



Believe in ourselves, be the best we can be

31.3.17- Newsletter

Forest School

For quite some time, staff and parents have been keen to investigate how we could try and find more ways of using our outside area to further enhance the opportunities we offer our children. The idea of a Forest School approach has often been discussed and over the next term we will be trialling a variety of activities to see how it could work for us in the future. FOBS have funded 7 full days of Forest School run by an external company- Forest Inspirations. This will mean every child will be given a full day of Forest School during the summer term. As a school, we will then see how this type of provision could potentially be used in the future, as we anticipate different year groups using these opportunities differently over the school year. The list of summer term dates below outlines when your child's class/year group will have their day. A further letter will come home nearer the time to remind you and let you know what the children will need to provide on the day. A HUGE 'thank you!' to FOBS for their support and all of their hard work in preparing the areas in the school in anticipation of these exciting days!

Curriculum Celebration

Many thanks to those adults who were able to support the curriculum celebration for our 'A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words' topic. Here are just some of the positive comments from the day-

'Everyone has worked hard and it's brilliant!'
'I'm learning lots of new things!'
'It is very exciting seeing all of the learning'
'I think it is creative and informative'
'Absolutely fantastic. A great standard of work!'
'I think it is brilliant. Very colourful and creative'

Fundraising

Thank you so much to everyone for their hard work in organising, fundraising and contributing to this year's Comic Relief effort. As a school community we raised a massive **£670** which is FANTASTIC! This followed raising £261 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association the week before through our Great Bishop Bake off! Thank you.

Staffing

After further interviews in the last two weeks, we can now confirm that Miss Glynn (Voyagers) and Mrs Mackle (SEND/CO) have been appointed as permanent members of staff from September. We are delighted that they will be with us for the future as they have both made an extremely positive impact on our school community.

Pre School Easter Fayre

We would like to inform you that our friends at Bishopsteignton Pre School soon have their Easter Fayre which is being held on Saturday 22nd April in the Community Centre between 10:30-13:30.

Goodbyes

Yesterday was Mrs Bowden's last day at school before starting her maternity leave. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Bowden and her family all the very best during this exciting time. I would also like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and good luck to Mr Williams.

Summer Term Dates

Please remember, these dates and further information will be available on our website!

Date	Event
Tuesday 18 th April	First Day of Term
Thursday 20 th April	Forest School- EXPLORERS
Saturday 22 nd April	Pre School Easter Fayre- 10:30-13:30
Thursday 27 th April	Forest School- VOYAGERS
Monday 1 st May	BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 3 rd May	RNLI Beach Safety Assemblies- KS1 and KS2
Thursday 4 th May-Friday 5 th May	Y4/5 Residential
WB 8 th May	KS2 SATS
Thursday 25 th May	Forest School- DISCOVERERS
Friday 26 th May	Y5/6- Parliament Visit
WB 29 th May	HALF TERM
Wednesday 7 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 8 th June	Class Photos
Thursday 8 th June	Forest School- INVESTIGATORS
Thursday 15 th June-Friday 16 th June	Village Festival
Wednesday 21 st June	Sports Day 2- back up
Thursday 22 nd June	Forest School- ADVENTURERS
Friday 23 rd June	Curriculum Celebration
Tuesday 27 th and Wednesday 28 th June	Production- Y5/6
Thursday 29 th June	Forest School- Y6
Friday 30 th June	FOBS Summer Fair
Wednesday 5 th July	Parents' Evening
Thursday 6 th July	Parents' Evening
Thursday 6 th July	Forest School- Y5
Friday 7 th July PM	Leavers' Assembly
Monday 10 th July-Thursday 20 th July	TCS Transition
Friday 21 st July	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 5 th September	First Day of Autumn Term

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a peaceful Easter holiday. We will see you all again on **Tuesday 18th April**.

Many thanks for your continued support.



Dave Killoran
(Headteacher)