



# Newsletter (Autumn No.21)



## 23rd February 2018

Dates for your diary;

Week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> February – Bikeability

1<sup>st</sup> March – World Book Day

14<sup>th</sup> March – Messy Church begins

5<sup>th</sup> May – Exmoor Challenge

### Welcome back! Get well soon.

We would like to wish Mrs Bostidge a speedy gets well soon. Mrs Bostridge has been out unwell all week and so we apologise if your phone-call has gone unanswered or text messages not sent to remind about events. Mrs Lewry has done her best to keep the office ticking over.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Children are invited to dress up in the style of their favourite book character.

### Chinese New Year



During the week, each class spent some time looking at the story behind the Chinese

New Year and followed this up with activities. Class 1 and Class 2 made Chinese lanterns, with Class 2 also creating dragons and Class 3 completed some independent research. We also enjoyed the alternative menu on offer.

### South West Gymnastic Championships

Rebecca Boyles is taking part in the South West Gymnastic Championships, representing Rackenford, on Sunday in the floor and vault. We send her our best wishes and good luck Rebecca!

### Open Mornings

It was great to see so many parents spending some time in school on Tuesday morning. We look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday.

### Dartmoor Zoo Trip

We had a lovely trip to Dartmoor Zoo yesterday. Here are a few comments from the children.



“I really enjoyed seeing all the animals.” Evie Heywood

“My favourite part of Dartmoor Zoo is seeing the jaguar and stroking the snake.” Ted Pannett

“I enjoyed seeing the Cheetah.” Jack Herniman



“My proudest moment was touching the corn snake.” Elliott Defew

After lunch, we had the opportunity to meet some of the smaller animals close up. We were able to hold or touch a corn snake; tiger land snail; a stick insect and a bearded dragon

We apologise that we were a little late back.

### Behaviour

We would like to rectify any misunderstanding about the behaviour of the children. The behaviour of the majority of the children on the trip was superb and they were great ambassadors for the school. However there were a few incidents involving our older students. These were discussed with the whole class and the children voted to give up going outside for their morning play as a sanction for the unsafe and unbecoming behaviour. During the sanction the children had access to the facilities, they were able to have their snack and to move around and get some exercise.

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## Awards

### House Points

House – Exe  
Class – 1  
Champion –  
Josh

Reading:  
Class 1 –  
Arthur  
Class 2 –  
Harry  
Class 3 –  
Emily

Learning  
Leaves:  
Yr6 – Corey  
Yr5 – Lee  
Yr4 – Emily  
Yr1 – Ellie  
YrR - Bella

### Celebration Assembly

Every Friday afternoon we have a special celebration assembly. We recognise accomplishments in and out of school with the children.

Parents/Carers are very welcome to join us for this special time.

### Meet the Staff

Hello, my name is Claire Shanahan (or Mrs Shanahan) and I am very excited about taking up the post of SENCO and Inclusion Leader for both primary schools within the Tiverton Federation. I have been teaching within primary schools for the past 20 years and have a wealth of SEN experience, both in the classroom and as a SENCO (in two different school settings within South Devon). I believe that working with and supporting pupils who have additional needs is one of the most rewarding aspects of education and am delighted to join the teams at both Heathcoat and Rackenford schools to continue to develop practice across the Federation. I look forward to meeting you and your children over the coming few weeks.

### W/B 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018

<b>Mon</b>	Year 5 bikeability English adviser in all day, Mrs Hagley is in working with the English adviser
<b>Tues</b>	Open Morning Drum Lessons Year 4 bikeability Miss Budden out, Miss Horrell teaching Class 2
<b>Weds</b>	No Church Service today
<b>Thurs</b>	Multisport after school club begins Mrs Halsey in visiting school all day
<b>Fri</b>	World Book Day Mrs Hagley out, Miss Ashdown teaching Class 1

### SEND Support Group

The SEND support group will be meeting again on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March from 2.30-3.30pm, we hope you will be able to pop along.

### Church News

We are very excited that Messy Church sessions will begin next half term.

First session Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March straight after school.

### PTFA News

Movie night. We are planning on holding a movie night straight after school for the children on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. More details to follow.

### School Visits

If you would like to spend a day or part day in school do let us know. You are very welcome to join us and see what school life is like.

### Outdoor Education

For the next 3 Thursdays from 12.30-3.30 a small group of children are going out of school to do Outdoor Education with Mr Steve Pryce. We are looking for an adult to go with Mr Pryce, so if you are DBS checked and are available for one or all of these occasions please contact the school office.



As you are all aware the yearly questionnaire went out week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> February. Please can you return this by the 9<sup>th</sup> March, we would like to get 100% response and this is to ensure we listen and value your opinions. Any questions please speak to Gemma.

We are running a coffee morning on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 9-10.30 at Nikki's house. We will be looking at an area of focus to support our families. Everyone is welcome, with or without children to come along, ask questions, meet new people and feel welcome!

Thank you

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