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OUR VISION:

'Within the love of God, working together, growing together for all to flourish.'



Rights Respecting Focus –

Article 23 A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families.

This has been an exciting half term with lots of things happening in school. It's also been a little disorientating having the two bank holidays, but we've made it to the end of another half term.

As always, thanks for the support with everything that we do in school.



Upcoming Events

June 15

Class Photo Day

June 29

SPORTS DAY

Before and After School Club

For anyone who needs to continue to use the before and after school clubs, please make sure that you book **in advance**.

For urgent bookings within 7 days, please continue to phone the office and confirm that we have space available before paying on ParentPay and completing a booking form.

**REMEMBER - Friday afternoon bookings are no longer available.
Thank you**

KS2 SATs / Bear Trail Trip

First of all, we need to say a huge well done to all of the Y6 children for completing their SAT's tests so well. As a reward for great work at the end of their primary school years, they joined the rest of the USF Year 6 children at the 'Bear Trail' in Cullompton for some muddy fun. I think the pictures tell their own story.



A lovely day out!

KS1 SAT's



We also need to say a huge well done to the Y2 children for their amazing efforts this month when they have been doing their SAT's tests too.

Thanks to all of the staff too for making sure the children are relaxed and ready when it comes to the tests that we do at this time of year.

Head Lice

We occasionally hear of an incidence of headlice in one of our children. This is extremely common and is no indication of poor care or hygiene. However, it is important to check your child's hair regularly and to treat it if you do discover headlice.

Please see the information available on the link below with advice on how to treat headlice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



Sports Day

Just to remind you from my previous newsletter, we have set the date of **Thursday 29th June** in the hope that the sun will be shining.

However, we have also put a reserve date in the diary in case of poor weather. This will be Wednesday 12th July.

More details to follow soon.



Coronation Day



Once again, can I thank everyone for their efforts on our coronation day in school. The outfits were amazing. The picnic was superb, despite the fact that we had to come inside because of the wet. The grandparents helping out in the morning was lovely and the singing was exceptional. If you were able to come along and share the time with us, we really appreciate it and hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

I know that the display of artwork on the school gates has been admired by many people in the village.

All of the children received a gift on the day and as we have already done, we'd all like to say thanks to the Brixton Parish Council, the Brixton Feoffee Trust, The Brixton Composters and the Brixton Community Association for arranging these lovely gifts for all of the children. We really appreciate the community support that we get.

Sun Safety

It's been a lot warmer in school this week. Let's hope we continue to have some nice weather in the coming weeks. We do need everyone to thinking about sun safety though so please follow these top tips here and help us to keep everyone safe this summer.

Children may have their own sun cream in school but can we remind you that it must be named and they must NOT share it with anyone. This is purely to prevent any unwanted skin reactions.



For children who can't apply their own sun cream can we suggest the longer lasting sun cream that you can apply before they come into school.

It is SO important that children also have their water bottle in school every day.

Forest School - dates for next half term

Date	Classes
Wednesday 7 th June	Dahl and Morpurgo
Wednesday 14 th June	Rosen and Potter
Wednesday 21 st June	NO FOREST SCHOOL
Wednesday 28 th June	NO FOREST SCHOOL
Wednesday 5 th July	Dahl and Y5
Wednesday 12 th July	Rosen and Potter

RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) – ‘Changing Me’



We are sending out information about our PSHE work for the coming half term. Our PSHE programme called JIGSAW, concludes for the year with a unit called ‘Changing Me’. The information you will receive outlines the programme that your child will be looking at in the next weeks. Please take the time to look at the information. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots Day



Another great day in school. Thanks to everyone for the effort and good fun as we dressed as rock stars and robots to promote two of the maths programmes that we use in school.



Thanks for the support with all of the great costumes that we saw in school.

Also, huge thanks to Mrs. Kay for running her multiplication meeting for Y3 and Y4 parents after school too. If you were able to attend we really appreciate it and hope that you found it useful.

And finally... Diary Dates

Here is a reminder of upcoming dates for the diary...

Wb 29 th May	Half Term holiday
Thursday 15 th June	Class Photos
Wb 19 th June	Local Study Week
Monday 19 th June	KS2 Wembury Rockpool trip
Tuesday 20 th June	RNLI visit to school
Wednesday 21 st June	KS1 Wembury Rockpool trip
Thursday 29 th June	SPORTS DAY
5 th -7 th July	Y6 Skern Lodge residential
Wednesday 12 th July	Reserve SPORTS DAY
Tuesday 25 th July	Last day of term

As always, thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely half term break and see you back in school on Monday 5th June.

Adrian Clements

Head of School