



"Mighty oaks from little acorns grow"

Our vision:

We constantly strive to promote the overall development of all our pupils and staff. We want the children to come to school happy and eager to learn in a caring environment, where all members of the school community feel that they can reach their full potential.

Dear All

Our Christmas preparations are well under way. Both dress rehearsals last week were very successful with only a few tweaks needed before the performances next week. Thank you to all of our families for providing super costumes for the children who all look fantastic on stage!

Brunel class recently had the opportunity to watch a Shakespeare production of Julius Caesar at Exeter Senior School. This was a very different experience of theatre for the children who enjoyed it very much. Two of our football teams have played against Uffculme School. They didn't win their matches but enjoyed show-casing their skills nevertheless.

The PFTA held their Annual General Meeting in November. Sam Bishop (Chair), Nicola Mather (Treasurer) and Chris Willcocks (teacher rep) stood down after years of commitment. We would like to thank them all for the dedication and support they have given to the school. At the AGM a new committee was elected as follows:

Chair: Ian Darling Treasurer: Kirsty Simpson

Secretary: Mel Humphrey Communication: Emma Plant

Teacher Rep: Mrs Dunning

We would like to thank them for joining the committee and wish them all the best in their new roles.

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Foster who has been one of our dedicated LSAs for a number of years. We would like to thank her for the support she has given to many of our children, both past and present, and wish her all the best as she sets off on her travels!

I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed two new teachers who will start in January 2018. Mrs Marsh will be teaching in Reynolds and Miss Williams in Acland. We are looking forward to them joining our school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2018!

Alison Bourne

Our fortnight in pictures...



KS2 rehearsing for their Christmas production of *Operation Emmanuel*.



Cook Class wrote their own stories and read them to the Foundation children.



KS1 rehearsing for their Christmas *Winter Wonderland*.

Our Notice Board

PARKING

We have spoken to the local Police regarding the dangerous parking from parents/ carers around the school. They have informed me that fixed penalty notices will be issued for causing an obstruction.

HEADLICE

Unwanted visitors have been in some of our classes. Please check your child's hair regularly and tie long hair back.
Thank you.


MEDICATION

All Ventrus schools have been advised not to administer non-prescribed medication to children ie Calpol as we are uninsured to do so. If your child requires Calpol during the school day, you are welcome to come into school to administer it yourself. We apologise for any inconvenience.


CHANGE TO THE MENU

Please note changes to the menu on the 7th and 8th of December. On Thursday, 7th December the menu will be as follows: oven roasted chicken breast nuggets/quorn sausages/chipped potatoes and baked beans/chocolate cookie and on Friday, 8th December the menu will be: hearty beef and root vegetable pie/halloumi and roasted veg stuffed peppers/potatoes and vegetables/peach melba slice.

Celebrations!

Mathematicians of the Week	
	
Our mathematicians for the last fortnight are:	
Foundation	Effie & Hughie
Cook	Tyler & Charlie
Raleigh	Noah & Jackson
Drake	Bonnie & Marley
Acland	Eli both weeks. What an amazing effort!
Reynolds	Faye & Olivia
Brunel	Jordan & Corey

Stars of the Week	
	
Our stars for the last fortnight are:	
Foundation	Molly & Logan
Cook	Tyler & Charlie
Raleigh	Mia & Phoebe
Drake	Ben & Joe
Acland	Ben & Connor
Reynolds	Olivia & Tansi
Brunel	Tegan, Ellie & Cody

Friendship Points	
	
Our current Friendship totals are:	
Holland	290
Wales	310
Italy	370
South Africa	280
New Zealand	320
Japan	310
Brazil	320

Well done to all our Stars and Mathematicians as well as to Italy Friendship Group!

Diary Dates

Date	Event
4 th December	2.30pm Foundation/ KSI afternoon performance
4 th December	6.30pm KS2 evening performance
5 th December	Flu Vaccinations F-Y4 children
5 th December	2.15pm KS2 afternoon performance 6.30pm Foundation /KSI Evening performance
6 th December	6.30pm KS2 Evening performance
7 th December	Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch
8 th December	10.45am Christmas Craft Morning
11 th December	Christingle Service at St. Disens Church
12 th December	Acland Class Carol Singing at Tesco Cullompton
12 th December	Foundation & KSI Christmas party
13 th December	School Christmas lunch
14 th December	Yrs 3 & 4 Christmas Party
14 th December	KSI Christmas Disco 5.30-6.30pm KS2 Christmas disco 6.45-7.45pm
15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (in aid of Save the Children) Yrs 5 & 6 Christmas Party

TERM DATES 2017/18
AUTUMN Term will end on 15 th December.
SPRING TERM will start on 3 rd January and end on 29 th March.
Half Term 12 th - 16 th February
SUMMER TERM will start 17 th April and end on 26 th July.
Half Term 28 th May - 1 st June

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