



## Spring Term Newsletter No.6

Where did that half term go? It has been another busy, fun packed few weeks so the children and staff are ready for, and will hopefully enjoy, a relaxing week over half term.



We know one member of staff is especially looking forward to half term as Miss Berry is getting married! When she returns she will be "Mrs Russell" which will take the Reception children some time to get used to. We are sure Mr and Mrs Russell will enjoy their special day and we wish them much happiness in their life together.

The children have been thinking about staying safe on the internet as it was Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. It is important that all children understand that they leave a footprint in their virtual world and we were focusing on being kind to others in the virtual world as well as the real one. We also talked about speaking to an adult if they see something or read something on the internet that upsets them or makes them feel uncomfortable.

We have emailed out the menu for the next six weeks and added some additional information for you based on answers in the recent lunch survey we did. We have ensured there is a greater variety of vegetables across the week but we do use seasonal vegetables so this can be limited at certain times of the year. We have reduced the cake options over the week—although these are made with organic flour and contain hidden fruit and veg! We will continue to make changes to the menu as the seasons change and we thought we would email out some recipes, similar or the same as the ones we use in school so you can see how healthy they are and even have a go at making them yourselves.



As a half term treat we have sent a recipe for Cocoa Beetroot Brownies with this newsletter. We'd love to see any photos of your children baking and the end result. You could send them to our Twitter account for us to tweet!

### We are very proud of this week's Star Pupils!



Beech — Ella has an amazing attitude to all her learning. And is always eager to move her learning forward.

Pine — Luciana has been making a massive effort in class and becoming much more independent.

Apple — Bali has been very creative this week, enjoying weaving and showing a wonderful imagination.

Oak — Harriet has shown excellent responsibility and been helpful and kind when completing many activities.

Birch — Daisy has tried hard to improve her handwriting and has gained her pen licence today! Well done!

Rowan — Orah embodies our Core Values and every week she displays respect, responsibility and aspiration!

Cherry — Chloe has made a fantastic effort all round this week and has been sharing her amazing ideas!

Maple — Ryan H is always helpful and respectful to his peers and the staff around the school.

Holly — Bobby has an excellent attitude to his learning. Keep it up!

Willow — Fearne has shown excellent concentration in literacy and is a role model for all her classmates.

Hawthorn — Will D is our Star for his continued fantastic effort for this half term!

Hazel — Mackenzie has shown commitment and dedication to improving his understanding and standard of work.

### Diary Date Reminders:

**Monday 12th to Friday 16th February**—Half Term

**Monday 19th February**—first day back

**Monday 19th February**—Holly Class swimming lessons

**Monday 19th February**— **IMPORTANT.** Y6 Parent Meeting about Skern Lodge in Hazel Class at 3:05pm. Please make sure someone from your family attends if at all possible.

**Tuesday 20th , Wednesday, 21st, Thursday 22nd**—Parents Meetings in the Hall. Booking closes early on Monday 19th February.



Attendance Award  
Congratulations to  
Beech Class  
for winning the School  
Attendance Award with  
98.3% attendance.

The recent flu virus has hit our school and the whole school only achieved 92.9% attendance last week. We hope you are all feeling better soon!



World Book Day takes place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018, and we would like to invite you to join us in helping your child to make the most of this special occasion. Our staff have already planned some exciting activities to help develop children's reading for pleasure.

### What to wear?

This year's theme for dressing up is *Bedtime Stories* so children are all invited to come in in their pyjamas or onesies! However, we would still like children to have sensible footwear for play times!

### What to bring?

Children are encouraged to bring in a NAMED copy of their favourite book to share across the year groups in the afternoon.

We also suggest that children who dress up donate £1 to the Book Aid International charity who send new children's books to schools and libraries in Africa with the donations.

### The £1 book token

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help get them started on their reading journey, every child will receive a £1 World Book Day Book Token. Your child's token will be handed out by their class teacher and can be redeemed at most UK bookshops. Please help your child to use it on or around World Book Day by visiting your local bookshop.

### The Scholastic Book Fayre

The Scholastic Book Fayre will be returning again and will provide a great chance for your child to put their token to good use! This would be a fantastic opportunity to help encourage your child to celebrate reading further by helping them to select a fun and exciting book. In addition to this, the Book Fayre also helps to raise funds for the school to purchase new books!



We have been successful in our application to the Tesco bags of Help Grant Scheme so from the 1st March to the 30th April you will be able to add a token towards replenishing our playground equipment every time you shop in one of our local Tesco stores. Please look out for the tokens in Express and Metro shops around the Barton, Babbacombe, Lymington and Hele areas and ask family members in Paignton and Brixham to think of us when checking out too!

It was lovely to see so many families sharing their children's work after school at one of Drop In this week. You still have time to make an appointment to meet your child's teacher in the first week back of the new half term. Bookings on eSchools close early on Monday 19th February.

Watch out for our children appearing in the Herald Express soon as we will feature in an article about children's health. Our Y3 children, who are the dedicated to their Golden Mile running, will hopefully inspire other schools to join in with a Torbay initiative called Run For Life which is a project set up with Torbay Council Public Health, Premier Sports and the Herald Express to improve children's fitness levels.

*Have a lovely half term! See you on Monday 19th February.*