



Newton St. Cyres Primary School Newsletter

6th January 2017

EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER - MR JOLLIFFE

SPRING TERM 1 WEEK 15 2016/2017

FROM MR. JOLLIFFE

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family had a lovely Christmas and a really good rest over the holiday. It has been lovely to see all the children back in their schools this week and to see how quickly they have settled back into learning. This term we have a number of exciting projects planned, starting with Paddleboat Theatre Company who will be working with Year 3 and 4 classes on Wednesday afternoons. Later in the term, Years 5 and 6 will be getting together to prepare for the Great Hall Concert in March, led by Mr Curtis. All our Year 1 and 2 classes will also be working with a theatre group from Exeter University this term, so they will also have an opportunity to work together on a shared project. I am looking forward to seeing how each of these projects progress and seeing the performances towards the end of the term.

FROM MR. AKHURST

I hope you had a fantastic Christmas break and a happy and healthy start to 2017. I would like to welcome everyone back to school with some very exciting baby news. Mrs. Parkes and Miss Scott-Hake have both had their babies within 24 hours of each other. In a close race, Mrs. Parkes pipped Miss Scott-Hake to the post with the birth of her son Samuel Joseph Parkes at 5am on Wednesday 4th January. Miss Scott-Hake was 24 hours later at 5am with the birth of her son who is yet unnamed. Both parents and babies are doing really well. Miss Scott-Hake has said she is open to baby name suggestions. Despite liking Logan, Oscar and Ralph, she has assured me that she will listen to any recommendations the children come up with. We wish them all the best and hope to see them soon.

On Wednesday, Mr. Jolliffe led a whole school assembly to welcome the children back and he reviewed 2016 and talked about aims for 2017. This afternoon, we will be looking at New Year's resolutions and the children and staff will be sharing their aspirations for the coming year. We will also be giving out the class trophies and governor's progress trophies, so a huge well done to all of those children in advance.

Next week, class 1 and class 2 will be heading to the leisure centre to start their 10 week sports programme. A letter with more information has been sent this morning. Class 3 will be heading back to Thorverton to continue their Paddleboat drama workshop and Class 4 are heading to Cheriton Fitzpaine on Thursday to enjoy an Egyptian themed morning led by storyteller Steve Manning.

I hope you all have a fantastic 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/Tag Rugby Club until 5pm (Mr Akhurst & Mr James) ***Start date to be confirmed.***

Go Active Clubs (Paid) KS1 (Y1, Y2 Y3) Medieval Club- Wednesday 3.20-4.20pm

(Paid) KS2 (Y4 Y5 6Y) Archery Club: Thursday 3.30-4.30pm

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.

TERM DATES

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

Half term is from Monday 13th to Friday 17th February and Monday 20th February is a Staff Development Day so children return to school on Tuesday 21st February 2017.

BIRTHDAYS

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

Kieron, Tom, and George



Crediton Youth Orchestra

Are you aged between 7 and 14? Do you play a musical instrument? Can you read music? Do you enjoy playing all styles and genres of music? Then join this brand new orchestra for young people.

Wednesdays 4.15 to 5.15pm term time

At QE music department, Western Road Campus, St Martins Lane, Crediton EX17 3LU

To fill in an enrolment form go to: Creditonyouthorchestra.co.uk or ask at your school reception or Crediton Community Bookshop.

First rehearsal on January 11th 2017.

See you there!

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 training courses that are being held over the next few months at one of the school venues. The courses will be on:

Monday 23rd January at 1.30pm at Cheriton

Wednesday 1st February at 9.30am at Newton

Thursday 9th February at 7.30pm at Thorverton

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.

RESIDENTIAL VISITS

A letter will be coming home in the next week or so with information for parents of children in Years 3 to 6 about this year's residential visits. The dates for the visits are as follows:

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]

We appreciate that residential visits represent a significant cost to families but we want as many children as possible to take part in these visits. Please talk to your child's Head of School or to Mr Jolliffe if you would like to know more about making the funding possible.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO BAD WEATHER

If there is a spell of bad weather this winter, we will do our best to keep the Exe Valley Schools open for children. We will send texts and emails to every parent on our system and update the school websites as well, so please look there for information from 7.30am onwards. If there is a power cut then we have to close affected schools but will still send texts and emails and update the website from an unaffected area. If all else fails, we will try to put a notice on the school gates to let you know that the school will be closed.

If you have changed your email address or mobile phone number recently, please make sure the school office knows, so that our system is as accurate as possible. Thank you.

PRESCHOOL REPORT

Welcome back to a new term, and also a new year; We all hope you had a fantastic Christmas and wish you all the very best for 2017.

This term we are asking the question 'Where does snow go?' so will be looking at weather, warm clothes and cold things-and hopefully will get to experience the real thing at some point.

It was decided during last term that we will not be continuing with the 2Simple programme for recording your child's progress, and so we have reverted back to Learning Journey books to record learning and experiences. Once up and running these will be available to view by yourselves and the children at any time. It does however mean you will not be sent a half-termly email file.

Just a reminder that sessions start at 9am in the morning, 11.30 for lunch and 12.45pm for the afternoon session. If your child is going to be absent for a session could you please let us know by 15mins after their usual start time, so it can be recorded on the register.

REMINDER - Parents of children due to be starting school in Sept 2017 can apply online. The application process for primary and junior places opened on 15 November 2016 and will close on 15 January 2017.

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place>

Michelle Gidley - Pre-school Leader



After School Climbing Club

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Wall in the Hall is an indoor climbing wall based at the Old Heathcoat School Community Centre in Tiverton. During term time we run after-school clubs for children aged 7 years and up, on

- **Wednesdays (4pm-6pm),**
- **Thursdays (4.30pm-6.30pm)**
- **Fridays (4pm-6pm)**
- **Sundays (12.30pm-2.30pm)**

Climbing provides children with a mental and physical challenge as they tackle ever-changing routes to reach the top of the wall. It can help build confidence as well as provide a safe environment for young people to challenge themselves or just meet new people.

Over the course of the sessions we teach children how to kit themselves up, basic climbing techniques and peer belaying, as well as play games designed help develop good movement and balance skills. We also offer the **NICAS** (National Indoor Climbing Award) scheme to those who want to work towards an accredited achievement or for those who already have climbing experience.

Subscriptions cost £25 a month, this covers your child's attendance at one of our four after-school clubs, one instructor led session per week during school holidays and unlimited climbing at all other times.

To book your child in to afterschool climbing club, go to thewallinthehall.co.uk or

call us on 01884 251830

We are also offering a free taster session for perspective new members. If your child would like to attend one of these sessions, please complete the slip below and we will contact you to arrange your child's session.

I would like to be contacted regarding The Wall in the Hall after school climbing club.

Contact Name

Contact Number