



# Beer C of E Primary School

## Friday Flier - 2



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Executive Headteacher: Miss Rebecca Porter

Chair of Governors: Mrs Jean Smith

COMING UP	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Yr 5/6 Hi 5's Netball League starts
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	PTFA 'Tea and Biscuits' afternoon – 2.45pm in staff room
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Reading Meeting for new reception parents 3.40pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Stockland Cross Country season starts
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Morning (run by Yr 6)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	KS2 Cross Country Competition at Colyton Grammar
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival Service - 2.30pm - St Michael's Church – all welcome

### A message from Miss Porter & Mr Evans:

It hasn't taken long to get back up to full speed! The children are all settling into new classes and new routines and a special mention must go to our reception children who have shown great confidence as they start their journey through school. We look forward to welcoming them full time next week. Our school thrives on cooperation and collaboration and the PTFA are very much part of this. Through hard work and generosity, they have raised thousands of pounds which then gets spent on improving opportunities for pupils. There is a meeting with tea and biscuits this Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 2.45pm in the staff room for anyone who would like to find out more or play an active role in this essential, and much valued, team. We would be very grateful for your support.

We have attached (to the email) another, busy looking, calendar with all the important dates. Please understand that they are initial dates and may have to change, but we will notify via text/email/newsletter with as much notice as possible. Due to the positive feedback from parents, we will be keeping the parent and child 'book share' sessions but would like to remind you that our doors are always open, so please come and see us if you have anything you would like to discuss at any time.

Have a good weekend!

Kind regards, Miss Porter & Mr Evans

## Thank You Certificates

### School Values Awards:

**Class 1: Florence and James** for reflectiveness, for great thinking when sorting in Maths.

**Class 3: Silas** for showing humility when taking part in our School Council election.

**Class 4: Lulu** for courage, for being so positive in her attitude to learning and challenging herself.

### Learning Behaviour Awards:

**Class 1: Imogen** for humility, for being patient and thinking of others before herself.

**Class 2: Fenn, William, Stanley and Kai** for independence, for working hard to produce some thoughtful first pieces of Literacy.

**Class 3: Gemma** for her reflectiveness and using information in the classroom to help make predictions and **Elijah** for his resilience when working hard to join up his handwriting in all subjects.

**Class 4: Thomas J** for resilience, for pushing himself to produce work of high quality and maintaining concentration.



## The Children's Week

**Class 1:** To link with our topic Paws, Claws and Whiskers, we have started the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have produced descriptions of the bears and have ordered items linked to the story, according to their size. In Art, we have thought about how we can colour carefully and choose appropriate colours and we have drawn portraits of ourselves for a whole school welcome display. In Maths, year 1 have thought how they can sort different items and have tried different counting strategies. The reception children have been showing me how they can count. Phonics is in full swing, with reception learning their first sounds: s, a, t and p. Next Thursday, is the reading meeting for reception parents so please come along to find out how this will help with reading. Year 1s, have been revising old phonemes and linking them to the alternatives in Phase 5: ee/ea, or/aw, igh/ie and ai/ay. Thank you to the reception parents for the hospitality you have shown Mrs Fitzgerald and myself this week on home visits. It was great to have time to talk and to see the children in their own environment.

**Class 2:** Class 2 have begun to get into the swing of the new timetable and routines and have worked hard to complete their 'Quests' for the week. Our topic is called 'Going on Safari'. They have made tiger masks, designed tins of tiger food and written descriptions of tigers to go with our literacy text; 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. This is a lovely story, which the children have already begun to enjoy reading and acting out. In Maths, the children are revising place value, but also extending their learning to look at numbers up to and beyond 100. We have been counting in 5s, 2s and 10s to support their learning.

In RE, we are studying Judaism, looking at repentance and saying sorry as a way of moving to new beginnings and a fresh start.

On Monday afternoon the children had a very energetic session of 'Rugby Tots' with coach Tom, who taught the children how to run with the ball, do a touch-down and practise kicking the ball. The children had a wonderful time and showed lots of enthusiasm.

**Class 3:** We have been hard at work again this week with lots of different activities going on. We've begun Judaism in RE and have started to look at how this links to our WW2 topic. In Literacy, we have been making predictions about our novel, "Letters from the Lighthouse", by Emma Carroll and have started to read the first few enthralling chapters. During Maths, we began the week with our elicitation task followed by looking for patterns in Roman Numerals. Finally, the children had great fun learning about different sources of light in Science and all about how WW2 began in Topic. I look forward to seeing where the rest of our Topic unit takes us.

**Class 4:** Wow, what a week it has been! With swimming, Bikeability, and visits to the war memorial, it feels like we have hardly been in school! The children have worked very hard though and have already produced some impressive work. In Science, we have been learning about life processes and we discovered what all living things need to do to survive using the mnemonic MRS NERG. See how many of the seven processes your child can remember. In Maths, we have been partitioning numbers and reinforcing our understanding of place value. In English, we have been learning about the various verb forms and how they are written in past tense. Our visit to the war memorial was the start of our research into the lives of the men from Beer who fought in World War 1. Some of the children recognised family names and are eager to begin their research. We have also found time to begin learning about Hinduism and creating self-portraits for a display – phew!

### Parent Reading Meeting – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September @ 3.40pm

Parents of **Reception** children, please come along to this meeting where I will help you to support your child with their first school reading book. We will also look at how to help your child learn to read high frequency words.

### Reading & Spelling with Phonics in EYFS & KS1– Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 3.40pm

All parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are invited to this meeting to see how you can support your child with reading and spelling. Parents who attended this meeting last year found it very worthwhile. It will be about an hour and so we will be offering a free crèche. A note to parents who attended last year, this will be the same content with some minor tweaks but please feel free to attend if you would like a refresher and some further support now your child is in the next year group. We will send out a reminder letter nearer the time.



## Reminders / Notices

- **Forms to return**
- All children this week should have received a **blue SOE3 form** for offsite activities.
- Children in years 1 - 6 should have received a **white Data Collection Sheet**. Both forms need to be completed /amended as necessary and returned to the office ASAP and preferably by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Thank you.
- **PE KIT** – please note that year Reception, 1 & 2 will require their PE kit on a Monday afternoon (until half term) as well as the usual Tuesday afternoon PE day. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Recorder Club** – Mrs Timmins would like to open recorder club up to all of KS2 so all children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are welcome to attend on Wednesday lunchtimes from 12.00 – 12.30pm, please let the office know.
- **Class 4 Swimming Payments** are now due – please log onto School Money to pay this. Please contact the office if you have any queries.
- **Pupil Premium** – if you think you may be eligible to receive the financial benefits associated with this, please apply via the following website: [https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_Live](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_Live) and then let the school know if you are successful as we are not automatically notified, only by the parents. Thank you.
- **Health Reminder - The Need for a Healthy Breakfast**  
Breakfast is important to top up children's energy stores for the morning's activities. Children who eat a healthy breakfast are less likely to snack on foods that are high in fat and/or sugar later on and tend to concentrate and perform better at school. Please ensure children eat a good breakfast before school.

### **Secondary School Application Deadlines**

Devon County Council's online application facility opened on 1<sup>st</sup> September and the closing date for these applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018.

#### **Axe Valley Academy (01297 32146)**

Parents are invited to attend The Axe Valley Academy's year 6 open day and evening on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September. There will be a presentation and tour of the college. Please phone AVA for further information.

#### **Colyton Grammar School (01297 552327)**

This year, the 11+ test will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September between 9.00am – 12.30pm (times are for guidance only). Results are normally published at least 1 week before the local authority's application deadline so that you have these before the 31<sup>st</sup> October to help you make an informed decision. A final open morning is being held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 10am. Colyton Grammar School have produced a familiarisation booklet for the 11+ tests on their website – <https://www.colytongrammar.com/admissions/familiarisation-booklet/>

#### **Sidmouth College (01395 514823)**

There will be an Open Morning 9.30 – 11am on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September and an Open Evening 5-8pm on the same day. Please contact the College for further details. This is designed for Year 5 and Year 6 parents.

#### **The Woodroffe School (01297 442232)**

The Aptitude in Visual Arts Test takes place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Registration is already open for children wishing to sit the test. Visit the following link to download a letter detailing more information and to see if your child is eligible to take part ([www.woodroffe.dorset.sch.uk/2018/06/aptitude-test-for-2019-entry/](http://www.woodroffe.dorset.sch.uk/2018/06/aptitude-test-for-2019-entry/)). The test morning runs from 9.00am to 11.00am. The three tests that make up the aptitude test last for 1 hour 30 minutes in total. Woodroffe will notify parents of the outcome of the aptitude test and this information is passed to parents in time for them to make an informed decision about secondary school preferences before the local authority application deadline. Woodroffe are hosting an open morning on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30am to 12.30pm where school tours will be available.

## Macmillan Cancer Support - "The World's Biggest Coffee Morning"

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September - 9.15 - 10.45am -  
Beer School Hall



The Year 6 children are hosting this event and would like to invite you all to come along and raise some money for this very important charity. We would like to ask for donations of cakes to sell and raffle during the morning. If you are able to provide a cake, please bring it to the office after school on the 27<sup>th</sup> or bring it in in the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup>. Any cakes not sold during the morning will be put on sale after school.

The Year 6 children will run the event serving tea and coffee as well as providing a 'child-minding' service in the corner of the hall!

We look forward to seeing you there in support of such a worthwhile cause.

## PTFA Tea and Biscuits Afternoon



On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, the PTFA will be hosting a 'tea and biscuits' afternoon to meet parents new to the school and any other parents who would like to know what we get up to. We will also be discussing the up-coming Christmas Fayre, so please come along if you have any festive ideas. Pre-school siblings are welcome. We will be in the school staff room before pick-up from 2.45pm.

## Beer Parent Governor - Ernie Stobbs

For any parent who has any concerns about the governance of the school, please contact Ernie Stobbs via email: [parentgovernor@arkstcmat.org](mailto:parentgovernor@arkstcmat.org)

# Community Events & Notices

## Go Bats at Pecorama – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September – 7-9pm

Join our community events and spot some of Beer's bats! Find out about the local greater horseshoe bats. After a short talk we will go for a walk with some high tech bat detectors to try and spot bats and listen to their calls. This event is organised by 'Bat Friendly Beer'. FREE event, booking required. Email: [kate.ponting@clintondevon.com](mailto:kate.ponting@clintondevon.com) or call 01395 446918.

## FREEdom Café – St Gregory's Church Hall – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am – 1.30pm

Free community café hosted by St Gregory's Church for everyone living, working or visiting Seaton. Coffee, cakes, light lunches, rummage stall, secondhand books and free raffle. Tel: 01297 23656. Email: [freedomcafe321@gmail.com](mailto:freedomcafe321@gmail.com)

## Branscombe Harvest Fair – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – 12-4pm at Branoc Hall & Field

Dog show, raffle, tug-o-war, stalls, village show, bar, refreshments, arena events, fun, games, crafts. Adults £1.50 includes programme, children: free.

## Sidmouth Rugby Club, (Sidford, EX10 9PY) – Girls Fun Day – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September – 1.30 – 3.30pm

For U7's to U18's. BBQ & raffle.

## The Stockland Scamper – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 – 10.00am – Stockland Village Hall, EX14 9EF

10k - £8 attached (£10 unattached), £2 extra on the day and 3k (£4 per child, £5 on the day). All off road, children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult, no charge for the adult). Prizes. Toilets at the hall, refreshments available. Enquiries to [stocklandscamper@gmail.com](mailto:stocklandscamper@gmail.com)

## Helen O'Grady Drama Academy

Drama and Communication classes – boosting self-confidence, creativity, communication, language and performance skills for over 35 years! Come and join in for a free trial, For further information about classes in your area please contact Georgina Coombs, 01308 423591, [westdorset@helenogrady.co.uk](mailto:westdorset@helenogrady.co.uk) [www.helenogrady.co.uk](http://www.helenogrady.co.uk)

## Puffins at Beer Preschool – New Playground Extension Opening – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 3.00 – 4.30pm

We're having an opening for the front playground extension at Puffins on Thursday 18 October 3-4.30pm. Everyone welcome, come and join us for cake and cream tea.

Telephone: 01297 20077

Email: [Beeradmin@arkstcmat.org](mailto:Beeradmin@arkstcmat.org)

[www.beer-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.beer-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk)

## **Pecorama Winter Memberships – Valid from September!**

We have made the decision to start our Winter Memberships early this year this will mean that you can get almost 7 months instead of 5!

**This Special Autumn/Winter Membership** will be available from now until Easter 2019. Please note this membership does not include a train ride but can be paid for separately if required

Memberships entitle you to unlimited free entry to whatever seasonal facilities are open, including:

- entry to the Play Station and Exhibition (Winter opening days and times are subject to review 2017/2018 Wednesday – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November until Easter)
- entry to the gardens during autumn
- 10% discount on food and drink
- 10% discount on purchases from our Model Shop and Gift Shop
- 10% discount on children's birthday parties and private bookings

**Prices: Adults £6 and Children 1-12 years £16.** Payment can be made by calling us on 01297 21542 or by visiting our Main Ticket Office.



## **BEER PUMPKIN SHOW – SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – MARINER'S HALL, Beer 8pm**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> sees the Annual Pumpkin Show in Beer. We would like as many children as possible to decorate vegetables. The vegetables can be taken to The Mariner's Hall, Beer, between 1.30pm and 4pm on the day. Please put your child's name and age with the entry. There is £1 prize for each child entering and a cup and prize money for each group winner. Age groups are 6 and under and 7 and over. The evening sees the presentation of prizes, a raffle and an auction of produce and various items, starting at 8pm. Profits go towards local charities. We are also trying to encourage adults to enter the adult section. If you have any pumpkins hiding away in your gardens please come along and weigh them in. If you have items you wish to give to the auction please drop them into the Mariner's Hall in the afternoon.