



*"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

*It's certainly been another very busy couple of weeks in school! As you will see, many of our children have been involved in trips as well as representing the school in various sporting events:*

**Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Game vs Broadclyst**

*The children had a fantastic game playing Tag Rugby against Broadclyst. Broadclyst brought some fierce competition but with great teamwork and perseverance Duchy put up a hard fight and were victorious in winning some superb tries! It was a brilliant game to watch!*

*Miss Stribling*

**Ability Games**

*Ten children from The Duchy attended 'Ability Games' in Barnstaple prior to half term. This was a brilliant opportunity for the children to attend a Primary Festivals session where they participated in a range of activities, including balloon tasks and gymnastics. Throughout the day there were inspiring sporting role models as the children witnessed demonstrations in Irish Dancing and BMX performances. The children also had the opportunity to play wheelchair basketball which was a fantastic experience for all.*

*Miss Stribling*

**Drake Class Trip to Escot**

*On Monday 5th February Drake Class had a class trip to Wildwood Escot. This was a fantastic opportunity for children to participate in Orienteering and Bushcraft activities. In the morning the children explored the outdoors park whilst using a map and team work to navigate themselves to complete the orienteering task. The children were lucky enough to see a range of native animals such as wolves, wild cats, wild boar and birds of prey. Some even braved the drop slide! In the afternoon the children learnt how to prepare and make a fire using a range of different sticks as a source of fuel. We had a fantastic day out and it was a delight to see the children having fun and learning new skills outdoors. Reynolds Class also had the opportunity to go to Escot and find out about life in the Anglo-Saxon village. They too learnt new skills from this period in history and were able to apply the knowledge they had learnt from studying this topic last year.*

*All classes have now moved onto exploring the next Learning Power which is the Resilient Tortoise. The tortoise represents persevering and being resilient no matter how hard things seem.*

*Alison Bourne*

## Our fortnight in pictures...



*Y5/6 tag rugby*



*Y3/4 tag rugby*



*Ability Games*



*Drake at Escot*



*Reynolds at Escot*



*Foundation at Killerton*

## Our Notice Board

### World Book Day

For the first year we have set a theme for World Book Day which is animals. This has enabled staff to plan more effectively for learning across the school on this day. However, we have been made aware that some families have organised children's costumes well in advance. If you have organised a costume outside of the animal theme, please don't worry!

### The Duchy Mile

The children will be running The Duchy Mile again on 29<sup>th</sup> March. Please support The Exeter Foundation Charity, by sponsoring your child. There will be a prize for the top 3 children who raise the most for this worthwhile charity. Sponsor forms will be coming out shortly.

### Easter Fayre


Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30pm.

Chocolate donations will be needed for the Chocolate Tombola. Please look out for the collection box outside reception nearer the time. Many thanks!


### Bad Weather Arrangements

Should we need to close the school due to bad weather, the school will notify parents/carers by text. We will also inform BBC Radio Devon who broadcast school closures.

## Celebrations!

Mathematicians of the Week	
	
Our mathematicians for the last fortnight are:	
Foundation	Bradley
Cook	Millie & Annabelle
Raleigh	Arabelle & Sam
Drake	Tyler & Olive
Acland	Ella & Sophie
Reynolds	Rosie M, Louise & Oscar
Brunel	Dimitrios & Ellie

Stars of the Week	
	
Our stars for the last fortnight are:	
Foundation	Jasper & Leo
Cook	Fenn & Tyler
Raleigh	Sam & Tia
Drake	Lewis & Poppy
Acland	Ella & Maegan
Reynolds	Tansi, Faye, Rosie T & Daniel
Brunel	Keon & Rory

Friendship Points	
	
Our current Friendship totals are:	
Holland	520
Wales	570
Italy	540
South Africa	440
New Zealand	440
Japan	510
Brazil	590

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

Class Attendance certificates: Acland/Raleigh

We would like to congratulate Orson in Cook Class on gaining his level 3 in skiing this half term!

Also, congratulations are in order for Thomas in Reynolds Class who has recently had football trials with Saints Southwest which is part of Southampton FC. He has successfully been invited to join the Regional Development Centre for Goalkeepers and has now started training with them. He is super excited to be given this fantastic opportunity!



## Diary Dates

Date	Event
1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Foundation Class cake sale at 3.30pm. Funds will be going towards developing their outside area. All donations welcome!
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Drake Class Assembly 3pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sports Relief Day Dress as your sporting hero!
28 <sup>th</sup> March	PTFA Easter Event 3.30pm at school
29 <sup>th</sup> March	The Duchy Mile - sponsored event

TERM DATES 2017/18
SPRING TERM will end on 29 <sup>th</sup> March.
SUMMER TERM will start 17 <sup>th</sup> April and end on 26 <sup>th</sup> July.
Half Term 28 <sup>th</sup> May - 1 <sup>st</sup> June

**TERM DATES for 2018/19**

**AUTUMN** Term Commences on 5th September 2018 and Finishes on 20th December  
Non-pupil Day Friday 19th October

Half Term 22nd - 26th October

**SPRING** Term Commences on 7th January 2019 and Finishes on 5th April 2019  
Half Term 18th - 22nd February

**SUMMER** Term Commences on 24th April 2019 and Finishes on 24th July 2019  
Non-Pupil Day Monday 3rd June 2019

Half Term 27th May - 31st May 2019