



Class 1 have been learning about Chinese New Year. They made lanterns and money envelopes. Inside their money envelopes they wrote a good luck message and hid a chocolate golden coin.

Newton St. Cyres Primary School Newsletter

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EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER - MR JOLLIFFE

SPRING TERM 1 WEEK 19 2016/2017

FROM MR. JOLLIFFE

Over the last couple of weeks I have been able to talk to parents about the strengths and areas for development for the three schools in the Exe Valley Federation and I am grateful to them for giving me their time. I was very encouraged by all the conversations that I had with parents about how well things are going for their children and have passed on those positive comments to the Heads of School and teachers. The way we organise homework came up in several conversations and this is something that we are already looking at with a view to making sure it is consistently set and returned by all teachers. As soon as this has been finalised we will be sharing our plans with you.

FROM MR. AKHURST

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week we started by looking at the Chinese New Year. In Monday's assembly, the school looked at the story behind the Chinese New Year and all the animals which raced to have a year named after them. The children knew lots of information about Chinese New Year and that this year was the year of the rooster. We investigated which year everyone was born in and assigned a special animal to that year. There has also been lots of work done in class as well, including class 1 who have made some fantastic lanterns and money envelopes as you can see above.

Next week sees the start of Bikeability for year 5. Those children completing the level 2 course will need to bring their bikes and helmets to school and fasten them securely in the bike racks by pre-school. Please also bring in suitable clothing for the weather including gloves. It's a very worthwhile course and I know that all the children are looking forward to taking part.

The year 6 children have made an excellent start to their KS2 SATs revision and have been extremely committed in reaching the required pages at the right time. There has been an excellent turnout at all revision clubs and it's wonderful to see them working so hard to achieve the best they can.

On Monday, the football team are heading back to St. Peters for their next round of matches. We currently sit 5th in the table and know that some more victories will keep the pressure on the teams above us.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

James Akhurst

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday – Class 2, 3 & 4 Learning Club 3:20 – 4:30 (Mr Hamidullah & Mrs. Wilkinson)

Tuesdays Key Stage Two Football - will start after half term.

Thursday - Go Active Clubs (Paid) KS1 (Y1, Y2 Y3) & KS2 (Y4 Y5 6Y) Medieval Club: 3.20-4.20pm

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Tuesday- Revision Club for Y6 children 12.45-1.15pm run by Mr. Akhurst

Friday- Revision Club for Y6 children 12.45-1.15pm run by Mrs. Theedom

Thursday Breaktime – Tuck Shop

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB is available at Newton Nippers - daily up until 5pm. Please contact the Office for prices and availability.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February Half term

Monday 20th February is a Staff Development Day so children **return to school on Tuesday 21st February** 2017.

Wednesday 1st March – Film night

Friday 17th March FANS committee meeting – all welcome

Monday 20th March **Bingo Night** at NSC Parish Hall will be in aid of the School.

Friday 31st March. The **spring term** ends.

Tuesday 25th April **Bags2School** will be collected.

Monday 8th May – SATS Week

Year 3: Escot from Monday 22nd May to Tuesday 23rd May [led by Mr Kersey]

Year 4: Beam House from Wednesday 26th April to Friday 28th April [led by Mr Akhurst]

Year 5: New Barn, Dorchester, from Wednesday 7th June to Friday 9th June [led by Mr Jolliffe and Mrs Parkes]

Year 6: Grenville House from Friday 9th June to Monday 12th June [led by Mrs Harris]

BIRTHDAYS

Wishing the following children, a tremendous birthday...HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Evie



STAR AWARDS

A huge well done to all the children who received star awards this week:

Class 1- Tom- For writing a super sentence.

Class 2- George - Super writing for the class book.

Class3- Sam- Brilliant modified sentences.

Class 4- Ben - For perseverance in maths.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

*We take our responsibilities for keeping children safe very seriously and as part of this work, it is important that everyone who has regular contact with children in our schools, in whatever capacity, understands the principles of safeguarding and what to do if you have concerns about a child's welfare. If you come into school frequently [three times a month or more] or intensively [for a whole day at a time] then you need to attend the final training course that is being held on **Thursday 9th February at 7.30pm at Thorverton School.***

The course will last for 2 hours and will include discussion and activities as well as a training element and will be led by Mr Jolliffe, who is the Designated Safeguarding Lead for the Federation. If you would like to attend, please let Mrs Steele know at Cheriton Fitzpaine [admin@cheriton-fitzpaine-primary.devon.sch.uk] or via any of the school offices. before 11.00am on Wednesday. Thank you.

Pupil Premium Grant

The pupil premium is additional funding given to state-funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers.

During 2016/17 the majority of the Pupil Premium Grant for the Exe Valley Federation will continue to be used to support children in class. In addition to this, there have been changes to the financial support made available to families for music tuition, after school clubs, residential visits and other visits to ensure that the full costs are covered. Full information can be found on our website: <http://www.newton-st-cyres.devon.sch.uk/about/pupil-premium-grant-information.ashx>

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals, as this can help their child's school to attract additional funding to support learning.

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals/new-starter-pupil-premium>

From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are in receipt of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit.

Can we spend the Half Term holiday with your family please?

If any anyone is able to take care of the guinea pigs, rabbit or fish during the break please let the office know. Thank you.



Sainsbury's Active Kids

Active Kids was re-launched on 25th January; we will be collecting the vouchers from Sainsburys for school sports equipment.

Please ask all your friends and family members to help support our school too by donating theirs.

Sainsbury's





Exeter Music Holiday School



Exeter Music Holiday School are open this coming half term: 13th - 17th February 2017. 9am - 3.30pm (early drop off from 8am & late pick up available, additional cost applies). £25 per day or £100 for the week. 10% sibling discount available. Please call 07572 610742 or email exetermusicholidayschool@hotmail.com to book. www.exetermusicholidayschool.co.uk



**AXE VALLEY
WILDLIFE PARK**

FEBRUARY HALF TERM ACTIVITY DAYS

**February half term full activity days on:
Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th, or Thursday
16th February 2017*.**



11.00 Guinea Pig Fishing

12.00 Creepy Crawly Show

13.00 Otter Feed and Talk

14.00 Reptile Rampage

15.00 Meerkat Feed and Talk

***Limited activities on other days in February
Half term**



**Learn about animals in love this February half
term by completing our animal love quiz/trail**



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