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ACCEPTABLE TUCK

We believe that healthy eating is especially important for growing children and would like to remind all that 'Tuck' snacks should be healthy. Children should not bring in chocolate, crisps or sweets for Tuck.

We also have a number of children with nut allergies and request that children do not bring nuts or anything containing nuts into school. Thank you.

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

In the interests of safety please can we remind all parents and children to use the pedestrian access gate rather than the vehicle gate when dropping off and collecting. Thank you.

FOREST SCHOOL

A group of six Year 5 & 6 boys have been joining some children from Bickleigh School to attend Forest School. They have had a very exciting time building dens, making fires, cooking over the fire and roasting marshmallows. They have been learning how to look after the forest as well as developing team building skills.



FOUNDATION CLASS

We are looking for old T-shirts that can be used for art club overalls. The best T-shirts for this are either ladies or adolescence sizes. If you have any that you would like to donate, we would be very grateful.

HOW TO WASH A WOOLY MAMMOTH!



Raleigh have been working hard learning how to write instructions using the book 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth!' As you can see, they had fun acting out the instructions, here they are making a splash!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have noticed that a number of children are wearing black trousers or skirts, may we remind you that the uniform is grey trousers or skirts.

Please be aware that children should be wearing shoes and not boots.

CONCERNS

A reminder that if you should have any concerns regarding your child, you should see your child's teacher in the first instance. Concerns may then be taken to the unit leader and Headteacher if necessary. Thank you.

PAPERLESS NEWSLETTER

As part of our initiative to become a greener school this will be the last paper copy of the newsletter that goes out to all. We will be emailing it out to parents. Please let us know if we do not have your current email address. The newsletter will also be available via the website and there will be some paper copies in the foyer.

PARENT FORUM

We are looking for a Foundation parent to come and join the Parents Forum. There are 3 meetings per year and their role is to represent the parent's views on school matters in that class. If you are interested, please speak with Mrs Riggs for more information.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Once again we are taking part in the shoebox appeal. Your child will be bringing home a leaflet which explains this appeal (we do have extra ones if needed). This is a very worthwhile appeal, as we know that children benefit directly from your generosity and for most of the recipients it is the only present they will receive this Christmas (it is possibly the first gift they have ever received!) It is also a fun activity to do over the half term with your children. This year we have boxes available if you do not have a shoebox. Please collect one from the school office. Please bring your shoeboxes to the school office once they are complete. They will be collected and sent off during November, so that they will reach the children by Christmas. Please help if you possibly can.

HARVEST – Wednesday 11th October

You are invited to join us for our Harvest celebration at 2.00 pm

STARS OF THE WEEK



Our stars for last week and the week before are:

Foundation: Hughie Ware & Archie Lee Cook: Orson Walker & Millie Williams Raleigh: Hannah Humphrey & Oliver Hawkins Drake: Olive Agius & Freya Twiddle Acland: Alyssa Causley & Mia Aldridge Reynolds: Louise Andrews & George Eastell Brunel: Corey Browning & Betsy Speck

MATHEMATICIANS OF THE WEEK

Foundation: Piran Russell & Ellie Reed Cook: Joey Fullarton & Leo Fisher Raleigh: Ava Luke & Phoebe Drake: Bailey Dowrick & Abbie Phillips Acland: Joshua Meffe & Florence Brooks Reynolds: Ruben Starmanns-Russel & Faye Ross Brunel: Ellie Aldridge & Joshua Cantrill-Hore

TERM DATES 2017/18

AUTUMN Term will end on 15th December Non-Pupil Day 19th October Occasional Day 20th October

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Half Term 23rd – 27th October

SPRING TERM will start on 3rd January and end on 29th March

Half Term 12th – 16th February

SUMMER TERM will start 17th April and end on 26th July **Half Term** 28th May – 1st June

SKILL SHARE- 'Step Up To Work'

Skill Share Workshops will be running from 18th September-23rd October at 2pm at Square Corner, UFFCULME.

Explore or help someone else to explore Spanish, Digital Photography, Family History, Smart Phone/ Tablet use. If you need to get started earlier so you can pick up children from school, we can arrange for this. Please phone: Sue Kidd 841674 or Mike Butler 840703

PTA News

Please can we remind you all to return all sold raffle ticket stubs and cash back to the school office by Wednesday 18th October or before if possible.

Please also return any unsold tickets.

If we sell all the tickets this could raise an amazing £1,350 for school resources.

Many thanks and good luck everyone!

House Points

