



Beer C of E Primary School

Friday Flier - 22



Friday 23rd February 2018

Executive Headteacher: Miss Rebecca Porter

Chair of Governors: Mrs Jean Smith

COMING UP	
Monday 26 th February	Classes 1 & 2 Peco Woodland Walk - parents volunteers needed please
Wednesday 28 th February	Year 3 / 4 Swimming Gala
Wednesday 28 th February	Stockland Cross Country
Thursday 1 st March	Fire & Rescue 'staying safe' presentation - years 1, 2, 5 & 6
Friday 2 nd March	School World Book Day Celebrations (see information below)
Thursday 8 th March	Beer Blazer Meeting - 3.30pm - staff room
w/c Monday 12 th March	Environmental Week

A message from Miss Porter & Mr Evans:

We hope you had a good half term and enjoyed some pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Valentine's day marked the first day of lent and we have decided to aim to complete 40 acts of kindness in each class for lent. The acts of kindness need to be child-led and can be completed within school or outside of school – please let your child's teacher know if they have done something outside of school that we can celebrate. In school, we'll be keeping our eyes peeled for acts of kindness we can celebrate too. Lent is not only a time of reflection, but also of hope, therefore we will also be completing a rainbow challenge. Each child has been asked to think of something they can hope to achieve by Easter. This can be a personal or academic achievement e.g. I hope to learn how to ride my bike or I hope to make my friend laugh every day or I hope to crack my eight times tables for example. We'll be recording these on a tree of hope which we will be creating on the wall going up the stairs to the office – please do ask your child what challenge they have set themselves and we'll look forward to hearing about how they're getting on.

Next week, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 2nd March. There is further information in the newsletter for you so please do read on to find out more!

Kind regards,

Miss Porter & Mr Evans

School World Book Day Celebrations

This year, to celebrate World Book Day, we are going to focus on books about animals (in particular, nocturnal animals) and we will be making links with the 'Devon Greater Horseshoe Bat Project' which we started last term.

Your child/ren should have brought home a paper plate with them today. We would like them to create a mask of a nocturnal animal of their choice. This will be instead of dressing-up (although we would be happy for the children to wear plain clothing which matches the colour associated with their nocturnal animal IF they would like to). We hope this means it will be more manageable but still be enjoyable for the children.

Also, we have created a fun 'Find Your Friends' wordsearch that the children can complete for fun or complete to be entered into a prize draw. We look forward to celebrating and enjoying the children's creativity on World Book Day.

WORLD
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Classes 1 & 2 Peco Woodland Walk

On Monday afternoon, as part of their topic, classes 1 and 2 will be going on a Woodland Walk at Pecorama. Please ensure that your child has their wellies and a coat in school for this activity. Parent volunteers required, please let the class teacher or office know if you are able to help. Thank you.



Thank You Certificates

Congratulations to the following children:

Values:

Florence Hancock – friendship - for helping someone with their learning without being asked.

William Gribble – friendship – for giving up his playtime to help Olly look for his coat.

Gemma Pinnock – courage - for her determination and courage to complete 'hotter chilli's' in Maths.

Clara Orlando – kindness – for being a kind friend and helping others in class.

Learning behaviours:

Dylan Hardinge-Walsh – independence – for showing great independence in Maths.

Ryan Moore – resilience - for keeping on going in Maths even though it was tricky.

Austin Gribble – resilience – for trying really hard to finish his work.

Reuben Hartnell – creativity - for his wonderful interpretation of Guiseppe's art work.

Lawrie Rowe – resilience - for trying his hardest in his Precision Learning.

Sienna Arbourne – reflectiveness – for using existing knowledge to solve new problems in Maths.



Other Celebrations ...

Jacob Banfield, Jasmine Cornell, Anna Wolfreys, Billy Fowler and Evie Wilkins for moving up to the next times tables club and **Josh Priestley and Tilly Adkin** for moving up to the next spelling list.

Alfie Manville, Theo Davis, Gemma Pinnock and Darcie May Green for moving up to the next spelling list.

THE CHILDREN'S WEEK

Classes 1 & 2 are continuing with their topic about 'Where My Wellies Take me' this half term.

We have been looking at different parts of a tree, as well as the difference between evergreen and deciduous trees. We are hoping to follow this up next week by going for a discovery walk around the Pecorama woodland area, (so please ensure your child has wellies in school on Monday.)

In Maths, year 1 have been partitioning numbers into tens and ones and looking at different ways of representing this. Reception have been consolidating doubles from last week and finding 'one more' and 'one less' than a given number and year 2 have continued to investigate interpreting pictograms and devising questions for them, using scaled units.

In Literacy, we have continued to look at the structure of the language of the story of 'Owl Babies'. Some children have been working on developing their own story in the style of the 'Owl Babies' story and others have been looking at the repeated patterns in the story.

In R.E. the children have been thinking about this time of year in the Christian calendar; Lent. They have talked about why Christians give things up for Lent and how that would feel for them. We have decided that instead of abstinence during this time, the children will try to do something extra for people and so we are trying to carry out 40 Acts Of Kindness during the 40 days of Lent. Please look at the chart in the classrooms to see how well we are doing. Reception had a visit from James' mum to talk to us about how and why Chinese New Year is celebrated. The children had great fun making a 'firecracker' decoration with the face of a dog as 2018 is the year of the dog. Thank you to Mrs Dormor for doing this, as the children were really interested and have followed up with their own ideas.

Class 3 have begun an investigation into Guiseppe Arcimboldo's artwork in Topic. They have worked tirelessly to interpret the faces and distinguish what different fruit and vegetables they can spot in his paintings. The children are developing their conversion skills in Maths, focusing on km/m/cm/mm. In Literacy, they have each created their own 'innovate' story of "The King of the Trees," which I have been very impressed to read. Finally, class 3 now have a twitter account, @BeerCofEClass3 !! At the end of each lesson, the children have begun to write tweets in their books reflecting upon their learning - we are aiming to choose a tweet of the day to put on our twitter account along with pictures from our lesson.

Class 4: This week, class 4 have been learning about the Bronze Age. During their independent learning, they have created some replica Bronze Age artefacts out of clay; created maps to show where they discovered different types of metal ore; researched how they worshipped the sun and stars as well as beginning a 'Day in the life of...' diary showing what jobs the Bronze Age people would have done. In English, we have started looking at argument texts; identifying how to structure an argument and the word choices needed to make clear points – class 4 are naturals! In Maths, year 5 have been exploring equivalent fractions and have begun converting improper fractions to mixed numbers. Year 6 have been calculating with percentages. They have also been converting fractions and decimals to percentages.

Donations of 2nd Hand Clothing

Girls pants/tights for reception: Mrs Martin desperately requires any girls pants and tights that anybody may have, that they no longer require, in order to replenish her spares bag.

T-shirts: Any ladies or men's T-shirts/shirts that you no longer need, but that are in reasonable condition and not too large, would be gratefully received at school to be used as art aprons to protect the children's uniform.
Please leave with the office. Thank you.

Friday 9th March - Jumble/Nearly New Sale 3.30pm in hall



The PTFA are holding a jumble sale after school on Friday 9th March to help raise funds for the building fund. Donations wanted of good quality reusable children's toys, books, clothes etc. Please leave donations at the office. There will be tea and coffee etc. also for sale. Please donate and come along to support the building fund.

BEER BLAZER - Sponsorship

Beer Blazer Committee meeting

The next Beer Blazer Committee meeting will be on **Thursday 8th March at 3.30pm in the Staff Room.**

Beer Blazer Sponsorship

We are now at the stage where we are approaching businesses for sponsorship of the Beer Blazer.

In 2017 we raised over £3000 with 320 entries. This sponsorship helps to defray the cost of organising the event and means more profit towards Beer Primary.

Sponsorship Benefits

All businesses will be thanked on the Beer Blazer Facebook page and Event page and mentioned in speeches on the day of the event.

For those willing to sponsor £100 you could be a sponsor of the 10K, 5K or Fun Run where your logo will appear on the Race numbers for that event. Any other sponsorship amounts will also be gratefully received.

Please contact Suzy Eul-Brown if you would like to become a Beer Blazer 2018 Sponsor on suzyeul@hotmail.com

Environmental Week - 12th - 16th March 2018

Our long term aim is to enhance the outdoor space to provide greater opportunities for learning, as well as giving the children a sense of ownership and responsibility. The main projects will include:

- Stocking the raised beds and setting the polytunnel up
- Creating a wild flower garden
- Developing a 'Quiet Area' that is multi-sensory
- Making plant tubs for the deck and middle playground areas
- Remove the blue shed from the lower playground
- Paint the fence at the front in brighter colours and add wind chimes
- Enter the Devon County Show's School Scarecrow Competition



The children will need to come to school in suitable 'outdoor clothes' for the week and have wellies or old shoes that they can change into. If the weather is wet, we will still endeavour to do as much as we can and so please ensure your child has a waterproof coat with them.

We would also be grateful to anyone who would like to come and help during the week. There is a lot to do, as always, and we would like to make this a school community event. We are contacting local businesses for resources such as seeds, plants, compost, paint, pots/tubs, tools etc; however, if you are able to donate anything that might be useful, we would be very appreciative.

Junior Grizzly, Seaton - Saturday 17th March

Last year there were 2 runs and 361 entrants. This year this will be expanded to 3 events.

- Fun run (mainly for under 8s) over 2000 metres.
- Junior Cub (mainly for primary school, age 8 and over) also over 2000 metres.
- Junior Grizzly (secondary school pupils) covering 4000 metres.

Entry on the day is £5 but family entry discount is available for all pre entries.

Entry forms are available from the leaflet rack by the school office.



This year we are considering producing T-shirts for Beer Primary children who enter the Grizzly to advertise the Beer Blazer. These will be available at a cost of around £5 per T-shirt. Please let the school office know (or sign up on the form on the office door) whether you would be interested in buying one.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Beer Staff Team.

Community Events & Notices

The Beer Phone Box - February 2018

For the month of February 2018, we are collecting Long-life food and toiletry donations for The Seaton and Surrounding Areas Food Bank. Please bring long-life food and toiletry donations to the swap box/telephone box outside The Mariners' Hall, Beer. For further information, please call Jean or Trevor on 01297 24660. Thank you.

Give Blood

Wednesday 14th March - 13.00 - 15.15 & 16.15 - 19.00 - Seaton Town Hall, Fore Street, Seaton. For more information visit blood.co.uk or call 0300 1232323

Chess Competition

Devon Spring 2018 Junior Open - 9.30am Saturday 17th March - St Peter's School, Lympstone, EX8 5AU

For Under 9 & under 11 competition. Entry Fee £12. Play will start at 9.30am. The day will finish after the prize giving at approximately 5.15pm.

Enquiries to Devon Junior Chess devonjuniorchess@gmail.com and entries online at <http://devonjuniorchess.co.uk/events> or pick up an entry form from the office.

Branscombe Panto - Jack and the Beanstalk - Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th February 2018 - 7.30pm

Branscombe Village Hall Pantomime presented by Branscombe Players. Tickets: Nic & Kay Smith - 01297 680593. Adults: £6.50, Children: £3. Doors open 6.45pm. Bar.

Young Photographer of the Year 2018 Competition - organised by Honiton Camera Club

Subject: Wildlife or Pets. Age groups: 8-11 or 12-16

Up to 3 entries person, size 7 x 5 inches as either colour or black and white prints, unmounted. Each photograph must have a title and the name, age and contact number of the entrant. Please send entries to Mrs J Stephens, Sidbury Mill, Sidbury, Sidmouth, EX10 ORE before 31st March 2018. Free entry. Must be your own work, unaided. No late entries can be accepted.

All entries (subject to the discretion of the judges) will be exhibited at the Prize Giving at The Gallery, Sidbury Mill, Sidbury on Saturday 5th May at 2pm. All exhibitors with a parent/guardian are invited. No unaccompanied children please.

Prizes of £60, £40, £20 for the 3 winners. With very grateful thanks to all local sponsors. www.honitoncameraclub.co.uk

The Incredible Years Programme - Axe Valley Children's Centre, Seaton, EX12 2AN

The Incredible Years is a 14 week course, which works on positive strategies for managing the difficult behaviours of 3 - 5 year olds. The course will begin on 1st March 2018 and end on 28th June (2 week break for Easter holidays and 2 week break for May/June half term). Please contact the centre for more information or to book a place. Tel: 01297 20542