



Beer C of E Primary School

Friday Flier - 20



Friday 10th February 2017

Executive Headteacher: Miss Rebecca Porter

Chair of Governors: Mrs Jean Smith

COMING UP	
Wednesday 22 nd February	Class 3 Swimming Gala
Wednesday 1 st March	Stockland Cross Country (arrive 3.45pm)
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day - Julia Donaldson book theme (see below)
Thursday 9 th March	Parent Forum – report feedback and discussion at 9am & 3pm
Wednesday 22 nd March	Next Beer Blazer Meeting

A message from the headteacher:

I know staff have been busy meeting with you this week; I hope you found the interim reports and parent consultations useful and if you have any feedback, we'd love to hear it. Don't forget that Mr Evans and I will be running a forum to give you the opportunity to talk to us about the interim reports and proposed end of year report format on Thursday 9th March at 9am and 3pm. On Tuesday, Mr Evans and I went to the Devon Primary Heads briefing and school funding was a hotly debated topic. We know that funding is becoming more and more stretched for schools as although the amount per pupil has remained the same for the past few years, in real terms, this has been a cut for school budgets because funding has not kept up with the rate of inflation, therefore expenditure is increasing but income is not. The website www.schoolcuts.org.uk aims to raise awareness of the funding problems schools face. At the top, there are links to sign a petition/email our local constituency MP about the possible future funding cuts; I will be writing to our local MP over the weekend and would encourage you to add your name to the petition as we need to protect funding for our children. The National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) is actively campaigning about school funding – their 'Breaking Point' report showed that schools are experiencing increasing difficulties in relation to school funding. There were certainly many head teachers on Tuesday who spoke very passionately about the subject of school funding.

I hope you have an enjoyable half term next week – many of the children have already spoken with excitement about some of the activities they have planned.

Best wishes, Miss Porter

Thank You Certificates

Congratulations to the following children:

Class 1: Evie Bowker for a super picture of Noah's Ark and **Jimi Rowe** for writing a fantastic postcard independently.

Class 2: Silas Moore for diligence in all his classwork, **Thomas Llewellyn** for excellent phonics work and **Sofia Aris** for adding up groups of ten in Maths.

Class 3: Gabby Sweetland and **Isabella Green** for jointly creating some amazing slogans in Literacy and **Taylor Heddington** for his determination when completing word problems in Maths.

Class 4 - Miss Randall: Evie Wilkins for fantastic mental Maths and **Sophie Absalom** for confidently adding and subtracting 4 digit numbers.

Class 4 - Mr Evans: Evan Hourihan for excellent effort, hard work and making fantastic contributions to class discussions and **Leo Weatherall** for a fantastic attitude and making great progress in Maths.

From the MTAs: Luca Radford and **Millie Prior** for running an amazing 'huff and puff' session.

Star Writer: Leo Gribble



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Safeguarding

We appreciate that some of you will have younger/pre-school age children that you will be bringing in to school with you at pick up/drop off times and that you may need to accompany them to the toilet.

In order to protect yourself and comply with our **safeguarding procedures**, please ensure that you use the staff toilet located between the office and the staffroom and **NOT** the toilets used by the school children. Thank you for your cooperation.

THE CHILDREN'S WEEK

Class 1: We have continued our 'Out and About' theme by conducting traffic surveys with Year 1 being introduced to tally marks and Reception using a tick system. We have role-played crossing the road safely and Year 1 have produced a page of information for their non-fiction books while Reception have used their phonics to write a caption for their pictures on crossing the road. In RE, we have enjoyed the story of Noah's Ark and Reception have linked counting in twos to the story and written the pattern. Year 1 have been introduced to arrays and repeated addition. In topic, Year 1 are close to finishing their vehicles and Reception have enjoyed learning about technology by using the photocopier to take a photo of their learning and the microwave to make porridge.

Class 2: This week Year 1 and 2 have continued their Design and Technology project; building and finishing their vehicles. The range of work is wonderful, with some very inventive ways of making the vehicles move. The children have worked very diligently and with a great deal of independence. We walked into Beer on Wednesday to carry out a Traffic Survey and we were surprised at the amount of traffic that travels up and down the High Street. In Literacy, we have started to look at non-fiction books on Transport and have studied Glossaries, Indexes, and Contents. In Maths, the children have been using money to count in tens and to add up and take away numbers.

Class 3: We have been concentrating on multi-step word problems in Maths, looking at how we can adapt our prior understanding to answer questions involving length, money and capacity. The children have worked really hard and produced some excellent word problems of their own. In Literacy, we have been working on creating our own slogans for a campaign, we've looked at how music can evoke emotion and keep an advert in your head for days. (We're still singing the Sainsbury's Christmas advert we learnt on Monday.) During the afternoons we have begun to evaluate our topic work. You are more than welcome to come and view our final hallway display of 'From a Railway Carriage' - you can't miss it!

Class 4 - Miss Randall: In Literacy, I have been really impressed with the children's chronological reports; the final drafts have now been written. It has been lovely to see how the link between homework and school work can be so productive! The children enjoyed researching their different environments and writing about them in school. Well done class 4! In Maths, the children have been working on their formal written methods for addition and subtraction and applying them to problem solving. They have also continued to practise their mental strategies.

Class 4 - Mr Evans: It has been another busy week with a whole range of activities going on. On Monday, the Year 5's explored how characteristics could be determined from environmental factors or are inherited from parents/ancestors. This led to the children carrying out a survey to find variation within our own class. On Tuesday, we were fortunate to have a visit from Chris Andrews (Education Officer from The Lyme Regis Museum), who brought fossils to share with the children and talked about the work of Palaeontologists. The children have also been writing and painting their own creation stories in RE.

Year 6 have been working hard again this week. In English, they have been identifying what makes a good piece of persuasive writing and designing a campaign to save an endangered species. In Maths, we have been solving problems involving time.

Requests

- Mrs Martin would be grateful for the donation of any **small coat hangers** for class 1 please. Thank you.
- Please **DO NOT PARK** cars (during pick and drop off) so that they are obstructing the entrance to the school gates as access is required at all times for emergency/delivery vehicles etc.

World Book Day - Julia

Donaldson theme - Thurs 2nd March

The theme for our World Book Day this year is Julia Donaldson books.



We would like to encourage the children to come to school on this day dressed up as one of the characters from a Julia Donaldson book. For ideas, visit the website: <http://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk/>

The 'Big Schools Birdwatch' - Classes 2 & 3

On Monday class 2 & 3 went on a birdwatch on the school playground. We all had lots of fun!! We were first put in partners, one class 2 child and one class 3 child. Then we were given a piece of paper with a selection of birds and numbers on it. This helped us to identify the different species of birds.



We were allowed 15 minutes to spot as many birds as we could. Before we left the hall we decided on some golden rules; we had to be quiet so the birds weren't scared away and we also had to stay with our partner. We were successful! To finish the lesson, we went on the RSPB website to input our results. This will help the RSPB see what birds might be endangered or even very popular. By Class 3.

Gymnastics Celebration Festival - Class 3

On Monday afternoon Class 3 went to a gymnastics celebration festival at Colyton Grammar School. We had some time to practice our routines that we had learnt in our PE lessons. Then, we watched Colyton Primary School who produced a very professional, fantastic performance followed by Seaton, Kilmington, Shute and All Saints. We were very lucky that thanks to Mrs Adkin we had some superb music to perform to! Mrs Anne Harris was thrilled with our routines and really liked the different balances we used. Finally we were able to watch a gymnast called Violet from Honiton Gymnastics Club, who has already competed at the British Gymnastics Competition in 2015. This was inspiring and made us want to learn more about gymnastics.



P.E. & Cookery Workshop

Today Freddie, Evie, Kyla, Corey, Daisy and Isabelle were chosen to take part in a variety of different activities along with children from Shute and Colyton Primary Schools.

We started with physical activities and tried Taekwondo, Dance, Zumba and finished with cooking. First we got changed and went into the hall to wait for the other schools. Then we were taught some dances, that was really fun!!! We also did some team based activities with new people. Then we took part in some Taekwondo (punching, kicking and ducking). After that, we did some cooking, with a lady called Karen Fanzo. We made pizza with different kinds of ingredients! Our favourite was sweetcorn, tomatoes, peppers and pesto!! It was a great day!

By Freddie Copp and Evie Wilkins

East Devon Hi 5's Netball

On Wednesday a selection of the year 5/6 netball team attended the East Devon Finals competition at The Kings School, Ottery. This was in a bid to get through to represent East Devon at the Devon Finals.



Miss Studley and I are both extremely proud of the effort and determination demonstrated by all members of the team. Our first game was against Bassets Farm (who won the competition last year). Our defence was excellent, although Bassets kept pushing, but we fought back to gain possession of the ball. This unfortunately ended in a defeat, however the children kept their spirits high and against Uffculme produced some phenomenal netball play. It is a magical moment watching them demonstrate all the skills we have learnt from September with such ease. Although it was a close fight, with goal difference in mind, we made it out of the group stages and through to the quarter finals. Sadly this is where our journey ended with a 5-1 defeat against Plymtree. Although we only made it to the quarter finals, this is an amazing effort. We managed to maintain our ranking as one of the top 8 of 57 schools in East Devon!!

Please congratulate the children - not only did they represent our school well but they were also awarded **The Spirit of the Games Award** meaning that Beer are the Fair Play winners 2017.

Chess Club News

The children have just completed Week 2 of the Delancey UK Schools' Chess Challenge, which will run up until Easter within school. During the course of the competition all players (provided they play a minimum of 3 weeks) will receive a prize. Age group finalists may then go forward to compete at The County Megafinal.



Fossil Talk - Class 4

Today we learnt about fossils with Luca and Amelie's mum, Bridget and Lyme Regis

Museum worker, Chris Andrews. He brought loads of ammonites



and dinosaur fossils and tons of fascinating facts. He said ammonites are believed to be squid with shells on them and two air holes to breathe! He said the biggest fossil he had ever found was an ichthyosaur that was about 4m. The biggest ammonite ever found was in Germany and was as tall as the school roof and about 5 tables long. There were lots of fun fossils and facts, I had a wonderful time listening to Chris and Bridget. By Leo Gribble.

Zumba - have fun & improve fitness & confidence levels

New children are welcome to join the termly classes after the Half-Term break - Every Friday RECOMMENCING February 24th 2017 - 3.30pm - 4.15pm Beer Little Starz* Zumba - HALL

Remaining Spring Class Dates:

February 24th March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st.

The cost of each class is £4 per child, with termly fees paid upon first lesson. If you would like to book your child a place, please contact Johanna directly on 07739518587 or at johanna@jmdancefit.co.uk For further details, please visit www.jmdancefit.co.uk

Lost Property

Maisie Clist has lost a pair of named, P.E. shorts, please can everyone check bags and at home etc. Thanks.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Beer Staff Team

Community Events & Notices

Saints Southwest - February Half Term Soccer Schools

Saints Southwest are running February Half Term Soccer Schools from JUST £7.50** for a full course 10am-3pm! Courses running in Paignton**, North Devon, Plymouth**, Crediton, Exeter**, Kingsbridge, Ottery St Mary & Newton Abbot**. Children aged 7-12 can attend 10am-3pm while children aged 4-6 can attend 1.30pm-3pm. Please note these are guideline ages.

To BOOK please visit www.saintssouthwest.co.uk or call 01803 206350.

East Devon Countryside Events

Wildlife gardening, Tuesday 14 February, 10am to 2pm at Seaton Wetlands, £7.50 per bird box, £3 for other crafts, No booking required

Help the Seaton Wetlands Rangers in the wildlife garden

Bird watching for Children, Tuesday 14 February, 3pm to 4pm, The Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands, Suggested donation £2 per child, book online: wildeastdevon.co.uk (or contact the Countryside team 01395 517557, countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk)

Join an expert guide as they introduce you to the art of bird watching

Bird and bug box making, Thursday 16 February, 1pm to 3pm, Phear Park, Exmouth, £7.50 per bird box, donations for other crafts, book online: wildeastdevon.co.uk (or contact the Countryside team 01395 517557, countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk)

Join the Countryside Education Rangers and make homes for the wildlife in your garden.

Bird ringing demonstration, Tuesday 21 February, 9am to 11am, The Discovery Hut at Seaton Wetlands, free, no booking required

Bird ringing demonstration by Axe Estuary Ringing Group. An exciting chance to see wild birds up close as they are ringed to allow us to obtain important data about them.

Wildlife gardening at Cranbrook, Saturday 25 February, 10am to 12noon, Younghayes Community Centre, Cranbrook, free, no booking required.

Help the Country Park Ranger in the Cranbrook Country Park Wildlife garden.

What's that bird? Saturday 25 February, 11am to 1pm, The Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands, Free, no booking required.

Whatever your experience come along and improve your bird identification skills

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