



“Mighty oaks from little acorns grow”

Through having high expectations for all, we constantly strive to promote the overall development of all members of our school community to enable them to reach their full potential. We are a welcoming, and motivational school that nurtures and supports pupils to learn transferable skills for life-long learning.

Message from Simon Roberts

A very warm (and wet!) welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Next week, the children will have the opportunity to purchase items from the British Legion’s Poppy Appeal box. The Royal British Legion have provided us with a selection of items for children to purchase in school. A list of these (along with suggested donation amounts) is outlined below:

- Snap Bands (various colours) – £1.50 each
- Zip Pull (various colours) – 50p each
- Poppy Reflector clip – £1.00 each
- Silicon Wristband (various colours) – £1.00 each
- Traditional paper poppies – 50p each

If you would like your child to have an opportunity to buy something from the Appeal, please send a small amount of change in with them on **Tuesday 8th November**; we will be explaining to the children how they can purchase items during Monday’s assembly. Please note that we only have a limited supply available however.

Flu vaccinations

Annual Flu Vaccinations will take place in school on **Friday 25th November**. The link to [consent or decline](#) was emailed to parents and carers on Wednesday 2nd November – it is also below, for ease.

<https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2022/devon>

The deadline to [consent or decline](#) is **Sunday 13th November**.

Children in Need

Children in Need this year is on **Friday 18th November**. Our theme this year is [spots](#). Children can be as creative as they like as long as they wear spots in some shape or form! Please see the link below to make a donation (as much or as little as you like) via Parent Pay. Cash should not be brought into school on the day.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8783>

Staff




Congratulations go to Miss Emma Hardy, Acorn class teacher, who is expecting another child in February. Her maternity leave dates are yet to be confirmed; we will inform parents as soon as they are agreed, along with the arrangements for who will be teaching the class in Miss Hardy’s absence.

We welcome Miss Eve Mills, a third-year student from the University of Plymouth, who is completing a placement at our school as part of her BEd (Hons) Primary Education degree.

Animals

Finally, as a school, whilst we recognise that dogs are an important part of life for some of our families, we politely remind you that they are not allowed on the school site (with the exception of guide/assistance dogs).

Celebrations



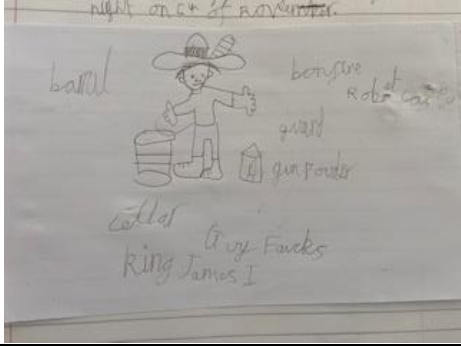


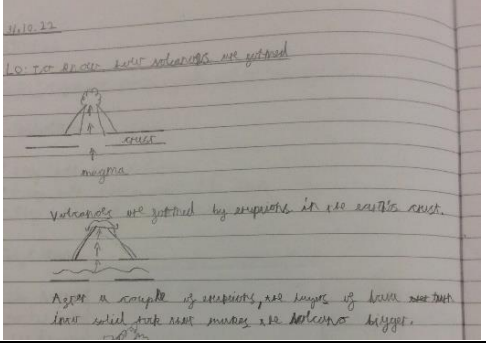

Mathematicians of the Week			Stars of the Week			Questions of the Week		
								
Our mathematicians for the last fortnight were:			Our stars for the last fortnight were:			Our impressive questioners for the last fortnight were:		
		04.11.22			04.11.22			04.11.22
Acorn		Hope	Acorn		Benjamin	Andrews		Chester
Andrews		Meadow	Andrews		Oscar	Scott		Albert
Scott		Eddie	Scott		Anya	Daley		Bobby
Daley		Daisy	Daley		Charlie M	Acland		Noah
Acland		Bailey	Acland		Luuk	Reynolds		Imogen
Reynolds		Olivia	Reynolds		Thomas	King		May
King		Joe	King		Samuel			

In assembly time, we have also celebrated these fantastic recent achievements!

Andrews	Chester	For winning Bradninch Cricket Club Player of the Year 2022.
Daley	Theodore	For gaining his Level 5 proficiency award in gymnastics.
Daley	Barnaby	For achieving his Level 1 Goldfish award in swimming.
Acland	Noah	For winning Bradninch Cricket Club Bowler of the Year 2022

Clarify it!	<p>The Duchy Diamond</p> <p>As well as the three certificates (Star, Maths and Question) awarded during our weekly celebration assemblies, the school currently awards a termly prize to a child in each class during a special assembly – the Duchy Diamond (which parents of the children awarded are invited to attend).</p> <p>The recipient of the award is chosen by their class teacher because they have consistently promoted the school's Golden Rules over the term: being kind, gentle, honest, for looking after other people and property and for working hard. It is the highest award we give.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">I will be reviewing and seeking feedback on this award, as part of the school improvement review, in the months ahead.</p>
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Our week in photos

Acorn class	Andrews class	Scott class
		
<p>In Acorn class, we have been busy scientists sorting materials by their properties – this has been done in preparation for our visit to the recycling lorry!</p>	<p>In maths, we have been using manipulatives to enhance our understanding, helping us to independently solve addition calculations.</p>	<p>In history, we have been learning about the Gunpowder Plot (the name given to the conspiracy to blow up the Houses of Parliament on 5 November 1605!).</p>
Daley class	Acland class	Reynolds class
		
<p>In art, we have made clay pots inspired by Stone Age drinking vessels.</p>	<p>In geography, we have been exploring environmental changes caused by natural events or human activity.</p>	<p>In geography, we have been learning about how volcanoes are formed.</p>
King class		
		
<p>In English, we are focusing on the book 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. The children have asked and answered questions in role as characters from the book.</p>		

Diary Dates

Term	Commences	Finishes
Autumn	5 th September 2022	16 th December 2022
Spring	3 rd January 2023	31 st March 2023
Summer	18 th April 2023	21 st July 2023

Date	Item
9 th November	Reynolds Class Assembly (3pm)
18 th November	Children in Need – theme is spots
21 st -25 th November	Book Fayre in school
23 rd November	Foundation Admissions (2023) Open Afternoon (2pm)
23 rd November	Acland Class Assembly (3pm)
25 th November	Flu Vaccinations
6 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity (2.30pm)
7 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity (3.45pm)
9 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Craft Morning - Parents Invited (9.15-10.15am)
12 th December	Christingle at St Disens' Church (2pm)
13 th December	Christmas Party (Y3/4)
14 th December	Christmas Party (Foundation/KS1)
15 th December	School Christmas Lunch
16 th December	Christmas Party (Y5/6)

Final reminder from the governors - SEND

On Tuesday 22nd November, we are really pleased to be welcoming Francesca Brinicombe, Strategic Lead for SEND & Safeguarding at Ventrus and Rebecca Prior, our school's SEND coordinator to our next meeting. We will have an opportunity to put questions to them both about SEND provision at our school and across the Trust. We really welcome any thoughts or comments from parents. If you'd like to reach us, please email the LGB Clerk at duchyclerk@ventrus.org.uk