



***“Mighty oaks from little acorns grow”***

*Our children join us as “little acorns” and through the teaching and modelling of our vision, values and aims by all members of our school community, our children leave us as “mighty oaks”, equipped with the transferable skills to continue their journey of life-long learning.*

**Message from the Head**

Welcome back!

**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 from Tuesday 7th November to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November; we will be explaining to the children how they can purchase items during our assembly on Monday afternoon. Please note that we only have a limited supply available, however.

**Key Stage 2 Bags**

Having canvassed the views of our parents last year, we have recently decided to allow all children in Key Stage 2 to bring in a rucksack should they choose. We have spoken to the children this week about the importance of taking responsibility for their belongings and only bringing in the **essential** items required for school – please speak to your child’s class teacher if you require further clarification about this. All children in Key Stage 1, and those in Key Stage 2 who are not using a rucksack, should continue to use the school’s purple bookbags.

**Flu vaccinations**

Annual Flu Vaccinations will take place in school on Friday 24th November. The link to consent or decline was emailed to parents and carers on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – it is also below, for ease. <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> **PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for our school is: DV140078.** The deadline to consent or decline is **midday on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.** If a consent form is not submitted your child will not be vaccinated.

**Children in Need**

Children in Need this year is on Friday 17th 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=11502>

#### Admissions policy for 2025-26: Annual Consultation

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2025-26. The Local Authority is also consulting on its admission arrangements. You are invited to look at the proposals and have your say. Our proposed policy is on our admission page [www.duchy.devon.sch.uk/about-us/admissions](http://www.duchy.devon.sch.uk/about-us/admissions) and you can see all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy>. Further information is here: [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements)

The consultation runs until 12 January 2024. Policies will be determined on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 and published in the same places by 15 March 2024.


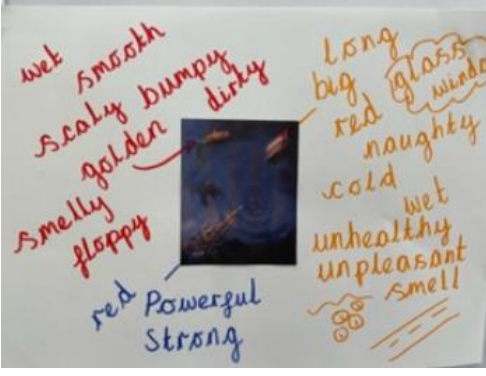




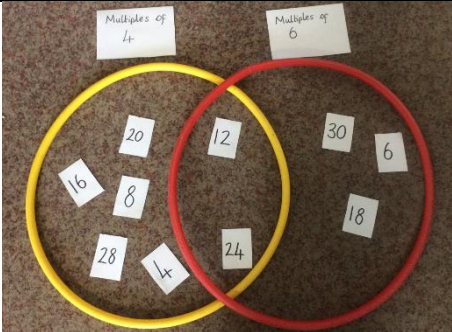
## Celebrations

Please see details below of the new certificates that we are awarding each week to celebrate successes in school.

- Our **Values Champion** certificate will be used to acknowledge the efforts of those children who have represented the school values through their actions.
- Our **Learning Champion** certificate will be used to recognise those children who have demonstrated passion and pride in their work, delivering a moment or moments of brilliance in a subject that have captured their teacher's and their peers' attention.

Values Champion			Learning Champion	
Reception	Isabelle		Reception	Woodia
Year 1	Kimberley		Year 1	Teddy
Year 2	Jocelyn		Year 2	Sofia
Year 3	Noah		Year 3	Harriet
Year 4	Elliott		Year 4	Joey
Year 5	Sami		Year 5	Stanley
Year 6	Oscar		Year 6	Bradley

Our fortnight in photos

Reception Class	Year 1	Year 2
		
<p>We had a special visit from a parent who is a vet. We learnt about animals and had fun role playing different occupations.</p>	<p>In English, we have been developing our language.</p>	<p>In English, we had a disguised visitor from our new class text. We sorted the sentences they brought into the four sentence types.</p>
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
		
<p>In music, we are learning to control pitch and rhythm with glockenspiels.</p>	<p>In music, children have learnt how to sing and sign 'Blackbird'. The children performed this in front of the whole school.</p>	<p>In science, we have been exploring how to separate mixtures of materials.</p>
Year 6		
		
<p>In maths, some of us have been using Venn diagrams to help us find common multiples of numbers.</p>		

## Diary Dates

Please regularly check and review the Diary Dates section of the newsletter; we will be updating with details of further trips, events and activities as and when they are confirmed.

Term	Commences	Finishes
<b>Autumn</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
<b>Spring</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024	28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
<b>Summer</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024

3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Y4 Trip to Escot
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Wreath Laying in Bradninch
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent phonics information sessions at 9.00am and 3.45pm
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need – Theme is <b>SPOTS</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisations in school – <b>give consent by 22<sup>nd</sup> November (via letter emailed)</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Foundation Admissions Tours – 1.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Foundation Admissions Tours – 9.15am
w/c 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Bikeability (Year 6)
w/c 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Fayre in school
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception /KS1 Nativity (2.30pm)
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception /KS1 Nativity (3.45pm)
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 Trip to Kents Cavern
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Craft Morning-Parents invited (10.45-11.45am)
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2 Christingle at St Disen's Church (2pm)
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2 Pantomime trip to Northcott Theatre
14 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
18 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Holidays
2 <sup>nd</sup> January	<b>Spring Term starts</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Non-Pupil Day (school closed)
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception & Key Stage 1 Pantomime travelling production (2pm)
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Y5 Trip to O2 Arena (Young Voices)
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 Trip to Paignton Zoo – <i>communication to follow</i>

In the Community



**SportyStars**  
**GLOW IN THE DARK**  
**DODGEBALL**

THURSDAY 23RD NOV & THURSDAY 1ST FEB  
5:15PM - 6:15PM (KS1) 6:30PM - 7:30PM (KS2)  
@ THE DUCHY SCHOOL, BRADNINCH  
£7 PER CHILD / PLACES LIMITED  
BOOKINGS ONLINE: [SPORTYSTARS.CO.UK](https://sportystars.co.uk)

**FACE PAINT**      **MUSIC**      **LIGHTS**      **FUN!**



# Struggling to top up your prepayment meter?

## You might be able to claim fuel vouchers

If you have prepayment meters and can't afford to top them up, we can help. We may be able to give you fuel vouchers, and our specialist energy team can help you find ways to save money on your household bills

**Call 01237 879233, email [fuelvouchers@ruraldevoncab.org.uk](mailto:fuelvouchers@ruraldevoncab.org.uk) or scan the QR code to request a call back**



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