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
Sarah Maude, Head of School

Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Sharon Hagley & Claire Shanahan

Mindfulness

"Think of life as a fast flowing river, step onto the bank, take a moment to breathe."

Multi Sports & Dance

KS1 multi sports and KS2 dance clubs will begin week beginning 24th September.

Dates are yet to be confirmed.

Next week

W/B Mon 17 September 2018

Monday

PE for Class 1
School council election

Tuesday

PE for Class 3
Drum lessons
Outdoor Education (Class 3)

Wednesday

Homework & Chess Clubs
Piano and Keyboard lessons

Thursday

PE for Class 2

Friday

International Day of Peace



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Rabbit Hutch

We are looking for a volunteer parent with large enough transport to pick up the new rabbit hutch for Maisy and Daisy. It will need to be either a trailer or pick up truck.

If anyone can help that would be greatly appreciated!

Class 2 PE

Class 2's PE session will now be on a Thursday instead of Wednesday. Please make sure children have their P.E kit on that day.

Clubs

Homework Club

Wednesdays, 3:30pm-4:14pm.
Everyone is welcome.

Chess Club

Wednesday lunchtimes,
12:30pm-1:15pm

Talent for writing

Congratulations to Lily and Lexie who have received a 'Talent For Writing' certificate of merit, for their mini sagas which were sent into Young Writers' Superhero Adventures competition.

Lily's Saga was 'Super-Mallo' and Lexie's was 'Evil Spacecow Is Ready To Take Over'.

PTFA News

Firstly I would like to thank Jo Dalton (Chairman) and Vickie Mogford (Secretary) who both worked hard last year on our various events, but will now be retiring as their children have moved on to new schools.

Last year we had a very successful year with events like our Christmas and Summer Fairs, movie nights and our pub quiz at The Stag. These events meant that we were able to pay for the Bloodhound project, Dartmoor Zoo transport and sports trip to Heathcoat. All these extra activities were for the whole school and were enjoyed by the children.

Of course, trips are not the only thing we support. We were also able to purchase new books, a drum kit, blinds, new toys for Class 1, teaching resources and contribute to the running of the mini bus.

We are now looking for new parents to join the PTFA. If you are interested in getting involved (even in just a small way) our AGM will be held on Tuesday 25th September at Ellie Denno's house (Southview, Rackenford EX16 8DU) at 7.30pm.

If you have any ideas for fundraisers or events please let us know.

Many thanks
Liz Heywood
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Sunday 16th September Open Day 12-5pm



Apple pressing demonstration
Apple juice tastings
Orchard tours
Live music
Children's scavenger hunt
Light lunches & refreshments

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