

Autumn Term Newsletter No.6 (18.10.19)

We started this week with a very special harvest festival, led by the Reverend Nathan from Cuthbert Mayne and his JUMP team of students who led us in two fun interactive songs. The theme was *kindness* which fitted well with your wonderful donation which were kindly received by Humanity Torbay who also joined us for the assembly. Humanity Torbay commented that our pupils and the school are an absolute delight. Have a look in our [Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural](#) blog to read their full comments and find out more.

We finished the week with a special recognition assembly when staff awarded special values badges to those children who have been noticed for extra-excellent attitudes in relation to these values. I also awarded special Head Teacher certificates to children who have made excellent progress in their handwriting skills this half term. Have a look in the [Writing blog](#) to find out more or have a look at their photo on the writing board in the school corridor where you can also see examples of pupils' work. Writing is an area that we would like to further improve this year so staff and pupils are focussing on this. Mr Marchant and Miss Pritchard's review of writing across the school has shown that the children are setting themselves high expectations and responding well to feedback from teachers.

Super Sporting Success

Last week the Year 4 Tag Rugby A and B teams had amazing success. Read Mr Mayling's review on the Sports blog to discover their story and to see how the A team became [champions of the Bay](#), progressing to the Devon finals next year! Well done to the boys and girls football teams who kicked off their competitive seasons with victories last week. Check out the Sports blog to read more about the [boys' A and B teams](#), and the [girls' team](#). Check out Mrs Scaife's enthusiasm for the girls' win. Well done to all our expert coaches: Mr Mayling, Mr Robertson, Miss Palfrey and Mrs Scaife.

Busy Year 1s

Have a look on the Maths blog to see Year 1 learning the tricky skills of [telling the time](#) this week.

Homework Project Competition

If you have a spare rainy day over the half term holiday, this might be a good time to get your child interested in the *Local History Project Competition*. This is a voluntary homework option to try to get children loving learning just for learning's sake. Read more [here](#).

Half Term Sudoku Challenge

Look in the Maths blog to try out Miss Wooldridge's [Sudoku holiday challenge](#).

Family Support

Our family support worker, Carrie De Rosa, is in school all day Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday morning. If you have any concerns around parenting, fussy eating, difficult bedtimes or difficult behaviour generally at home please come and talk to Carrie. An appointment can be arranged by telephoning the main school office (327090) or by contacting Carrie herself on her work mobile (07917 204820). In addition, Carrie will be available between 9am and 10am on a Monday morning for a casual 'drop-in'. Please look out for her on the gates after half term! Carrie is happy to work with parents either in school or at home and is enjoying being part of our school community.

Morning Bagels

We hope you're still enjoying a morning bagel. Remember, they are for all to enjoy, even any diddy dots who might be passing through with older siblings. Please feel free to tuck in and fuel up for the day ahead.

Anti-bullying Week Coming Soon

Please remember to book on to the parent workshop for Cyber Safety which takes place on 11.11.19. With the rapidly changing world, this will help you keep up to speed with *fortnightly black holes*, computing trends and how to keep your little ones safe when they're out there on the world wide web.

Polite Prompt for Polite Parking Please

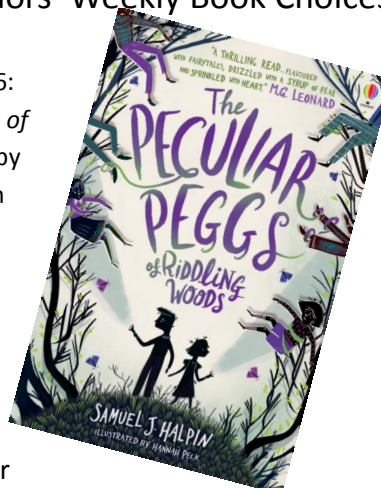
Please can I again ask for your help with parking around school. Local residents regularly write to me with concerns about their drives being blocked and access for emergency vehicles being restricted. It must be very frustrating for them. Please can I appeal to you again for your consideration about this. Thank you.

Miss Palfrey and the Reading Ambassadors' Weekly Book Choices



Suitable for Rec, Y1 and Y2: *Otto Blotter Bird Spotter* by Graham Carter

Suitable for Y5/6:
The Peculiar Pegs of Riddling Woods by Samuel J Halpin



Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Oak and Cherry Class** for winning the School Attendance Award with **100%** attendance.
School target: 96%
The whole school achieved **96.6% last week**



Stars of the Week

Beech	Isaac - for showing aspiration with his writing, kindness to his friends and responsibility in always trying to sort out a problem. Well done!
Pine	Nevaeh- for working so hard with her handwriting this week and for always coming in to school with a massive smile on her face!
Oak	Thomas - for much improved playtime behaviour and focusing on his writing. Well done for practising your spellings at home with Grandad too!
Apple	Jacob - for working so hard and being ready to learn at every opportunity, great handwriting as well Jacob!
Birch	Miah - For trying really hard with your learning and behaviour this week and helping me at breaktime - thank you
Rowan	Reuben - for his effort over the past two weeks which has been commendable. Very proud of you. Keep it up!
Cherry	Oscar - for consistently demonstrating amazing aspiration across the curriculum over the past couple of weeks. Superb effort! Well done!
Maple	Evelyn - for consistently showing our school values. She also produced a fantastic non - chronological report this week using all of our toolkit. Well done, Evelyn you're a star!
Willow	Ashton has really taken responsibility for his learning behaviours this week and has been joining in and working incredibly hard!
Holly	Lewis has demonstrated real aspiration this term in every part of his learning. He has worked exceedingly hard in maths and writing lessons. Well done! Keep it up!
Hazel	Navid has shown real aspiration in all areas of his work and has shown excellent focus and concentration. You are a brilliant role model Navid!
Hawthorn	Toby has shown fantastic aspiration with his excellent contributions in class. He has taken great responsibility for his learning and really pushed himself- his writing was fantastic this week!

Diary Dates

Wed 30.10.19	PTA pick and carve a pumpkin—on the field after school
Wk beg 4.11.19	Parents Evenings this week—sign-up now via E-schools (parent evenings for Reception will be later in November)
Mon 11.11.19	Cyber Safety workshop for parents 3.10—4.10pm (please let the office know if you would like to book on)
Fri 15.11.19	Non-uniform day for <i>Children in Need</i> —suggested donation of £1
Wed 27.11.19	Local History homework project competition —please bring entries in on this day. More information can be found under 'homework' under 'curriculum information' on the website.
Fri 6.12.19	PTA Christmas Fair after school
Fri 13.12.19	Christmas school dinner day—yum! Plus, <i>Wear a Christmas Jumper Day</i> —in aid of <i>Save the Children</i> —suggested donation of £1
Tue 17.12.19 6pm	KS2 Carol Concert at Upton Vale Baptist Church

KINDNESS

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

ASPIRATION