

NEWSLETTER

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A message from the Head of School.

I hope that you all enjoyed our fabulous World Book Day celebrations this year and I would like to thank Mrs Butler and her team of helpers for a fabulous book fair; I hope that you have all enjoyed reading your new books. To support the Comic Relief appeal this year we will be selling raffle tickets each day and there are some lovely red nose prizes for you to win.

The end of term will soon be upon us and I am very much looking forward to the Easter activities that have been organised. We will again be having a traditional Easter Bonnet parade and this will be a lovely opportunity for the children to show their creative flair. I will also be getting out my apron and mixing bowl in readiness for the staff bake off and look forward to buying a fabulous cake at the Easter auction.

School Council.

The School Council are holding a raffle for Red Nose Day, tickets are still available at 50p per strip. Prizes include soft toys, Deeley Boppers, Pens, Wristbands, badges and noses. Tickets will be drawn in assembly on the 24th March.

The left over money from the Movie Night, run alongside the Little Peoples Council, will be used to give each class an Easter treat of crafts and chocolates towards.

Sponsored Circuits— Dan James a GB Paralympic footballer.

The children's sponsorship money for taking part in the circuits session has raised a total of £935. Orchard Vale will receive £420 to spend on sports equipment and the remainder goes to continuing to support our GB Athletes.

Mr Quilter and Mr Ovey would like to say a huge well done to everybody.



Out and about in the Community.

Community Lunch—Wednesday 8th March.

Both adults and children enjoyed a wonderful roast dinner whilst getting to know each other. Our next dinner will be on **Wednesday May 17th**. If you would like to come and enjoy a roast dinner with the children contact Sue Manley on 01271 375074.



Sporting Success

Tri Golf

10 Children from year 3 / 4 went to Saunton Golf Club to take part in a skill stations workshop. The sun shone and they all had an enjoyable time.

Tag Rugby

12 children from year 5 / 6 went to Park School to represent us in a Tag Rugby Festival. They came 1st in the Park School Grouping and 2nd overall in North Devon.

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Spotlight on staff.

Name: Sarah Huggins

Hobbies: Reading, narrow boating, singing and walking.

Favourite Book: Larkrise to Candleford.

Favourite Film: Star Wars.

Favourite Food: Prawns.

My Hero: Graham Taylor—Led a great football team from division 4 to 1 and advocated kindness to everyone.



Book Fair:

Over £950 worth of books were sold. We get 60% to spend on new books for the children to enjoy. Congratulations to Anoushka, Grace, Olivia, Anna and Sophie who entered Mrs Butler's Book Review Competition.

Future Events:

March 21st— 2 children have been selected for the North Devon Rising Stars Programme and will be attending Branton Academy to take part in a Basketball Workshop.

March 22nd—Mr Quilter's Class are visiting Instow.

March 27th—Year 5/6 Girls Football at Park School.

March 30th—Year 5/6 Boys Football at Park School.

March 30th—Year 5/6 will be watching a live Royal Shakespeare Company Broadcast of the Tempest.

March 31st—Easter Bonnet Parade and Cake Bake Off.

March 31st—School Breaks up for Easter Holidays.

April 18th—Return to school

April 21st —X Country Key Stage 2 at Newport

April 21st - Science Day at Shebbear College Year 5's.

April 25th— Year 2 Tennis.

April 27th —First Grandparent Group.

April 28th —FOOV Bingo Evening 6-9pm.

SHORT TERM MEASURE ADVISED BY PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION UNIT.

Many schools across North Devon have reported numerous cases of children and staff being taken ill with sickness and diarrhoea.

To minimise the spread of this infection please could parents and carers be vigilant about sickness and diarrhoea and ensure a careful hand washing routine at home.

It is important that parents **do not send your child back to school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.**

Your help in adhering to these guidelines will hopefully mean that we can stop this spreading to other children/staff.

Help with diagnosis and cost of treating minor ailments (head lice, diarrhoea etc)

Did you know that if you are under 16 or over 60 you could get help in having minor ailments diagnosed and free prescribed medication under the NHS Minor Ailment Scheme at participating Boots pharmacies (<http://www.boots.com/prescription-support/minorailments>)