

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our last half term this academic year. I hope that you managed to have a relaxing and restful half term break!

Year 1 visit to Powderham Castle

Rowan class had a superb day at Powderham Castle this week. They had a trial run to become domestic servants for the Earl and Countess of Devon under the watchful and fastidious eyes of Mr Kenton the Butler! They rose to the challenge by cooking griddle cakes, scrubbing floors, ironing, dusting and preparing the fire. They were also able to visit the range of animals living in the secret garden. They all really enjoyed themselves and I thoroughly recommend a visit with your own families. Powderham have kindly given us a discount code for anybody who wishes to visit. This will entitle users to a 10% discount off a family ticket and can be used once per family at any time this season. The code is **VLPSTJOSEPH** and is valid only for online bookings.



This week's highest Attendance

A big 'well done' to **Sycamore Class** for highest attendance this week!

Class assemblies

We are pleased to be sharing with you that we be inviting parents into school to share the children's learning. We have two planned class assemblies for this summer half term and many more classes to come in the Autumn term. **EYFS 21st June at 3pm and Year 1 28th June at 3pm**

Picture News – Learning from the world around us

We have bought into an excellent resource called 'Picture News' which every year group will be using with their children. Each week, we will be provided with a current news story, an image, a thought provoking question and a variety of teaching resources. The resources are designed to provide opportunities for children to learn from our world and develop respect for other's beliefs, feelings and faiths. They encourage exploration, discussion, challenge and inspire children to learn! Picture news also promotes quality talk which has an impact on developing children's oracy.

Year 5 and Year 6 French restaurant

This morning Beech class have immersed themselves in the French culture and turned the school hall into a French Restaurant. Maple class and teachers were invited as customers to sample the French cuisine. The children have been developing their speaking and listening skills by creating a script and speaking only in French. In role as waiters, they experienced what it might be like to visit France and run a cafe.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who supported this by providing food. We had a fabulous day and promise to share pictures next week.

Fire Service Visit

Year 2 and Year 5 enjoyed a visit from the Fire Service this week. They discovered the many vital roles that the Fire and Rescue Team do to keep us safe. The children prepared questions to ask and revised all safety rules to keep ourselves and others safe at home and when out in the community.

Year 5 and Year 6 Sideshore visit

On Thursday, Beech Class went to SideShore for an Earth Minutes workshop. We learnt about the problem of plastics in the ocean, with a particular focus on microfibers which come from clothing. Everyone then created their own t-shirt design with an ocean theme and screen-printed it onto pre-loved t-shirts. The children impressed the team with their environmental knowledge and their t-shirt designs were amazing!



Gospel Value - Courage

Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost. We have been learning how we can spread the news good news!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Stephens

Diary dates:

19th - 21st June – Year 5/6 Residential

21st June – EYFS Assembly at 3pm

23rd June – Career's Day

28th June – Year 1 Assembly at 3pm

30th June – Year 4 Trip to Lyme Regis

11th July - Sports Day

18th July – Reserve Sports Day

Headteacher Awards: Rowan Class - Samuel, Arnie, Art, Archie & Aaron; Cherry Class – Theo, Gene; Maple Class Amelia

Platinum Awards: Sycamore Class - Carly

Gold Awards: Rowan Class – Ava, Rudy, Samuel, Lily, Maple Class – Daisy, Brooke

Silver Awards: Sycamore Class – Arthur, Cherry Class – Olivia, Maple Class – Gabriel, Leo

Bronze Awards: Cherry Class – Theo

Stars of the week: Oak class- Oskar; Rowan class – Samuel; Sycamore class – Brandon; Cherry class - Jessi; Maple class –Ethan;

Beech class - Rosie