



# Beer C of E Primary School

## Friday Flier - 31



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Executive Headteacher: Miss Rebecca Porter

Chair of Governors: Mrs Jean Smith

COMING UP	
w/c Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Key Stage 1 SATs week (year 2 only)
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr 6 Rockley Residential
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of this half term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school

### A message from Miss Porter:

It seems the weather didn't dampen the spirits of our year 3 and 4 children at the start of the week; a full residential report can be read at the end of the flier. We are proud of the children for overcoming some of the fears they had, as well as for remaining so up-beat during their 2 days away. Thank you to Miss Squire, Mr Simier, Miss Studley and Mr Teasdale for accompanying the children and giving up some of their time to make the visit possible. As we head into the final week of the half term, I am sure the year 6 children are looking forward to their Rockley residential. Historically, the weather has been kind to them so let's hope they don't get too wet one way or another! The year 5 also have a series of activity days planned to look forward to. We'll do our best to post updates on twitter for both - signal and internet permitting of course! Mrs Blackmore and I have had a busy week with preparing for and attending a budget setting workshop on Thursday. Next week the diary looks full again as I am at a Devon Primary Heads meeting on Tuesday then I'm aiming to go and visit the children at Rockley, as I have done in previous years, to see how they are getting on. As always, I can be contacted through the school office if needed. It's the year 2 SATs next week; we are very proud of all the hard work the children have put in and on behalf of the school community, I'd like to wish them good luck. I hope they enjoy the experience as much as the year 6 did!

Best wishes, Miss Porter

### Thank You Certificates

Congratulations to the following children:

**Class 1:** **Grace Green** for amazing writing, **Evie Bowker** for great work on adding with Numicon and recording number sentences, **Imara Smith** for great effort with writing and maths and **Gabriella Silva Shaw** for showing great focus in her learning and wanting to do the best she can.

**Class 2:** **Isabelle Langham, Darcy Bucklar Green** and **Esme Gough** for effort in all their work and **Oliver Smith** for excellent hard work in preparation for SATs.

**Class 3:** **Jasmine Cornell, Lily Bowker** and **Isabella Green** for working really well as a team and helping each other through the swamp walk and **Luke Flannigan** for his beautiful detailed diary.

**Class 4 - Miss Randall/Mrs Teasdale:** **Evie Wilkins** for helping to keep the classroom tidy, **Corey Pritchard** for working hard and being on your best behaviour and **Josh Priestley** for working hard and listening well.

**Class 4 - Mr Evans:** **Leo Weatherall** for excellent effort and attitude in English, producing some terrific work and **Jen Patchett** for using a range of shading techniques to great effect in art.

**Star Writer: Harley Jackson**



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## THE CHILDREN'S WEEK

**Class 1:** Addition has been our main focus in Maths this week and a variety of resources have been used to practise adding skills with the emphasis being on counting on. In Literacy, we have started writing reports by explaining to the new children what we enjoy doing in school. In topic, Year 1 have looked at the life cycle of a bean and what conditions they need to keep them healthy and Reception have looked at the parts of a plant and what they do to help it grow. In RE, Year 1 have shared the story of 'Heaven' by Nicholas Allen and have thought about how to describe heaven in words or drawn pictures. Lots of sticky fingers were evident as Reception enjoyed icing cakes to raise money for the Children's Society. Thank you very much for your donations which will be sent off next week. On the laptops, great fun has been had in creating pictures of living things using the different tools and showing good control of the touchpad.

**Class 2:** We have had a great deal of success this week with our beans and tadpoles. Both things are growing and thriving at the moment. Some of the beans have started to grow roots and shoots and a few of the tadpoles have back legs. The children are keeping a 'bean diary' to record the progress of the plants. We have also looked at how we use water and have begun to make posters to put up around school; encouraging everyone to be more economical with their use of water.

In R.E. we watched and read the story of 'Heaven' by Nicholas Allen; a lovely story about a little girl and her dog, Dill who is getting ready to go to heaven. The two talk about their own ideas of what heaven must be like. Year 1 and 2 children then thought about their own ideas of heaven and recorded their ideas with words and images. In Maths, Year 2 have continued to work hard with their revision for SATs, whilst Year 1 have been using a variety of apparatus to practise addition. In Literacy, we have begun a new genre; non-chronological reports. We have begun by doing an elicitation task; writing a report about Class 2.

**Class 3:** Our main event this week was our residential visit to Escot on Monday and Tuesday. Upon our return, we have enjoyed reminiscing while writing a detailed diary and thank you cards. A full Escot report can be found at the end of the newsletter.

**Class 4:** Class 4 have had another busy week. They have begun creating their presentations to pitch their business ideas. Successful presentations will result in the group earning £5 to invest into their business venture. They have also been developing their artistic skills. The children have been looking at shade and tone in pencil drawings and used view finders to focus on a small area of the picture.

Year 6 have been working on creating atmospheric writing and developing variety in the way they start their sentences.

## Reminders / Notices

**Class 1 Request:** If you have any spare/outgrown girls pants, socks and tights that class 1 could have for their 'spares box', please pass them onto Mrs Martin. Thanks.

**West Country School Music** has now finished for this half term. Lessons will recommence after half term on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Thank you for your continued support,  
The Beer Staff Team

## Community Events & Notices

### Chard & District Swimming Club

Have your children almost finished their swimming badges and don't know what to do next?

Chard & District Swimming Club is a competitive club with swimmers aged 6 years and over, who train at three different swimming pools in the local area:

#### Axminster Flamingo Pool, Chard 1610 & Crewkerne Aqua Centre.

Swimmers make new friends, improve and develop their swimming techniques, take part in team events, swim in our own Club Gala's and also compete in individual events at Open Meets in the South West.

Please visit our club website or contact us by email for more information about a free trial: [info@chardswimming.org.uk](mailto:info@chardswimming.org.uk)

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### **Thelma Hulbert Gallery - Garden Party with Art Activities - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May - 5.00 - 9.00pm**

Relax amid the wild flowers and enjoy an evening of art activities including making willow bird feeders and pompoms, face painting and music all the way from the U.S.A. The amazing bluegrass duo [‘The Lowest Pair’](#) from Minneapolis will be playing at the garden party as part of their UK tour.

The gallery’s new exhibition *Blooming Marvellous*, featuring a spectacular life-size knitted garden will also be opening late for the party. This family-friendly event is part of the national [Museums at Night festival](#).

### **All Stars Cricket - Seaton Cricket Club - Starting Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

All Stars Cricket is a brand new 8-week programme for 5-8 years olds who are new to the game. The focus is on having fun, making friends and learning new skills through cricket related games and activities. Seaton Cricket Club is running the programme on Friday evenings from 1600hrs and would love to see you there. All participants get their own bat, ball, backpack, drinks bottle, hat and t-shirt to bring along and to practice with at home! If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Pritchard at [steve.pritchard@devoncricket.co.uk](mailto:steve.pritchard@devoncricket.co.uk)

### **South West Youth Games - East Devon Team - Street Sports Trial - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May - 4.30 - 6.30pm**

We need a team for this year’s South West Youth Games Street Sports Team. Mixed team of BMX, skateboard and scooters with 2 - 4 riders for each discipline. School years 4 - 11 can take part. At Ottery St Mary skatepark, behind astroturf at Kings School/Ottery Leisure Centre. Contact person: Mark Gerry - 07889 645534. [mgerry@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:mgerry@eastdevon.gov.uk) - please contact me to register interest, participants must be available on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

### **Sidmouth Golf Club - Fun Golf Open Day - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May - 2.30 - 4.30pm**

For children 9 - 15 years old. No golfing experience required, all equipment provided on the day, complimentary squash and biscuits. Call now to reserve your child’s place. Tel: 01395 513451. [secretary@sidmouthgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@sidmouthgolfclub.co.uk)

### **Half Term Activities at Seaton and Colyton Libraries**

#### **Wednesday 31 May 2.30pm – Meet Claire Barker, author of the Knitbone Pepper series at Seaton Library**

Claire will visit Seaton Library at 2.30pm on Wednesday 31 May for an hour of animals, hats, singing bowls, a mystery suitcase and bad juggling. Tickets are available from Seaton Library and the Owl & Pyramid Bookshop, price £3. Suitable for children aged 6+.

#### **Thursday 1 June 11am – 1pm and 2 – 4pm Lovely Ugly Bug Ball – Seaton Library**

FREE drop in family craft activity with Ruth Worsley from the Legacy to Landscape Project suitable for all ages – you can help us recycle old books to create an alphabet of bugs and beasts, or make a mini wildlife banner (or both!). Legacy to Landscape is a three year project involving the community and celebrates a hidden area of landscape in an area of East Devon based on a 1780s map of the Shute estate.

#### **Friday 2 June – 3-D Printing Workshops with FabLab Devon at Colyton Library**

FabLab Devon will be visiting Colyton Library this Half Term to run two 3-D printing workshops for both children and adults. You will learn how to make a 3-D keyring and personalise it using the latest technology and you can see designs being printed off on the 3-D printer.

Both workshops are taking place on Friday 2 June and will cost £15 per person. The children’s session is suitable for children aged 8 - 16 and will run from 10.30 – 12 noon and the adult workshop will run from 1 – 2.30pm.

Booking is essential as places are limited to 10 people per workshop. You can book your place through the FabLab website

<http://www.fablabdevon.org/events-workshops/>

### **LEAF Open Farm Sunday - 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017 - Gatcombe Farm, Seaton, EX12 3AA - 11am - 4pm**

Discover the world of farming: robotic cow milking, cow foot trimming demonstration, sheep shearing demonstration, speak to the farm vet, farm nutritionist, visit the calf rearing area, guided farm tour on tractor and trailer to see the pigs, crops and other livestock, tractor and machinery area, food and refreshments provided by Bartlett’s Farm Shop, local farmhouse ice-cream.

Free admissions but donations appreciated to chosen local charity Devon Freewheelers. Well behaved dogs welcome on leads. For more information please contact 01297 21235.

# Class 3 Escot Residential Report

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What a wet, yet exciting residential! Unfortunately, Class 3 don't seem too lucky with the weather during their residential! However, the children were fantastic and decided to get on with it, whatever the weather. Some particular highlights from the staff were watching children face their fears when attempting the drop slide (with many returning for a second attempt); an excellent whole class sing song around the campfire while toasting marshmallows; seeing all children work hard and wash up after their dinner, (I wonder how many do that at home); a rather early 4:30 am wake-up call by peacocks and children, something Miss Studley and I are not used to and finally, the wonderful swamp walk ... who knew it was going to be that cold, burrrrrr! I would like to pass you over to the children to tell you about their residential!

## **Day one by Jasmine Cornell,**

On Monday we took our annual residential to Escot. During our first day we clambered into our tiny bunks and began to make our beds so we could fall into them and sleep later. After a time, when we had finished making our beds, we began to sit down and listen to the yurt rules that the leaders, Scott, Laura and Vic said! As they talked, they exclaimed that they had a top cat named Tiger, he was a ginger and white colour and LOVED coming in the yurts.

Soon, we appeared at our beds and put on our warm coats. We then gathered in the porch to pull on our wellies and follow the leaders. Laura and Scott showed us where their short-clawed otters were and told us all we needed to know about otters. While they were talking, the 6 otters sat upon some smelly water and climbed up rocks. A few minutes later, the keeper came to feed them. They ate sweetcorn, peas and turkey mince.....eww!

Later, we saw Staffen, the British Wild Cat, he was a mixture of black and brown and he looked like a tabby cat. The wild cats are much bigger than normal. He didn't come out of his house that much because it was pouring with cold rain! Slowly and silently we squelched until we saw a pack of wolves, no public are allowed to see them because they are extremely new and in quarantine, but we were really lucky and saw them because we were with an Escot Leader.

Half an hour later, we walked home, well back to our yurt, so we could see our delicious food to eat from our lunch box. After lunch we saw the drop slide, it was a slide that goes straight down and then there was a curve at the bottom. Lots of people were scared, but I was the first one to be brave and slide down, it was really fun! From there we saw the wild boar, we talked about them and also got to feed them with vegetables, such as cauliflower, cabbage, carrots, lettuce and finally pellets.

Next, we saw the lynx; they look like tigers but a different colour. Also, they had hair behind their ears, it was cute. They both sat up upon an old dark brown branch. Finally, during our animal day, the last animal we saw was the squirrels. We were really lucky because the squirrels got really close. Laura said that's only the 3rd time that they've ever got that close since she's been working at Escot.

Before bed, we had dinner, ran around the maze, sang a few songs around the campfire and read some funny Horrid Henry stories.



## Day Two by Sophie Absalom,

We woke up really early on Tuesday! Miss Squire said we were allowed into the main yurt at 6am, but we were all awake by 5am. For breakfast we had bacon butties and they were delicious. When we finished eating, year 4 did the dishes and then we set off to complete some bushcraft activities. First, we were split into our year groups. Year 4 were making fires, it was very interesting and we learned a lot. While we did this, Year 3's were creating A-frame shelters. Then we swapped over. After that, we went back to the yurt to get changed into our swamp gear. This was really exciting. My favourite thing of the whole residential was the swamp. It was cold, wet and slimy. We were not allowed in the shower, so when we returned from the swamp, Scott hosed us off with cold water. Finally, we packed up, ate lunch and said goodbye. I really enjoyed my time at Escot and look forward to my Year 6 residential now!!

