

NEWSLETTER

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A message from the Head of School.

I hope that you have all had a restful Easter break and it is great to see you all back at school again for the summer term.

I would like to thank staff and pupils alike for their contributions to our highly positive recent Ofsted inspection. We continue to be a good school with strong leadership that is constantly thriving for improvement in all that we do. You can find the full report on the website if you would like to read it.

I am looking forward to an exciting summer term packed with events and activities for the children to take part in such as the Vintage Fair and the opening of the forest school area so watch this space. The Friends of Orchard Vale have some lovely events planned for families and pupils such as a Tuck Shop, Bingo Night and School Disco so I hope to see you there.

Finally, as the weather gets warmer it is time to get our summer school uniform out. If you are not sure what the summer uniform options are please check on the website or with your class teacher or team leader who can provide you

Year 5 children enjoyed a fantastic day at Shebbear College today. The day was science-based and the children took part in a range of incredible activities which included observing a heart/lung dissection, creating non-Newtonian 'slime' and exploring the properties of liquid nitrogen! The children and adults all had a wonderful time; we look forward to more links with Shebbear College and STEM.

Easter Bonnet Parade and Cake Bake Off.

Well Done to everybody who took part in the Bake Off and Easter Bonnet Parade.

There was certainly some fantastic bonnets and wonderful cakes. **Winners of Bonnet Parade: Martha, Ryder, Larissa, William, Isabella, Olivia, Alyssia, Thomas, Khloe, Ruby, Harrison and Kiara. Winners of Cake Bake Off: Elana, Coby, Isabella, Winston, Owen, William, Anna, William and Kieron. We made £210.50 which will go towards the Forest School Area.**



Thank you to **Eaton Aerospace Limited** who will be donating a large wooden picnic bench for our Forest School. Thank you to Mr Ackland for putting our name forward.

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Spotlight on staff.

Name: Fiona Butler

Hobbies: Favourite Book: Lord of the Rings

Favourite Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty

Favourite Food: Anything savoury—Roast dinners—Yum!

My Hero: My dynamic parents and , of course, Mr Butler



School Council

There will be a Non School Uniform Day on Wednesday 3rd May. All money raised will be given to The

Exmoor Pony Sanctuary.

We are in the process of completing the artwork and painting the wall in the Key Stage 2

Community Lunch Wednesday 17th May

12—1.130

If you know of any elderly residents or grand parents that would like to come in and enjoy a roast dinner with some of our children please contact:

Sue Manley by Friday 28th April.

Future Events

Wed, 3rd May - RNLI Lifeguards assembly - KS1 and KS2

Fri, 5th May - Year 5 Cricket

Tue, 9th May - FoOv - Tuck Shop

Thur, 11th May - Grandparents Group in Coffee Cabin - Creative Craft

Sun, 14th to Fri, 18th May - Years 5 and 6 - Adventure International residential

Wed, 17th May - Community Lunch

Fri, 19th May - North Devon Quaddkids

Wed, 24th May - Years 5 and 6 - North Devon Rugby

Thur, 25th May - Year 1 Multi Skills Event, Park School

Thurs, 25th May - Grandparents Group - Cooking together

Thursday 25th May—FOOV Disco

Mon, 29th May to Fri, 2nd June - Half Term.

We need your help during the months of May and June.

We have been successful for the Tesco Bags of Help. Could you ensure that every time you shop at either Rose Lane, Taw View or the High Street Tesco's that you ask for a disc and pop it into Orchard Vales Project.

Please share this with your families, friends and neighbours.

Thank you.