



***“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**

Responsibility has been a key theme around the school over the past fortnight. During assemblies and in lessons, we have been exploring and celebrating examples of where people have taken responsibility for both their own actions and also when considering others. It has been a real pleasure to witness even greater pride and care being taken in/for people’s possessions, learning and feelings. In order to further support the children with this, please can I ask that you ensure all clothing and personal items (in particular water bottles and snack pots) are marked with your child’s name.

**Smoking**

A reminder that the whole of the school premises, which includes the grounds, is a non-smoking area, and smoking is not permitted.

**Industrial Action**

Further to the communication sent out on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January, I have sent out an update, by email, yesterday outlining the impact of the first day of industrial action (Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February) on our school. If you have any questions or queries, I will be happy to answer them on the gate next week.









**School Improvement**

As communicated previously, as part of ongoing school improvement work, I am now looking to engage further with the school community. I believe that it is essential that, as part of any review work, I gather your thoughts and opinions. This will help support me in reviewing existing systems, procedures and practices and when considering where and when changes could be made




If you would be interesting in sharing your ideas and thoughts, please complete the questionnaire via the link below. Thank you in anticipation of your support!

<https://forms.office.com/e/OE0Sq4y725>

Our fortnight in photos

<p><b>Acorn class</b></p> 	<p><b>Andrews class</b></p> 	<p><b>Scott class</b></p> 
<p>In Understanding the World, the children have made Chinese egg cakes to celebrate the Chinese New Year!</p>	<p>In geography, we used Google Earth to explore our local area.</p>	<p>In PSHE, we welcomed a visitor from the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service who spoke to us about fire safety.</p>
<p><b>Daley class</b></p> 	<p><b>Acland class</b></p> 	<p><b>Reynolds class</b></p> 
<p>In computing, we have been creating algorithms that can be used to make regular polygons.</p>	<p>In geography, we have been identifying the locations of the top 10 megacities in the world.</p>	<p>In music, we have been developing our skills playing the Ukulele.</p>
<p><b>King class</b></p> 	<p><b>Spring clean</b></p> 	<p><b>Clubs!</b></p> 
<p>In science, we have been finding out more about the human circulatory system and the function of the heart. Ezra made this model of the human heart at home.</p>	<p>Mr Edwards has been working tirelessly to review and improve our PE provision in school. Last week, he called for the cavalry (Troy, Tom and Rory) to help him clear out the sheds.</p>	<p>Our extra-curricular clubs for the Spring term are now up and running! Thanks to our incredible teachers who have volunteered their own time to deliver these.</p>

## 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:		
	20.01.23	27.01.23		20.01.23	27.01.23		20.01.23	27.01.23
Acorn	Joshua	Toby	Acorn	Hope	Kimmy	Andrews	Lexi	James
Andrews	Daisy	Margaret	Andrews	Mia	Theo	Scott	Georgia	Monty
Scott	Harriet	Anya	Scott	Jessica	Hatty	Daley	Charlie M	Theo
Daley	Alexandros	Olivia	Daley	Amber	Elliott	Acland	Noah	Lela
Acland	Lucy	Marni	Acland	Rosie M	Eli	Reynolds	Effie	Logan
Reynolds	Issac	James	Reynolds	Sophia	Oscar	King	Charlie	Logan P
King	Logan	Lewis	King	Fenn	Oscar H			

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

Acland	Lottie	For obtaining Angelfish Level 1 in swimming.
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## Diary Dates

Term	Commences	Finishes
Spring	3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
Summer	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023

Date	Item
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Daley class assembly (3pm)
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Non-Pupil Day (school closed)
<b>13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half-Term Week</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day (re-arranged)
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening (All classes)
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening (All classes <u>except</u> Acorn class)
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening (Acorn class only)
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
31 <sup>st</sup> March	The Duchy Mile
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last Day of Term

## 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. No nail polish, added hair colours or make-up.

**Please do check for availability with the office before paying for any items on Parent Pay first.**

UNIFORM
Purple sweatshirt/cardigan available from the school
White polo shirt or blouse
Grey trousers/shorts/knee-length skirt/knee-length pinafore
Grey or white socks/tights
Black shoes ( <b>not boots</b> ) - trainers are not permitted
Purple and white summer dress/ blue, white or black summer sandals with socks
Purple PE tee shirt/black PE shorts/ white PE socks/white or black trainers/optional black PE hoodie

In the community



**A FUN WELCOMING  
INTRODUCTION TO HOCKEY  
FOR ALL 5 - 8 YEAR OLDS**

**Join the Heroes for the next course starting on  
Tuesday 21st February at 5-6pm  
at the Culm Valley Sports Centre EX15 1LL**



A recurring 8 week programme for children to try hockey and develop their physical and character superpowers



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