



Newsletter – October 2019

We have come to the end of the first half term and so here's a quick update before we break up for the holiday.

Class Assemblies

Here's a reminder about the upcoming Class Assembly dates for you. Remember that if you would like to come along and see your child's class assembly, they begin at 2.45pm on the dates listed below.

Rosen Class	Thursday 28 th November
Dahl Class	Thursday 21 st November
Morpurgo Class	Thursday 14 th November

Harvest Festival

Thank you for all your contributions to the Harvest this year. We really appreciate your support.

Achieve4All

We have a new PE provider in school. They will be replacing T14 who helped with PE lessons in school as well as after school clubs.



Achieve4All will provide the exact same service that we previously had, including the running of the after school clubs. The clubs for this term will continue as planned although in January we may take the opportunity to vary the sports on offer at these clubs.

Parent Support Group

Last term we had a couple of meetings to talk about the ways in which a Parent Support Group could work to help with upcoming events in the school diary, particularly the fund raising events to support all of the children in school.

With Christmas coming up in the next half term we are hoping to arrange a couple of events and I would like to have a meeting to discuss these events with people who may be able to offer help in organising them. Can I remind you that if you were at those meetings and you are able to help in school, but haven't yet started the process of getting a DBS check sorted, can I please urge you to contact Mrs. Rundle in the school office to start that ASAP.

The meeting will take place at 6pm on Thursday 7th November.

Y1/2 Trip – Apricot Centre

It was lovely to join the Y1 & 2 children on their visit to the Apricot Centre in Dartington this week. After some relentless rainfall over the recent weeks it was great to see the sunshine during the day which meant the children could get out onto the farm and learn a lot about where our food comes from.

Well done to all of the children. It is always good to get positive feedback from a trip and the staff at the Apricot Centre complimented all of the children for their attitude and excellent behaviour.

Work Showing

Our next work showing event is on Monday 4th November, the first day back after half term. This is an opportunity for you to come into school and see the work that your children have been doing in class. They will also show you the work they have been doing as part of our new 'Learning Challenge Curriculum'.

Christmas Dates

I know that one or two parents are keen to know when our Christmas performances will be this year. We have pencilled in the performances for Tuesday 10th December (afternoon performance) and Wednesday 11th December (evening performance).

Further details about times and tickets will come in the next half term.



Football Team

Well done to the Y3&4 football team who took part in a football competition at Ivybridge Community College last week. They performed fantastically as a team, winning their first 4 matches without conceding a single goal. This great run of form saw them through to the final. Unfortunately, we didn't manage to win that match, but we did finish in second place which was amazing! The boys were very proud of themselves for their achievement.

Thanks to all of the parent support too! A great effort!



You may notice a member of the team who is not in football kit! Thanks to Jacob for organising a mascot costume. It really did raise team spirits as well as turning a few heads of children from other schools. We may have started a new trend!

Early Birds and After School Club

Thank you to everyone who has so far taken advantage of our new before and after school clubs. Following the consultation last year, we started these two clubs this September.

Please feel free to contact the school office if you would like to book any sessions. These can be regular bookings or ad hoc sessions.

Mrs. Rundle will be happy to help you should you need any assistance. Our aim is to make sure that this new venture is a success and this will only happen if it is supported regularly.

Children In Need 2019

This year, Children in Need Day will be on Friday 15th November. For now, save the date in your diary. We'll let you know more nearer the time.

#HelloYellow

Thank you for all of the support with our #HelloYellow day in support of World Mental Health Day. It was great to see so much yellow evident around the school. The children spent some of the day thinking about the important ways that they can keep a healthy mind for themselves whilst also thinking about how they can support each other.



Armistice Day

Monday 11th November is Armistice Day and we will be holding a minute of silence at 11.00am.



From Monday 4th November we will be selling Remembrance Day poppies in school. There are also other items for sale in the box and so children can bring in donations to purchase these items if they would like.

Price List:

Poppies – a donation, eg; 50p	
Silicon wristband - £1.00	Ruler - £1.00
Zip pull – 50p	Pencil – 50p
Snap band - £1.50	Eraser – 50p
Pencil sharpener – 50p	Reflector – 50p

Please makes sure that children don't muddle up toast money with their Poppy Appeal money.



Just Giving

And finally... one of our parents is doing something that I'm sure many of us would think twice about doing.

On October 30th at 9am, she is going to do a skydive in aid of 'Hugs From Henry'.



Hugs From Henry is a Plymouth based charity which helps families in the PL postcode who have a child with rare childhood cancers. Whether emotional support, making a memory or helping families keep in touch, Hugs From Henry provides them with a place to turn.

From Henry's mum ...

"Childhood cancer is the biggest killer of children in the UK and when it strikes it affects the whole family. Families often have to travel miles to have cancer treatment such as Henry who had to go to Bristol for 18 months. This means being separated from your loved ones for months at a time sometimes years. Being from Plymouth and the Southwest and having a child with cancer is challenging and often very isolating. Hugs from Henry want to help these families by providing one-to-one parent to parent support, hospital visits, group events, and now to provide families with respite to make memories and spend time together. In fundraising for Hugs from Henry you are providing these families with this support, without you we couldn't do what we do, so thank you from the very bottom of my heart!"

If you would like to offer support to this worthwhile cause and wish Vicky all the best in her skydive, then please feel free to follow the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/vickyborton>

Thank you

Dates

October	
21st Oct – 1st Nov HALF TERM	
November	
Mon 4 th Nov	Work Showing 3.30-4.30pm
Mon 4 th Nov	Poppy Appeal begins.
Thurs 7 th Nov	Parent Support Group meeting 6pm
Mon 11 th Nov	Armistice Day
Thurs 14 th Nov	Morpurgo Class Assembly 2.45pm
Fri 15 th Nov	Children In Need Day
Thurs 21 st Nov	Dahl Class Assembly 2.45pm
Thurs 28 th Nov	Rosen Class Assembly 2.45pm
December	
Fri 6 th Dec	Christmas Fair (Provisional date)
Tues 10 th Dec	Christmas Performance (pm)
Wed 11 th Dec	Christmas Performance (evening)

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Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.