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JANUARY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY DIARY DATES

- **Monday 4th—Friday 8th:** Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
- **Friday 8th:** Weight and Height Measure for Year R and Year 6
- **Friday 8th:** Year 5 and Year 6 Climbers to Exeter Climbing Centre
- **Monday 11th—Thursday 14th:** Bikeability*
- **Friday 15th:** Last day of term
- **Monday 18th—Friday 22nd:** Half term
- **Monday 25th:** Children return to school
- **Monday 25th:** Work Showing*
- **Wednesday 27th:** Parent Forum

MARCH DIARY DATES

- **Thursday 7th:** World Book Day*
- **Tuesday 19th:** Willow Class trip to Homeyards Botanical Garden, Shaldon*
- **Friday 15th:** Comic Relief

APRIL DIARY DATES

- **Monday 1st:** Parent Consultations
- **Tuesday 2nd:** Parent Consultations
- **Friday 5th:** Final day of Spring Term

*More detailed information will be sent separately about these items

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to your January newsletter. Although we are only a short amount of time into the spring term, I think it is safe to say that it has been an incredibly busy one!

Please enjoy looking at some of the lovely things that the children have been up to this month. There are lots of exciting things still to come as well, so please keep up-to-date by checking the class blogs on the school website.

Attendance

As you will now be aware, we have new attendance procedures in school. Attendance is monitored weekly as part of our legal duties as a school. We will notify you by letter if we have a concern about your child's attendance. If you would like to discuss your child's attendance, please talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance. We will be happy to work with you and your child to help improve their attendance at school if needed. If your child is unwell, please contact the school office to report the absence. We are also required to ask for as much information as possible about the nature of the illness in line with our health and safety procedures.

STOP Bullying Campaign

Following on from the work we did last term for 'Anti-Bullying Week', this term we will be looking at how we can help to ensure that children, staff and parents have a clear understanding of bullying and how it affects everyone involved. A leaflet is attached which helps to explain the STOP acronym. Staff will be discussing this with children over the next few weeks so that they are very clear in their understanding of bullying and what they can continue to do to help prevent bullying.

Healthy Schools

We are continuing to encourage the children at school to enjoy a healthy lifestyle in which they eat a healthy diet and try to stay as active as possible. We continue to encourage healthy snack choices at breaktimes, such as fruit, vegetables, breadsticks and yoghurt etc and your support with this is much appreciated. In line with our healthy eating policy (which can be found on our school website), can we please ask that no sweets or treats are given out to class mates at birthday times. We understand that it is a lovely, generous gesture and a way of celebrating. However, we also have to be mindful that some children may have particular dietary needs or allergies. We hope you understand and appreciate your support with this.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week marks the start of Children's Mental Health Awareness Week and as a school we will be encouraging the children to think about the different ways that we can keep our minds healthy, as well as our bodies. We will focus on teaching the children about different emotions and the different choices that they might make towards balancing their mental health, such as eating well, talking about their feelings or asking for help if needed. We hope that this will encourage our children to have a well-rounded view of their health and develop a healthy understanding of both their own and others' mental health needs.

After School Club/Breakfast Club Bookings

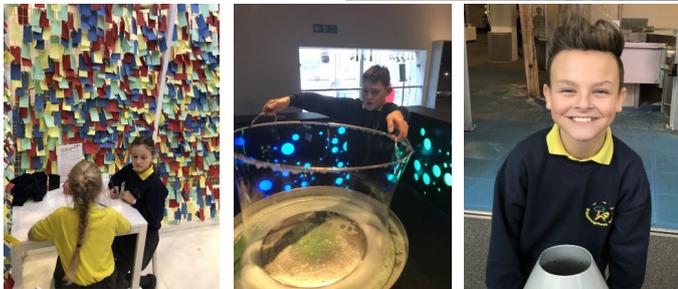
Please ensure that you have booked your child into After School Club and Breakfast Club. You can book your places by emailing or phoning the school office (details above) or in person at the office. We need to know the numbers of children attending the clubs in advance in order to ensure our staff ratios are correct and legal.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Joanna Crathorne
Acting Head of School

WILLOW & BEECH CLASS TRIP TO 'WE THE CURIOUS'

Willow and Beech Class had a wonderful trip to 'We the Curious' in Bristol at the start of term. They spent the day exploring all the different science exhibits that the centre has to offer and had a tremendous amount of fun! From experiencing what it would be like for a baby in the womb, to becoming an astronaut, playing with sound to creating giant bubbles, there really was something for everyone! We are all keen to visit again soon—including all the adults!



MAPLE CLASS EXPLOSIVE ERUPTIONS!

Maple Class have been learning all about volcanoes as part of their IPC topic all about Mountains and ...

They have had great fun this week learning about the different features of a volcano and even made their own kinetic sand to build a model of a volcano! The children have also made posters advertising their classroom as an evacuation centre in the event of a volcanic eruption!



YEAR 5 & 6 OUTDOOR CLUB—CLIMBING

At the start of term, the first group of lucky children went climbing at the Quay Climbing Centre in Exeter. They had a great time learning new skills alongside children from other schools in the United Schools Federation.

The remaining children will be going climbing over the next few weeks and letters will be sent to notify you of this nearer the time.

We are also very excited to be starting archery this term as well, so move over Robin Hood—the Stokeinteighhead archers are in town!



ASH CLASS TIME TRAVELLERS!

As part of their history topic, the children in Ash Class have been travelling back in time in their very own time machines! The children had lots of fun designing and making a machine that would take to the past! They have also been writing stories based on a Victorian adventure.



ECO COUNCILLORS—ECO SUMMIT DAY

Our eco-councillors enjoyed a day of all things 'green' at the recent Eco-Summit day, held at Ipplepen Primary School with other schools from the United Schools Federation. They spent the day thinking about the environment and learning all about the different ways we can reduce, reuse and recycle. They even had a go at making their own recycled paper.

The children were also challenged to take part in a lunchtime competition to have the least amount of plastic in their lunch boxes. Well done team Stoke for coming second out of 7 schools in this competition!

Thank you to Ipplepen Primary for hosting and organising the event.