



"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 was good to see so many of you coming into school last week for Parent's Evenings. The children certainly enjoy their families seeing their learning in school as well as teachers finding it a valuable opportunity to work in partnership with you to support children's learning in school.

Following a successful recruitment process for two permanent teachers in September, I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed Miss Jennifer Williams and Miss Lucy Fallon. Miss Williams has been with us, teaching Acland class, since January and is now leading science in school. Miss Fallon has a passion for music; playing both the flute and recorder.

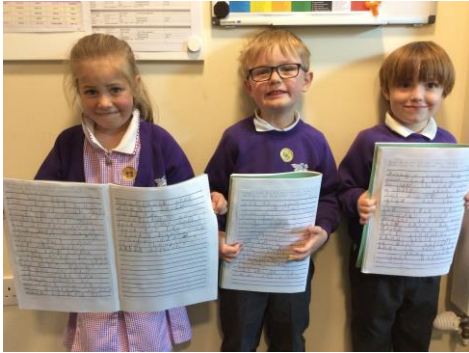
On a different note, we are sorry to be saying "good-bye" to our Kitchen Manager, Danielle Parkhouse, just before half term. Danielle has worked hard with our Executive Chef, Rob Stevens, in improving the quality of meals and service in our school kitchen. We would like to thank her for her hard work and wish her all the best as she resumes her hairdressing career.

The PTFA would like to thank those of you who took part in the Bags2School fundraising event last week. £28.00 was raised for the school.

We are once again very proud of one of our pupils. Eli, in Acland class, plays hockey for Exeter Culm Valley Hornets under 10s. His coach, Peter, has written to me expressing how impressed he is with Eli's ability on the pitch as well as his positive attitude. He wrote: "Eli is a very good player indeed, lots of tricky stick work and a huge amount of effort. He plays very hard indeed, is tireless and great with his team mates. I really cannot praise him enough, he's a credit to your school." Well done, Eli!

Alison Bourne

Our fortnight in pictures...



story writing



physical development



PE with Mr Robinson on the field

Our Notice Board

Early Arrivers

We continue to have a number of children arriving in the playground too early before school. Whilst it's lovely to see how keen they are to be in school, the playground is not supervised until 8.40am. If you need childcare before this time, please ask Mrs Stanbury for details of the Breakfast Club at The Duchy Pre-School. Thank you for your co-operation.

The Duchy Dash



Only a few days 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!


Gaming

We have become aware that many of our older KS2 children are playing the game *Fortnite* at home. For the safety of your children, please be aware that the game is 12-rated and includes acts of violence. Thank you.


Sun Protection

As the weather is becoming warmer, please ensure that your child has sun cream applied before school and brings a hat to wear for outdoor learning and playtimes.

Celebrations!

Mathematicians of the Week	
	
Our mathematicians for the last fortnight are:	
Foundation	Logan & Imogen
Cook	Joey & Catherine
Raleigh	Phoebe-Joy & Lily
Drake	Freya & Frankie
Acland	Alyssa & Maegan
Reynolds	Daniel & Ellis
Brunel	Zach & Imogen

Stars of the Week	
	
Our stars for the last fortnight are:	
Foundation	Imogen & Lily
Cook	Orson & Oscar H
Raleigh	Michael & Flora
Drake	Poppy & Olive
Acland	Jack & Erin B
Reynolds	Daniel & George
Brunel	Harriette & Edward

Friendship Points	
	
Our current Friendship totals are:	
Holland	710
Wales	730
Italy	660
South Africa	610
New Zealand	670
Japan	670
Brazil	760

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

Class Attendance Certificates: Foundation, Brunel & Acland

Congratulations to Thomas Plant who has been voted Player's Player of the Year by his basketball team.

Well done!



Well done to Elijah Humphrey!!



Diary Dates

Date	Event	
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!	
7 th June	PTFA Disco KS1 4.00 pm-5.00 pm	PTFA Disco KS2 5.15 pm-6.15 pm
8 th June	Music Festival in the school hall PM	
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	Reserve Sports Day	
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