



"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

Welcome back to the Summer Term! Hopefully the weather will provide us with plenty of opportunities for outdoor learning and playtimes on the field. I would like to welcome Miss Smith back to The Duchy after her sabbatical.

The last week of the Spring Term was very busy with the Easter Fayre and The Duchy Mile. We are very grateful to the PTFA for organising such a successful Easter Fayre. It was lovely to see the hall full of our children and their families enjoying the different activities and stalls. The Easter bonnets were beautiful and we all enjoyed looking at their creative designs. Congratulations to Elliana Leembruggen who won the PTFA logo competition!

Our Learning Powers focus this term is on curiosity. All classes will be completing a 'curious cat' activity. Powerful learners love asking their own questions to find out what is really going on. Curiosity is represented by the cat. The children will be discussing the language around being curious and exploring what this skill actually looks like in a learner. It is more than just asking a question!

We are particularly proud of Ava Luke in Cook Class. When Ava left school for the Easter holiday she had waist length hair. However, she returned to school last week looking quite different! Ava had been growing her hair for two years so that she could donate it to The Little Princess Trust. The Trust provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young adults who have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses. Ava has so far raised £235 for this very worthwhile cause.

Please remember to book an appointment with your child's class teacher at our forthcoming Parent's Evening. The sign-up sheets are in the reception area. Alternatively, you are welcome to contact Mrs Stanbury who will be happy to make an appointment via telephone or e-mail. Foundation Parents' Evening will be held at a later date this term and details will be sent out nearer the time.

Please also look at Diary Dates below. We have had to make some unavoidable changes to the dates of some events; one of which is Sports Day. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your understanding.

Alison Bourne

Our fortnight in pictures...



Easter Fayre



Easter Bonnet Winners!



The Duchy Mile



Easter baking in Acland



Ava's charity haircut



Y 5/6 Football

Our Notice Board

Sports Day

Please note that Sports Day will now be on Wednesday, 11th July. Should the weather prove inclement, the reserve date for Sports day is Tuesday, 24th July.

The Duchy Dash



Only 3 weeks to go until our Duchy Dash Fun Run. Please get your registration forms and payment to the school office as soon as possible! Also, don't forget to collect sponsorship! Looking forward to seeing you all running, jogging or walking!

Message from Miss Hawkins

I would just like to say a massive thank you to all those that completed the Social Media Questionnaire for my dissertation research. All data provided lots of discussion and really interesting results! All your support is very much appreciated.

Filming School Events

Whilst we are happy for you to take photos and film your child in school events, we kindly ask you not to post these on social media if there are other children present in the pictures or footage. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter. Thank you


Bags2School

Please bring in your bags for collection on Wednesday 2nd May. If you are unable to bring in bags on this date, please bring into school on the Monday or Tuesday of that week. We are unable to accept bags earlier than these dates due to lack of storage in school. Thank you


Thank you!

Miss Hawkins

Celebrations!

Mathematicians of the Week	
	
Our mathematicians for the last fortnight are:	
Foundation	Piran & Molly
Cook	Ezra & Thomas
Raleigh	Phoebe R & Hannah
Drake	Daisy & Ben
Acland	Daisy & Josh
Reynolds	Destiny & Ellis
Brunel	Corey & Lillia

Stars of the Week	
	
Our stars for the last fortnight are:	
Foundation	Sophia & Jamie
Cook	May & Tyler
Raleigh	Bobby & Anna
Drake	Liam & Shay
Acland	Ben & Izzy
Reynolds	Rosie T & Nat
Brunel	Rory & Luke

Friendship Points	
	
Our current Friendship totals are:	
Holland	690
Wales	620
Italy	660
South Africa	550
New Zealand	650
Japan	630
Brazil	730

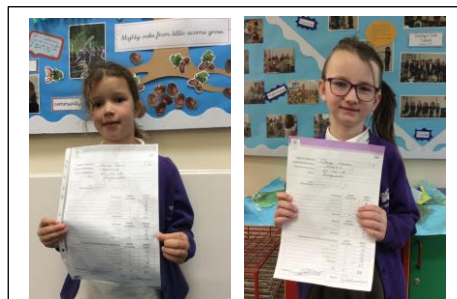
Well done to all our Stars and Mathematicians as well as to Brazil Friendship Group!

Class Attendance Certificates: Raleigh & Drake - both with 100% attendance!

Congratulations to Tyler Williams in Drake Class who has been successful in his requisite exam in Taekwon-Do and has been granted recognition as 4th kup! Well done!



Congratulations also, to Anna Plant in Cook Class and Daisy Heath in drake who passed their Primary Tap exams with Distinction!



Diary Dates

Date	Event
2 nd May	Early Parents' evening 4 - 6.00 pm - Not Foundation
2 nd May	Reynolds Class assembly 3.00 pm
2 nd May	Bags2School
3 rd May	Late Parents' evening 6 - 8.00 pm - Not Foundation
4 th May	All Duchy Mile sponsorship money to be handed into school
12 th May	The Duchy Dash
23 rd May	Cook Class assembly 3.00 pm
Half Term 28th May - 1st June	
6 th June	PTFA Meeting -7.30pm at The Castle Pub, Bradninch. All welcome!
22 nd June	Science Morning - Parents invited (10.45 am)
27 th June	Early Parents Evening 4 -6.00 pm Foundation Class
28 th June	Late Parents Evening 6 - 8.00 pm Foundation Class
9 th July	Foundation & KS1 afternoon performance
10 th July	Foundation & KS2 evening performance
11 th July	Sports Day
12 th July	Brunel Class performance (one performance in the evening)
13 th July	Transition Morning - <i>all classes will be spending the morning meeting their new teacher for the next academic year</i>
11 th July	Sports Day
19 th July	<i>M and M Productions: A Little Princess</i>
24 th July	<i>Reserve Sports Day</i>
25 th July	Leavers' (Yr6 only) assembly 9.30 am
26 th July	Last day of the Summer Term

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