



"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 Summer Term is continuing to be very busy with class trips, sporting events and preparations for the next academic year.

I would like to say a huge "Thank You" to our PTFA, their volunteers, teachers, teaching assistants and our pupils for organising such an enjoyable and successful Summer Fayre last Friday. Our children and families enjoyed bouncy castles, face painting, hook a duck and many other stalls as well as a splendid barbecue! We were all treated to the first performance of our school cheerleading team who did a fantastic show after only a few weeks together.



Please join us for Sports Day this coming Wednesday afternoon at 1.15pm on the school field. We also have our Foundation/KS1 Summer Production and Brunel's Production to look forward to where we will be using the new lights for the first time. We would like to thank the PTFA, both past and present, for all their hard work over the last few years in securing these for us.

Alison Bourne

Ventrus Sports Day! *This year the children got a chance to take part in the first annual Ventrus Academy Sports day. It was held at Exeter Arena on a very scorching Monday morning! The children competed in a range of athletics events from the vortex throw to a rather complicated obstacle course. Throughout the day, the children took part in different events with their scores adding up to a grand total. We are pleased to announce that their hard work was rewarded with 3rd place! Congratulations everyone!*

Miss Smith

Our fortnight in pictures...



Ventrus Sports Day



Reynolds: We the Curious trip



Edward voted Player's Player



Learning Powers



Cheer Club



Y6 Bikeability

Our Notice Board

Sun screen

With the continuing hot weather, please ensure your child has sun screen applied before they come to school in the morning. Unless you are using the "once a day sun screen", children will be able to apply their own sun screen at lunchtimes only. Please note that children are not allowed to share sun screen.

Sandals/sensible shoes

Our play leaders have asked me to remind parents to ensure that children, particularly girls, are wearing sensible shoes that stay on their feet to school. Some girls are wearing shoes that slip off easily when running about in the playground which can cause accidents.
 Thank you.


Class Names

At the most recent Parent Forum, it was asked why our classes are all named after men. Having done some research, Acland class was named after Eleanor Acland, the suffragist and Reynolds class was named after Frances Reynolds, a Plymouth artist. All classes will be finding out about their class names in September.

Learning Powers

We are continuing our focus on introducing and embedding Learning Powers in school to support the children with their learning. This will be continuing in the Autumn Term with a focus on the web weaving spider-making links in our learning. Please pop into school to see our Learning Powers display outside the library and in your child's classroom.

Celebrations!

Mathematicians of the Week	
	
Our mathematicians for the last fortnight are:	
Foundation	Oscar & Eleanor
Cook	Poppy & Ben
Raleigh	Jimmy & Sam
Drake	Brooklyn & Oliver
Acland	Erin B & Jack
Reynolds	Oliver & Chelsea
Brunel	Tegan & Lillia

Stars of the Week	
	
Our stars for the last fortnight are:	
Foundation	Olivia & Izzy
Cook	Poppy & Ben
Raleigh	Riley & Oliver
Drake	Freya & Katie
Acland	Bethany & Olivia
Reynolds	Tansi, Faye & Lily
Brunel	Cody & Jessica

Friendship Points	
	
Our current Friendship totals are:	
Holland	900
Wales	960
Italy	860
South Africa	800
New Zealand	870
Japan	860
Brazil	1020

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

Class Attendance Certificates: **Foundation and Raleigh**

THE DUCHY SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school places great importance on the wearing of school uniform. It is a valuable sign that children have pride in their membership of the school and in the team spirit it creates. We ask that all items of clothing and personal items are marked with your child's name. Sweatshirts, cardigans and purple tee shirts are available from the school. Black PE hoodies are optional and can be ordered from the school office.

BOYS	GIRLS
purple sweatshirt: available from the school	purple sweatshirt/cardigan
white polo shirt or shirt	white polo shirt or blouse
grey trousers/shorts	grey trousers/skirt/pinafore
grey socks	grey or white socks (or tights)
black shoes/sandals-trainers are not permitted	black shoes (not boots) blue, white or black summer sandals- trainers are not permitted
	purple and white summer dress
purple PE tee shirt (Y1 onwards)	purple PE tee shirt (Y1 onwards)
black PE Shorts (Y1 onwards)	black PE Shorts (Y1 onwards)
white PE socks	white PE socks
black or white trainers	white or black trainers
black PE hoodie (optional)	black PE hoodie (optional)

Diary Dates

Date	Event
9 th July	Foundation & KS1 afternoon performance
10 th July	Foundation & KS2 evening performance
11 th July	Sports Day - on the school field
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 on the school field
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