

## **Newsletter**

### **April**

The term has kicked off with a great start and we are loving the sunshine we have been enjoying and we have already been busy digging up the raised beds. We are pleased to announce that we are full again in Reception this coming year (2017/18), which is great news for the school!

#### **Wake up Shake Up**

We are now doing our normal wake up shake up routines a few mornings each week as well as at the end of each breaktime. It is a great way to start the day and leaves the children ready to settle and concentrate once they get into class. Please do not film or photograph these sessions but instead join in alongside your child!

#### **Fundraising**

We had a very successful time fundraising last term. On our Enterprise day the children went to a great effort with their stalls and talent show and raised £242.46 for Comic Relief and Children's Hospice South West. On the same day we hosted our Chocolate Bingo event and raised £309 towards the school funds. We thank everyone for coming and making the event such a success. We will let you know how we spend our funds and are always keen for ideas and suggestions.

#### **Yealm Medical Centre Colouring Competition**

Last term we took part in a colouring competition that was hosted by Yealm Medical Centre. Three different schools took part and we are pleased to announce we won first, second and third place. The first place winner, Dionne Joardar was awarded with a £20 Smyths Toy Voucher and runners up, Joshua Burroughs and Xavier Cocking were awarded Easter eggs. Head into Yealm Medical Centre to see the winning pictures displayed.

#### **SATS week**

The Year 6 children will be sitting statutory tests in the week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. It is essential that the children are in school that week. We are also hosting a breakfast club for Year 6 children that week starting from 8.15am from Monday - Thursday.

#### **Absences**

We would like to remind all parents that if your child is ill, you should ring the school before 8.30 to leave a message on the answer machine with the child's name and why they are off school. Mrs Rundle checks the absence calls first thing and if you ring later than 8.30 we might just miss your message.

#### **Payments using ParentPay**

Thank you very much to all parents who are now making all payments through ParentPay. This is making our life much easier and we really appreciate your help in making sure organising and financing trips is not too time consuming for Mrs Rundle.

#### **Bikeability**

This July we are offering the opportunity for all Key Stage 2 children to carry out Bikeability training on our school playground. If you are happy for your child to take part please return the consent form sent home last week.

#### **Dance Club and Fizz Pop Science**

We have 2 extra clubs to add to our Clubs request list this term. We are offering a dance club for our Reception and Key Stage 1 children from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, every Friday for 10 weeks. This is led by dance teacher, Alex Robinson, at a cost of £25.00 for the 10 sessions. FizzPop Science are also running a Science based club for all year groups on a Wednesday. The course of club runs for 6 weeks at a cost of £38.50 beginning after half term. More details to follow via a flyer this week.

#### **Active Kids Vouchers**

Thank you to everyone who has already dropped in Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. The closing dates for the last vouchers is the 23<sup>rd</sup> June to give us a chance to count them all before the deadline to submit them.

#### **Summer Fayre & Brixton Buddies**

We have postponed our Summer Fayre to July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please put this date in your diaries and if you can help in any way or have any stall ideas please let us know!

#### **Attendance letters**

This week some of you will be receiving attendance letters if your attendance has fallen below 95%. It is essential we continue to monitor attendance and begin to see improvement.

#### **Residentials**

We are in Residential season and you will see below in the dates for you diary when each of the residentials is being held. You will receive kit lists and general instructions for each trip as they come up. Remember Slapton and Skern Lodge due by 3.7.7 and Escot by 1.6.17. Thank you for your support in this.

## DATES for your Diary

### Sun safety

Please make sure your children come to school with a hat from now on this term. They can also bring in a named suncream that stays in school for the term. Children can also bring in water in a named drinks bottle to have throughout the day to keep them hydrated; we also have cups next to the sink for children to help themselves. Please only give your children diluted juice for lunchtime and not in the drinks bottle as grazing on juice during the day will damage their teeth.

### Swimming

We are hoping swimming will begin the week of 22<sup>nd</sup> May. This is to give us a chance to assess your children before we start the course of lessons after half term. Could I just remind you that Mrs Wilcox, our amazing swimming coach, insists that boys wear non-baggy swimming trunks and that girls wear a full swimming costume not a bikini. **All children should also wear goggles.** We have a set of swimming hats and arm bands as a school but if you are able to supply your own child with a hat and arm bands, if needed, then we would be very grateful.

Parent help on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons would be very welcome. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help. Swimming kit should be in school from Monday to Wednesday. We will send a further letter to confirm the start date for Swimming.

May	
02.05.17	FS Eye Check
03.05.17	Fizz Pop assembly
08.05.17	Year 6 SATS week
15.05.17	Local Studies Fortnight
18.05.17	Tempest photographs - groups 9am
25.5.17	Eucharist 10am
Half term 29.05.17	
June	
05.06.17	Back to School Work Showing evening 3.30-4.30pm
07.06.17	Year 5 residential - Dittisham
08.06.17	Year 5 residential
08.06.17	Year 4 residential - Escot
09.06.17	Year 4 residential
12.06.17	Phonics Screening Week Yr1
21.06.17	USF athletics festival
23.06.17	Cultural Champions Day KS2
24.06.17	Church Fete - School grounds
28.06.17	USF KS1 Multi-skills Festival
29.06.17	Sports Day 1
July	
05.07.17	Bikeability KS2
06.07.17	Bikeability KS2
07.07.17	Year 2 Teepee Camp
11.07.17	Year 3 Residential Slapton
13.07.17	Sports Day 2
14.07.17-16.7.17	Skern Lodge Year 6
17.7.17	Parents evening 3.30-6.30pm
19.7.17	Parents evening 3.30-6.30pm
25.7.17	Woodlands for Year 6
26.7.17	Leavers Service for Year 6 End of term at 3.15pm

**What a busy term!**

**Claire Webb**