

## Newsletter

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Class 1 have been learning about the Great Fire of London this week, so they made bread to remember how the fire started in a bakery.





Class R have enjoyed watching the caterpillars turn into butterflies and got to release them last week.





Class 2 have also been baking – they made biscuits as part of their topic work.





### Learning Leaves

Class R – Leo Class 1 – Rosie Class 2 – Benjamin Class 3 – Jack

### **House Points**

Class R – Charlie Class 1 – Harry Class 2 – Daisy Class 3 – Louis

Some of the children have asked if they can wear football tops on Tuesday 29th June as this is the next Euro football match England are playing. So if you would like to send your child in wearing a football top, or a top that is red/white, then we are happy for them to do so.

Please note that we are also having an art day on the 29th so an old or a spare t-shirt may be wise .











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Mrs Taylor went to Mole Valley in Cullompton to collect the £40 vouchers which they had donated to us, to purchase items for our Garden of Hope. Here is what she picked up.



We would also like to say another huge thank you to Tiverton Morrisons for donating a £30 voucher to us. This was used to buy Pizzas, popcorn and other snacks for the Year 6's to enjoy whilst they have their sleepover.

The Local Authority are reminding schools about the need to continue with the protective measures in schools such as hand washing, lateral flow testing, maintaining bubbles and respiratory measures. As positive cases start to increase it is important that we all (parents, staff and pupils) remember hands, face, space when socialising with others and when out and about in the local community. This will help keep all members of our community safe.

If any member of your family develop any of the following symptoms: **Temperature**, a new continuous cough, Loss or change in taste or smell then please do isolate and get tested.

#### Dates

**30 June** Transition/Move up morning New to You Sale

**2 July** Class 3 VE Day Lunch

**9 July** Sports day/PTFA Summer Fair

WC 12 July End of term reports

**23 July** Leavers assembly Last day of term

8 September First day Autumn term

#### **Little Angels**

The staff this week have been reflecting on the impact we have on children's lives.

'A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark' - Robert Heinlein.







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### DCC Warning - Watch out... ticks about!

With lots of us making the most of the warm weather and spending longer outside, it's important to remember to be aware of ticks as there are plenty of them around at the moment.

Ticks are small, spider like creatures that feed on the blood of animals, including people. They can vary in size, from as small as a tiny freckle to a similar size to a baked bean! Ticks can survive in many habitats, they don't fly or jump, they just wait on vegetation for an animal or person to pass by, and then climb on. They then bite and attach to the skin and feed on blood for several days before dropping off.

Most tick bites are harmless but some do carry Lyme disease and its during this feeding process that they can transmit pathogens. I's important to make sure you look and feel for ticks on you, your family and your pets after you've enjoyed outdoor activities and remove them promptly as evidence suggests the risk increases the longer a tick is feeding.

If you have been bitten, look out for early signs of Lymes Disease, which include mild-flu like symptoms including a fever, headache, fatigue and a bulls-eye rash.

If you feel unwell after being bitten by a tick, even when you don't have a rash contact your GP or dial NHS 111 and remember to tell them you were bitten by a tick or have recently spent time outdoors.

To remove a tick, use fine tipped tweezers or a tick removal tool – grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull upwards slowly and firmly.

#### 2021 – 2022 Term Dates



First Day of Autumn Term Wednesday 8th September

Half term Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October

Last day of Autumn Term Friday 17th December

**First day of Spring Term** Wednesday 5th January 2022

Half term Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February

Last day of Spring term Friday 8th April

**First day of Summer term** Monday 25th April

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May

Half term Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

Last day of Spring term Friday 22nd July

#### **PTFA News**

We are in the process of getting our fun day risk assessment checked by the federation and the local council and will report back when we know if we are allowed to go ahead. We are sad to say that with cases going up locally we are not as hopeful as we were that we will be able to proceed with the planned events but will let you know as soon as we know.



