

October 20th 2017**Dear all,**

The school have had some fantastic activities going on over the last few weeks with lots of trips and visitors. Just in the last week we have had the following:

Donkeys

The children had a lovely time last Friday meeting the donkeys from the Donkey Sanctuary and learning about how they are cared for.

PGL

The Year 6's have had a super time at PGL. They have done a fantastic range of activities including fencing, archery, zip wires, trapeze, high ropes, climbing and abseiling as well as chats around the camp fire. They must be exhausted! Many thanks to Mrs Jukes, Mrs Ertle and Mrs Greenway for giving up their time to take them.

Science workshop

All of KS2 had science workshops this week from Sir Kit Breaker. They did lots of practical activities looking at a range of scientific areas such as electricity and air resistance. It was a great interactive learning experience.

Class sleepover

Maple Class had a visit from Father Stephen who is an adopted member of the Lakota tribe in North America. He showed the children lots of artefacts from the Indian reservation Pine Ridge, including buffalo horn and authentic headdresses. The class then had a sleepover in school with tea, eating the Banoffee pie they had made during the day. Like the Year 6, I think they are a bit tired today but very happy!

New Head of Exmouth Community College

Andrew Davis, the new Head of ECC came and visited us on Wednesday. He really enjoyed looking round the school and took photos of some of the class displays showing the high standard of work our children produce which he is going to take back and show his year 7 & 8 teachers. He also commented on the excellent writing he saw our children doing when he was here. We will continue to work closely together to ensure our children have a smooth transition between Year 6 & 7.

Date change

Due to Church commitments, the KS1 Nativity play will now be on Friday 8th December at 10am instead of the original date of Thursday 7th December. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Uniform

Our second hand uniform shop is going really well (many thanks to Mrs Needham). Please can I ask that if you send in uniform for the second hand shop please remove or cross out name labels first. Equally, if you buy clothes from there please can you ensure previous owners' names are replaced with new ones. At the moment we have lots of children who keep being given their old jumpers back which have been sold but not renamed.

Class 6

Please can we remind all parents with Year 6 children that they need to apply for their secondary school place by the end of October. There are still a significant number who have not put in their application yet.

Don't forget dress up day

Dress up as a Saints day on Wednesday 1st November. All children are invited to come to school dressed as a Saint! We ask for a £1 voluntary donation which will go towards new reading books for classes.

Next week:

Tuesday 31st October: Class 6 parents evening (appointments issued)

Wednesday 1st November: Saints dress up day.

Wednesday 1st November: Whole school mass in Church 9.30am. All welcome

Thursday 2nd November: Class 6 parents evening (appointments issued)

Friday 3rd November: School disco. KS1 - 6-7pm, KS2 - 7.15-8.15pm

Best wishes and thank you for your ongoing support**Mrs Taylor-Bashford****Headteacher's Awards:** Sycamore – Charlie, Ella, Queenie, Cherry – Joseph, Irys, Willow – Lola N, Lola S,**Attendance:** Well done to Maple Class who had 100% attendance for w/e 6 October and

Sycamore Class for w/e 13 October

Stars of the week:

Oak – Fraser, Sycamore – Annie W, Rowan – Rhys, Cherry – Piran, Willow – Ryan, Maple – Felix

Breakfast Club Superstar: Emmie