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Spring Term Newsletter No.5**Friday 5th February 2021****Messages from Mrs Eveleigh...**

Dear Parents,

We have really enjoyed the TEAMS live meetings with children and are in the process of trying to organise some afternoon sessions for everyone after half term. Whilst this seems quite simple at first glance, we want to try to avoid simultaneous streaming as most families do not have two devices and we have family members in different classes. All Year 5/6/ are trialling 3 afternoon sessions next week and you should have already been sent the link.

We are sorry there were some 'picture freezing' issues on Friday this week- we think the internet locally was responsible as an engineer was spotted at the box- hopefully, it is all sorted. Please can we ask that you wait in the lobby until invited and we will admit you when we are ready. Please also a gentle reminder to remember to remain on mute at all times whilst we are live unless you are asked otherwise – thank you.

Collective worship-Robin's latest WORSHIP is linked **HERE** and don't forget to join in with me in with the TVP worship on Friday 😊.

TVP Building news- The scaffolding is up at Burlescombe; the postbox may be a little further down the wall as we are now using the side arch door.

COVID-19 Update Thank you for supporting our request to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Teachers have noticed that several of the children in school are anxious about their parents catching COVID, especially with the extensive news surrounding the new strains.

We are, as you undoubtedly are, awaiting further news about the proposed return to school date of 8th March. As I have mentioned before, the media will release information before Headteachers get their updates, so sadly I am unable to tell you any further details about this.

Our bubbles in both schools are pretty much full and we have more and more parents requesting places. Currently we are averaging about 40% attendance, with the Devon figure being nearer 30%. I am really sorry that we are unable to offer places for all those asking. We do have to prioritize our vulnerable children and not just the important critical workers- it is noticeable that the majority of our families have these workers as the list has been made far more extensive. We review our

bubbles weekly and will let you know if we do think we have space.

Technology Update -We do have a few refurbished laptops for loan if families are finding things tricky, please contact the school office. **SAFER INTERNET DAY is on Tuesday.** All the home learning planning refers to a separate sheet. This sheet has ideas for all ages to raise awareness of keeping safe on the internet. Please can you help your child explore some of the resources linked to being safer on the internet.

PE-We have some more exciting resources, challenges, and competitions. Do please see our PE section, browse the opportunities, and take up the challenges. The free skipping ropes have been distributed but there are some amazing challenges as well as the launch of a golf competition. Please also see the Premier Sport update at the end of this newsletter. They have some great resources too 😊.

Finance Help-I am delighted to let you know that I have a grant from St Wilfrid's Trust for both schools and am able to offer some vouchers for a local supermarket to those families in challenging circumstances. This is for all families across the partnership experiencing hardship so do please email me or telephone the admin team and ask to be put on 'Mrs Eveleigh's gift card list'. The gift card will be discretely sent to you. Please don't miss this opportunity for some help. For those families who qualify for free school meals, Devon County Council have decided to support you over the half term with food vouchers. You should receive details by WEDNESDAY this week. If you haven't, please ring the admin team.

Please keep safe and keep smiling – you are doing well and we are proud of you all!

Kindest regards,

Deborah Eveleigh
Executive Head Teacher

LETTERS SENT OUT THIS WEEK

Yr5/6 TEAMS invite for 3 afternoon sessions.

STARS of the WEEK

Well done children and thank you for your hard work, positivity, and effort.

Community News

There are two community competitions this week.

STARS OF THE WEEK

(Certificates to be emailed home next week)

Webber's	Burlescombe
Thomas Florence S Jack H Harrison	Ben Noah Asher and Tony

Diary Dates

Monday 8th
February

Both Schools

Week 6 Home Learning – details on the website



CHILDREN'S CORNER



Webber's

Joke from the children in Year 2

When do you buy a bird?

When it's cheap!

Joke from Amelia Year 1

What do you call a donkey with 3 legs?

A Wonky!

PREMIER SPORTS UPDATE

*Andrew Overhill, the regional Director, of Premier sport has produced with his local team, a special mini video to help understand **Why PE** and all forms of physical activity are important for mental health. There is also a **gymnastics challenge**. There is also a video to help spur children on with the **Golden Mile** 🐅. To see the videos, click [here](#). (The link goes to WPS website but the PE is the same for both schools.)*



*Premier Sports are also offering a range of free activity cards if you sign up on their website: **Stay Active - Free resources Sign-up now - Premier Education (premier-education.com)***

Mindfulness.....Helen Wilson writes...

Concerned about your child's mental wellbeing? Take the first step today! **Special Offer for Children's Mental Health Week.** 1 copy of Easy Tiger! plus one sensory bubble timer (worth £3.99) for only £11.49 inc P&P. PayPal: helen@openmindsuk.org.uk or contact helen@openmindsuk.org.uk for other payment options.



Rotary **YOUNG**
ENVIRONMENTALIST
COMPETITION

AGES
7-17



Calling all young eco-champions

Are you passionate about the planet? Can you find ingenious ways to tackle carbon reduction?

Then take part in our Rotary Young Environmentalist Competition and pit your skills against the best across Devon, Cornwall and Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Then take part in our Rotary Young Filmmaker Competition and pit your skills against the best across Devon, Cornwall and Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Entry is free. There are 3 age groups - 7-10, 11-13 and 14-17 and the closing date is March 26th 2021. Get an entry form and information pack by Email: rctiverton1175@gmail.com

Or perhaps you are a budding Film Director?

Can you write, edit and direct your own short film which transports viewers and stirs emotions?

Rotary **YOUNG**
FILMMAKER
COMPETITION

AGES
7-17



Calling all young filmmakers

Write, edit and direct your very own short film to transport viewers and stir their emotions as part of the annual Rotary Young Filmmaker competition.
Lights, camera, action!

To nominate, contact: Andrea Rowe rctiverton1175@gmail.com

Rotary Club: **Tiverton**

Download the competition information pack at: rotarygbi.org

