



Beer C of E Primary School

Friday Flier



Friday 23rd September 2016

Executive Headteacher: Miss Rebecca Porter

Chair of Governors: Mrs Jean Smith

COMING UP	
Monday 26 th September	Yr 3/4 Cross Country Competition
Friday 30 th September	Macmillan Cancer Support Charity Coffee Morning, in the school hall 9.15 - 10.45am, homemade cake donations welcome.
Tuesday 4 th October	Yr 5/6 High Fives Netball Tournament at Axe Valley
Wednesday 5 th October	Stockland Cross Country
Thursday 6 th October	Yr 2 Multi Skills Festival at Colyton Grammar

A message from the headteacher:

It was great to welcome Dr. Sarah Usher back this week; she runs amazing Science outreach sessions and is always in demand therefore our year 5/6 children were very lucky to be able to take part in her 'Launch Pad' session.

Next week some staff members will have the opportunity to meet the key learning leads from many of the other schools in St Christopher's Multi Academy Trust as part of the termly network days they offer. We are really looking forward to sharing good practise and learning from each other for the benefit of our children. Collaboration in a professional learning community is without doubt beneficial to the school and children and we are excited to be part of what promises to be a knowledgeable and enthusiastic learning community. Our newsletter this week includes our new 'Spotlight on ...' feature that we will include from time to time to allow you to get to know our staff and governors a little better – I hope you enjoy reading it. Finally, I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

Miss Porter

Talk Topic: Who is your favourite book/cartoon character and why?

THE CHILDREN'S WEEK

Class 1: This week we have created baby albums. In Maths, we have been counting, learning the days of the week and exploring capacity. We have read 'The Jolly Postman' and made cards for Goldilocks. Year 1 have explored the structure of letter writing. In Geography we have taken photos of the outside areas within school to share. Reception have also enjoyed making glitter names.

Class 2: The children have been carefully preparing letters that they are going to send to their home address. We will be making a trip to the post box to send the envelopes on their journey. In R.E. we began to think about what we can learn from talking about God. As a class, we collected ideas about who God is. The children had some thoughtful contributions. In Maths, the class have been looking at ordering numbers up to and beyond 100. This has included considering place value and also ordinal numbers.

Class 3: We've had a noisy week in Fox Class looking at how we hear and see sound. It was nice to see some budding scientists amongst us who worked really hard to create beautiful diagrams about the vibrations experiment. We have also been creating fantastic harvest poems ready to display and read in church. Please remember we have Cross Country on Monday afternoon so the children will need a full P.E. kit.

Class 4 - Miss Randall: Class 4 have had another busy week! In Literacy, the children have finished planning their dragon stories and are starting to write them up. In Maths, we are coming to the end of our unit on place value. The children have been focussing on number and practical problems with increasingly large positive numbers.

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Class 4 - Mr Evans: This week class 4 have been writing prayers for the Harvest festival and have enjoyed a really exciting Science workshop with Dr. Usher from Colyton Grammar School. The children learnt all about rockets and their streamline design before building their own and testing them to see how far they could make them travel. A brilliant time was had by all!

Year 6 have explored the themes in *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes and in Maths, have solved problems involving decimals and measures.

Thank You Certificates

Congratulations to the following children:

Class 1: Charlotte Maylen for her excellent ordering of Goldilocks' jumbled letter, **Jimi Rowe** for his fantastic counting and matching of birthday cakes, **Albie Cueto** for his lovely card to Goldilocks and **all of reception** for all their wonderful efforts at getting changed independently in P.E.

Class 2: Esme Gough for joining in with class discussions, **Isabelle Graham** for your enthusiasm in all things and **Isaac Hardinge Walsh** for wanting to work so hard all the time.

Class 3: Eleanor Young for a beautiful harvest poem and **Lulu Thomson** for some fantastically written work and the determination she demonstrated.

Class 4 - Miss Randall: Anna Wolfreys for excellent problem solving in Maths and **Corey Pritchard** for focussed work in Literacy when planning his story.

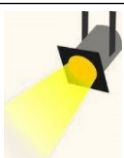
Class 4 - Mr Evans: Jake Paget for working with enthusiasm and showing commitment to his learning and **Luca Radford** for being an organised and responsible member of the year 6 class.

Star Writer: Each week teachers will nominate a star writer from across the school. This week the award goes to: **Hope Redding.**



Spotlight on ...

**Mr Evans – Head of School
Class 4/5 Teacher**



I met my wife, Deborah, at teacher training college 22 years ago and we have been married for 21 years now. We have three, **very tall**, sons. My eldest, Tom, is currently studying Music Business at the Academy of Contemporary Music in Guildford and hopes to become the next Simon Cowell! Billy is at Exeter College and Jake at Sidmouth, both doing A levels. We have a large and bouncy labradoodle called Murphy who frequently causes havoc and embarrassment but he is very much part of the family. I enjoy being outdoors, either in the garden trying to grow things or taking walks in the country. Dartmoor is a particular favourite place for us to visit. I enjoy music and I used to play the French horn and trumpet but now I am trying to teach myself the ukulele with limited success! I am a big Liverpool FC fan and enjoy most sports from the comfort of my armchair. One of my most rewarding experiences as a teacher was when I had the opportunity to teach in Uganda. Teaching classes with over 120 children and no resources was something I'll never forget.



Secondary School Admissions for September 2017

If you have a child who is in our current Year 6 you will need to apply for their secondary school place.

Applications can be completed online (<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place>) and the deadline for applications is **31st October 2016**.

Scholastic Books

Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is **running!** Go to

<http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/beer> to browse the latest books and order online. (Please note we can only accept online orders and are unable to take payment through the office - apologies for any inconvenience). For **every £1 you spend** on this term's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by November 25th 2016**.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Reminder: On Friday 30th September, Year 6 will be hosting a coffee morning to raise funds for this valuable cause from 9.15 – 10.45am. Donations of homemade cakes would be most welcome – please come along to support this event.

House Captains

Congratulations to: Cerys & Evan (St David), Jake & Hannah (St George), Leo & Harvey (St Patrick) and Meisha & Millie (St Andrew)



The children were elected to their posts by their peers and chosen because they will be fantastic role models and leaders for their house group. We look forward to seeing them establish themselves in this role in forthcoming house meetings.

Golden Time

We are fortunate to work with a fantastic group of children who work hard and behave beautifully. In accordance with our behaviour policy, we seek to reward children who demonstrate a positive attitude to their learning and those who uphold the school's 5 core values; love, trust, honesty, patience and peace. Therefore we have introduced 'Golden Time' for half an hour on a Friday afternoon which will give the children an opportunity to sign up to an activity of their choice. Golden time is an incentive to maintain a positive approach to school and for children who have found it difficult to do so, they will spend some of their time with Mr Evans to discuss ways to improve. We hope this will be an effective tool in encouraging and supporting children to achieve the highest standards.



Yr 5/6 Science Experiment

On Thursday 22nd September Dr. Usher, a Science teacher from Colyton Grammar School, came and taught us. It was a lot of fun. We discussed thrust and rocket power, used pop rockets which were powered by Alka Seltzer tablets, then we saw Mentos and Coca Cola, it was blast! Lastly we made rockets and flew them up with a pump. Overall, we loved it and we hope Dr. Usher will come again.



New Staff

In the Summer term, some of you came to have a biscuit and cup of tea with us in the hall for our 'meet the teachers' session. At that meeting, there was an opportunity to meet Ms Randall who is teaching the year 4/5 class in the mornings. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to meet her, please say hello when she is outside in the mornings. You may also have noticed that we have another member of staff working in school now too. Miss Alisha Studley joined our teaching assistant team in September and will be with us for this academic year. She is proving to be a brilliant asset to the team and has settled into her new role with ease. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them both to our school community.

PTFA coffee and croissants morning

The PTFA will be starting the new school year with a 'Coffee and Croissants' morning next Wednesday (28th September) at 9am in the school staff room. All are welcome but we would especially like to meet parents of the new reception year. Come along and meet the PTFA committee and other parents and find out all that the PTFA do for the children, starting the year with our Christmas Fete and a Christmas treat for the whole school. Pre-school siblings are also welcome.

Head Injuries

It is common practice in school to put an ice pack on all head injuries and to send your child home with a yellow 'I've bumped my head today' wristband when they have bumped their head. If your child has bumped their head we suggest that you keep an eye on them over the next 24 hours and consult your GP if you notice any symptoms that cause you concern.



Sidmouth College Open Day

Sidmouth College – Year 6 Open Day - Wednesday 28th September - Open Morning - 9.30am - 12.30pm. Open Evening - 5.00 - 7.30pm.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Beer Staff Team

Community Events & Notices

Temporary Road Restriction

Temporary prohibition of through traffic and parking from Monday 3rd October to Friday 7th October affecting **B3174 Hollyhead Road, Beer/Seaton**. The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - A3052, B3172, Harbour Road, Castle Hill, B3174 Beer Road, B3174 New Road and vice versa.

Puffins Preschool News

Congratulations to Helen Kew from Puffins, who has just had a baby boy.

Colyford Goose Fayre - Saturday 24th September - Springfield, Seaton Road

Admission by programme or £3.00 payable at the gate. One programme per person. Children under 14 and dogs on a lead go free when accompanied by an adult. The Opening Procession starts at The Elms at 2.00pm proceeding to Springfield for the Official Opening at 2.30pm.

Beer Annual Pumpkin Show - Mariners' Hall, Beer - 8pm on Saturday 24th September

Grand Auction and Raffles - proceeds to local organisations.

Come and see large pumpkins, marrows, onions, adult and children's decorated vegetables. Entries to be at the hall from 1.30 - 4.00pm. For more details, please telephone 01297 21955 or 07989 631321.

Stockland Scamper - Sunday 25th September 2016 - 10k & 3k run - races start 10am

Join us to scamper up and down some of Stockland's most scenic fields, roads and tracks. Both races start at 10am at Stockland Village Hall. Details and entry form: www.stocklandprimary.org.uk

Sidmouth Rugby Club

Sidmouth Junior Rugby welcomes players in all junior age groups from U7 to U16. Join us throughout September on a 'try before you buy' on Sunday mornings at 10.00am. Full details on website www.sidmouthrfc.co.uk/juniors-and-girls and our Facebook page or contact Sue Cockayne on 07989 237057.

Pony Club Fundraiser

There will be a Dog Show to raise funds for the pony club on **Sunday 23rd of October at 12.00 noon at Seaton Football Club**. All welcome.