

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are at the end of the summer half term already. It is so lovely to at last see sunshine – let's hope it continues!

Esteem Team

This week we welcomed Esteem Team to deliver two informative sessions on supporting sensory needs. This was inspiring and informative for parents and staff. Thanks to all those who attended. We also welcomed other parents and colleagues from Exmouth and the turnout was incredible with 70 adults attending the evening session! A huge thank you to Esteem.

First point of contact

Just to remind you that if you have any concerns/worries about your child/ren then please speak to (or make an appointment) your class teacher as a first point of contact.

School Arrival for Oaks (Reception) and Acorn (Nursery) Classes

Just to remind you that from after half term (week beginning 5th June) we will be asking parents to drop off/collect Oaks and Acorns from the main playground entrance to the Foundation Stage Unit rather than going through the car park and using the field access to the classrooms. The top field gate from Claremont Grove will still be opened each morning but please come down the side of the building and wait in the main playground for the FSU doors to open. Please be aware the school day starts at 8:55am, the gates will be closed and locked shortly after this time. Thank you for your co-operation.

Writing Moderation

This week, our EYFS, Year 3 and Year 4 class teachers have been working alongside other class teachers in our CAST family of schools to moderate writing. Moderation is used to ensure that teachers are making consistent judgements about standards, so that assessment judgements made for any one pupil are accurate, fair and comparable with those made for all other pupils.

Year 3 church visit

This week, Year 3 went on a Holy Hunt to the Church. They had to find various objects, signs and symbols around the church. One of them, was to count how many colours are in the stained glass window at the back! There was a lot more than you would think! The children counted 13! Then they all lit a candle for someone that they loved.

**This week's highest Attendance**

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

End of Summer (1) Attendance – Well done to Maple Class.

A message from the GIFT TEAM

We are the GIFT TEAM. This stands for Growing in Faith Together. We work across the school to support the Catholic Life within the school. We help children at breaktimes, look after our focus areas, set up for worship and help to prepare and develop our weekly Liturgies. We wanted to give you an update on what we have done this term. We have organised a cake sale and raised £113.75 which will be divided between CAFOD and Hospice care. We have visited our partner classes and enjoyed class worships and we have written and delivered prayers in Liturgy. We are looking forward to giving prayer boxes to each class next term. Have a lovely half-term holiday!

Pentecost Cake Competition

We ran a competition for any cakes made with the Pentecost theme. We were amazed with the creativity as they were very impressive. The winners were chosen by the GIFT TEAM and were:

1st Prize - Oto, Rudy and Guy

2nd Prize - Jonah

3rd Prize - Finley and Willow Also, a big thanks to Mrs Cook who came and helped us.

This week's Gospel Value

This week, it is Laudato Si Week. The Pope wrote a letter to everyone about how we can care for our common home. You can watch the video here. <https://cafod.org.uk/education/primary-teaching-resources/laudato-si-for-children>. We have been thinking about how we are 'change makers' and how we are the future. We have thought about what we can do to make a change.

Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 5th June!

Mrs Stephens

Diary dates:

29th May – 2nd June – May Half Term Holiday

6th June – Year 1 Trip to Powderham Castle

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

23rd June – Career's Day

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: Maple Class - Shiloh

Gold Awards: Oaks Class – Leo; Rowan Class – Lily, Jacob, Jaime, Finley; Sycamore Class - Noah

Silver Awards: Cherry Class – Oto, Connor; Maple Class – Amber; Beech Class – Daisy, Lydia

Bronze Awards: Cherry Class – Charlie, Matthew, Theo H, Thea; Maple Class – Gabriel; Beech Class – Max, Hamish

Stars of the week: Oak class- Max; Rowan class – Reuben; Sycamore class – Theo; Cherry class - Connor; Maple class – Isla; Beech class -Elijah