



Beer C of E Primary School

Friday Flier - 18



Friday 27th January 2017

Executive Headteacher: Miss Rebecca Porter

Chair of Governors: Mrs Jean Smith

COMING UP	
Wednesday 1 st February	Beer Blazer Meeting - 2.45pm in the staff room
Friday 3 rd February	Interim Reports home to parents (yrs 1 - 6 only)
w/c 6 th February	Parent Consultations Week
Monday 6 th February	Class 3 Gymnastics Festival at Colyton Grammar School
Wednesday 8 th February	East Devon Netball Hi 5 Finals at The Kings School, Ottery St Mary (selected team)

A message from the headteacher:

The chill in the air has certainly been noticeable this week and it has been good to see many of the children sporting their hats and gloves. Friday's thank you service is always a good way to end the week to celebrate the children's achievements; we are just starting to use the screen in the corridor to share pictures of those who have received a certificate. If your child has had a thank you certificate – why not pop in to look at the screen during drop off/pick up times. Life in school is always busy, but next week seems to be one of those where everything falls at once. On Tuesday I am in Exeter with other leaders and senior leaders from St Christopher's MAT on a network day and on Thursday and Friday, I am in Taunton on the Spring term residential of a Church of England course I am undertaking this year. As always, I can be easily contacted through the school office; I always make daily contact with them wherever I am and of course, Mr Evans is here as Head of School to help answer any queries or questions. I will be in on Monday though and thankfully the following week is looking a little clearer.

Best wishes, Miss Porter

Thank You Certificates

Congratulations to the following children:

Class 1: **George Burrige** for trying with his writing and using his phonic skills, **Austin Gribble** for always being enthusiastic and answering questions, **Dolly Bird** for a super picture of the Good Samaritan story from which she could really talk about what had happened and **Emerald Black** for her great sounding out and blending when reading.

Class 2: **Kian Aris** for working hard on joining his handwriting, **Korbyn Webber** for trying hard with his good behaviour, **Lily Stobbs** for being resilient in Maths when adding 10 to different numbers and **All of Year 1** for excellent behaviour at the Axe Valley dance festival.

Class 3: **Lauren Aris** for working hard in Maths and having the confidence to answer questions on the carpet and **Lana Partridge** for great effort and concentration in Maths and English all week.

Class 4 - Miss Randall: **Freddie Copp** for using and applying his knowledge of place value to problem solving and **Fahim Bhuiyan** for working really hard with his writing by checking his work makes sense and correcting himself.

Class 4 - Mr Evans: **Millie Prior** and **Luca Radford** for brilliant work in Maths, showing resilience and determination with tackling percentage problems.

Star Writer: Freyja Clist



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THE CHILDREN'S WEEK

Class 1: Our Literacy work, has focused on how we can find words that rhyme and we have used this to adapt our key text to write 'The Bus Ride' which Year 1 have written up and Reception have written rhyming strings. In Maths, we have been counting in tens and using this to work on reading and writing larger numbers and showing with Numicon. Reception have been counting to match different numbers. In RE, Reception enjoyed the story of The Good Samaritan and discussed how we all need to help everyone, whilst Year 1 wrote prayers to thank God for the creation. In topic work, Year 1 have designed their own version of Mrs Armitage's vehicle and Reception have been shown how to use their personal log in details on the computer and enjoyed using a paint program, the BeeBots and interactive whiteboard. We will continue this next week so we can rotate the activities. Having created backgrounds using vehicle tracks last week, we will end the week painting vehicles.

Class 2: In RE the Year 1 and 2 children wrote prayers to go in the reflective corner in the classroom about God's creation of the world. In maths the children have been working with money to look at 10 more and 10 less. Year 2 were extending their number work to look at numbers up to 1000. In Literacy the focus has been on identifying nouns in their poetry to develop their own writing and looking at punctuation in sentences. Our topic on vehicles has progressed in an exciting way; the children have invented their own bicycles that can do all manners of things, such as providing a shower or snack bar. Now the class are looking at designing a moving vehicle which they will begin to build next week.

Class 3: We've had an enjoyable week in Fox Class, creating some fantastically descriptive ideas to use within our invent stage of the Firebird. The children have really progressed in their writing and I am looking forward to reading them next week. We have also begun looking at the Jewish and Christian creation story. The children have taken part in a visualisation session where they are beginning to discuss 'WOW Factors' of the world around us.

Class 4 - Miss Randall: In Literacy, the children went outside this week to observe the sounds, colours and the setting outside the classroom. They continued in the classroom by researching which animals and insects would be found in this environment. The children then moved on to planning and starting to write a chronological report about the different times of the day in the wildlife area. In Maths this week, the children have finished their place value unit of work and will be starting the next one which is formal written methods of addition and subtraction.

Class 4 - Mr Evans: This week, class 4 have been discovering why Madagascar is such a unique environment with 80% of its animals being found nowhere else in the world. We discussed how this was possible and why it also makes Madagascar such a vulnerable ecosystem. The children have used their questioning skills and geographical skills to locate the island and study the variety of habitats in which the animals live. Year 6 have been writing their non-chronological reports on animal adaptations and in Maths they have been calculating percentages.

Reminders/Information:

Eco Club - please bring in wellies/old trousers/clothes to wear as we will be spending time outside digging etc. and may get muddy!

School Milk - if your child is under 5 they are entitled to free milk at school but you must register for this either online at www.coolmilk.com, email registration@coolmilk.com or collect a form from school reception. For further information, telephone 0844 854 2913. If your child is over 5, you can still register them, in the same way, for school milk at a minimal cost.

School Team Kit

Please could anyone that still has a school kit at home return them as soon as possible as there are still a few outstanding. Thank you.

Year 1 Dance Festival

On Tuesday morning, Year 1 went to Axe Valley for a dance festival organised by Miss Oxley. During the



morning, the children were split into groups for a carousel of activities included interpretations of different animals from the story 'Giraffes Can't Dance'. They all had a lovely time and behaved beautifully too.

BEER BLAZER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

The next Beer Blazer committee meeting is on Wednesday 1st February at 2:45pm in the staff room.

It is not too late to join, the more the merrier.

If you are unable to attend the next meeting but would still like to be involved, please ensure you have signed up on the sheet in the office. Many thanks.

Thank you for your continued support, The Beer Staff Team

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Community Events & Notices

Sidmouth Rugby Club - Sunday 5th 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.

Scomis' Online Safety Newsletter for Early Years – Issue 1

For Parents and Carers:

Welcome to the new Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for parents and carers of 0-5 year olds.

We know that parents and carers are concerned about their children's safety 'Online', i.e. what to do about it and where to find help and information. Published each term, this special section for parents and carers will proactively provide advice - for example, signposting resources, the risks of using technology at an early age and much more!

Setting up Parental Controls

Major Internet Service Providers and mobile operators **DO** have 'Parental Controls' Set-Up Guides. Access to inappropriate content can be less complicated and faster than parents think.

Do you know how to:

- **Set up broadband filters?**
- **Set up parental controls?**
- **Download age appropriate apps?**

The UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC) 'Parent's Guide to Technology' has lots of helpful information for parents about smartphones, tablets and gaming devices. Download their guide: <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-to-technology>

Designed specifically for parents internetmatters.org website offers a wealth of up-to-date unbiased information and advice: <http://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/interactive-guide/>

Have you heard of YouTube for Kids?

YouTube Kids gives your family an easy way to watch favourite programmes and explore. It's free, simple to use and full of family-friendly videos:

<https://kids.youtube.com/>

Do you know that too much or poor quality screen time has been linked to:

- Obesity
- Irregular sleep schedules and shorter duration of sleep
- Behavioural problems
- Loss of social skills
- Violence
- Less time for play

Read the article in full at:

<http://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/childrens-health/in-depth/children-and-tv/art-20047952>

Have you considered?

- Using an egg timer to time how long your child/children are watching the screen/playing games
- Choosing Apps/games together which are both educational and fun
- Checking the games your child/children play

Review Childnet's Online Safety advice for parents and teach your child/children about Smartie the Penguin

- Use the Childnet resource 'Smartie the Penguin' and teach your child/children the rhyme:

<http://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin>

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