



# Beer C of E Primary School

## Friday Flier - 16



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Executive Headteacher: Miss Rebecca Porter

Chair of Governors: Mrs Jean Smith

COMING UP	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Classes 1 & 2 Visit to Peco - bring wellies
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	KS2 SATs meeting for Yr 6 parents - 3.40 - 4.15 in class 4
w/c 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2017	Please note: this date has now been confirmed as KS1 SATs week

### A message from the headteacher:

There was much talk yesterday about whether the snow would come or not and we all awoke with baited breath this morning to see what had transpired overnight. Sadly, it was not to be and no doubt there was some disappointment from the children especially if they saw the coverage of the snow that has hit the northern parts of the UK. The 'big chill' seems to have caused all sorts of traffic chaos with fear of flooding in some parts a worry too. Talking of travel, I was able to accompany some colleagues from St Christopher's Multi Academy Trust (MAT) to Cornwall on Tuesday where we met with staff from a Cornish CoE MAT to share good practice. I also attended a meeting in Exeter on Wednesday evening where MAT colleagues and Governors came together to discuss and share ideas. This opportunity to collaborate and share good practice is very important and helps to ensure that we are doing the best for all children in our care. Yesterday, myself and the Heads of School had a great day looking at collaboration and discussing ways that our two schools can work more closely together. As Helen Keller said, 'Together we can do so much.'

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Miss Porter

### Thank You Certificates

Congratulations to the following children:

**Class 1:** **Kai Josko** for great perseverance when practising his cutting skills, **Elena Adkin** for great work in phonics, **Evie Bowker** for super writing in phonics, and **Fenn Jackson** for great retelling of 'The Train Ride' using a text map.

**Class 2:** **Isabelle Graham** for working hard to successfully achieve her goal, **Oliver Smith** for working hard and showing great resilience, **Eddie Eul-Brown** for getting down to work quickly and keeping focused and **Harley Jackson** for amazing phonics, maths, reading and speaking.

**Class 3:** **Ruby Dack** and **Alfie Manville** for maintaining commitment and enthusiasm in their learning; always trying to complete harder work.

**Class 4 - Miss Randall:** **Jasmine Cornell** for her super work in Literacy during our speaking and listening and **Corey Pritchard** for doing really well in '55 Club'. He has moved up 1 level already!

**Class 4 - Mr Evans:** **Jake Paget** for showing great energy and enthusiasm in his learning and **Jamie Douglas** for great perseverance and trying his very best despite his broken wrist.

**Star Writer: Harley Jackson**



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## THE CHILDREN'S WEEK

**Class 1:** This week, we have started a new sequence on a book called 'The Train Ride' which the children have learned off by heart using a text map and accompanying actions. Reception have started sequencing the story and writing key words and Yr 1 have re-written the text. In Maths, we have continued our work on addition, with reception thinking of number stories for putting together two groups using transport and animals. Year 1 have added number sentences to their practical work and have used tens and ones to represent numbers. For our topic work, reception have looked out and about to see what can be viewed from our class train which they have enjoyed playing in. We will finish, by producing a picture of this using their own choice of paint, pencil crayon or wax crayons. Year 1 have used books to investigate transport and produced very detailed pictures using observation skills. In RE, Year 1 have looked at the creation and reception have considered the characteristics of being a hero.

**Class 2:** This week has seen the start of a new text for the class: a poem called 'The Train Ride'. The children have learnt to recite it using a text map and have looked at the rhyming in the poem. In Maths, we have been trying to find missing numbers in addition and subtraction questions and then use the strategy in problem-solving. In Art, we are looking at drawing different modes of transport using our observational skills.

**Class 3:** This week we have become fully immersed in our new topic 'The Railway Carriage.' The children have begun to create some fantastic rhythms using sounds of trains and clapping; history posters and leaflets looking at the history of the train; and landscapes, what might be outside of the train itself. In literacy we have started looking at the story 'The Firebird', this is an adaptation of the Russian Ballet. The children found it really interesting watching a small segment of the ballet. In Maths we are continuing with number sense looking at adding and taking away 10, 100 and 1000.

**Class 4 - Miss Randall:** Literacy – the children have been familiarising themselves with the non-fiction book; "Survival at 40 degrees above". They have mapped the report and have learnt the structure of a chronological report, in particular focussing on the passing of time. This will help them when they write their own reports. Maths – the children have finished geometric reasoning and have just started our new topic of number sense. We will be revisiting place value and also learning about negative numbers and Roman Numerals.

**Class 4 - Mr Evans:** This has been yet another busy week. The children have written some terrific biographies of Charles Darwin having researched key events in his life; leading to the publication of 'The Origin of Species'. They have also used their map skills to locate where major dinosaur fossil finds have been. We discussed the distribution of fossils around the world and looked at how continental drift may account for this. Year 6 have also been producing fantastic non-chronological report writing, looking at how plants have adapted to extreme cold. They have also been learning how fractions, decimals and percentages relate to each other.

### Spotlight on.....

#### Mrs Amanda Blackmore

I have been a School Administrator for 6½ years and am looking forward to my new role as Admin and Finance Manager at the Ark Federation. I will complete my diploma in School Business Management in July. I have already met many parents and look forward to meeting more over the coming weeks. I am enjoying getting to know the children; thank you to all the staff and parents for making me feel so welcome.

I live in Exmouth with my husband Neil (we have been together for nearly 30 years!) and have a daughter Erin, 13 and son Tom, 10. We moved to Exmouth in 2004 from Cheltenham, where I spent 12 years working for the Royal Bank of Scotland Corporate Bank (before the bank crisis!). We love living in Devon, my husband and children surf and paddle board while I enjoy reading a book on the beach! Our New Year's goal is to save up for a holiday to Australia and New Zealand to visit family in a few years' time.



### Primary School Admissions

If you have not already done so, primary school applications for September 2017 are open and can be made online at

[www.devon.gov.uk/admission](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admission)

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Helpline on 0845 155 1019

or email:

[primaryschooladmissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:primaryschooladmissions@devon.gov.uk)

– the closing date

is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2017**.

### Reminders/Information: Classes 1 and 2 - Pecorama Gardens Visit

On Wednesday next week, 18<sup>th</sup> January, classes 1 and 2 will be visiting Pecorama gardens as part of their transport theme to look at and draw the train track (among other things). Please send your child to school with wellies on this day. If you are able to accompany us and help out with the visit, please see Mrs Martin or Mrs Hawtin, thank you.

## BEER BLAZER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We would like to start by saying a massive THANK YOU to Katherine Reed for organising such a mammoth event for the last 5 years.

This year, we have taken on the organisation of the Beer Blazer and are looking for a team of willing volunteers to help coordinate the event. This is a vital fundraising event for the federation and all proceeds get spent on the children.

The key areas in which we need people to help organise are;

- The marshals
- Advertising
- Sponsorship (and people to sponsor)
- Ordering race numbers
- Marking the course.

If you are able to spare some time we would like to hold a meeting next Wednesday 18th January at 3pm in the staff room. Please sign up on the sheet in the office.

If you would like to be involved but cannot make this date, please can you sign up on the sheet in the office so we can contact you for future meetings.

### Lost Property

Austin Gribble has lost a special Captain America drinks bottle, please can everyone check at home/in trays/bags etc. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Beer Staff Team

## Community Events & Notices

### Holidays

When parents from Beer Primary School book their holiday through Janine Bedford (Hannah's mum), she will kindly make a donation to the PTFA. Janine works from home and outside normal working hours, so for your travel arrangements, whether it be a family holiday in the Med, city break to Prague, car hire, or a round the world itinerary, why not give her a call? 07973 163383, email [Janine.bedford@travelcounsellors.com](mailto:Janine.bedford@travelcounsellors.com) or visit my face book

page <https://www.facebook.com/Janine-Bedford-Travel-Counsellor>

100% ATOL FINANCIAL PROTECTION.

BOOKING VALUE IN £'S	PAYMENT TO SCHOOL
100 - 500	£2.50
501 - 1000	£5.00
1001-2500	£10.00
2501- 5000	£15.00
5001- 7500	£20.00
7501- 10000	£25.00
10001-20000	£30.00
20000+	£50.00

AT THE TIME OF BOOKING PLEASE INFORM YOUR TRAVEL COUNSELLOR OF THE SCHOOL NAME. PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE AFTER DATE OF TRAVEL AT END OF SCHOOL TERM.

### Sidmouth Rugby Club - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017 - 12.30 - 4.30pm

Welcomes all girls, any ability to come and have fun, play rugby and make new friends at our Rugby Fun Day 6yrs - 18yrs. Sidmouth Pavillions, Byes Lane, Sidford, EX10 9QX. For more information, contact Pam, 07799 090900.

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