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Spring Term Newsletter No.02

Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the second newsletter of the spring term. I am pleased to report that swimming for KS2 children at Webber's started last Friday and continues today. The children were all assessed by the swimming instructors last week and have now been placed into different ability groups, so the sessions start properly today. I am also pleased to report that teacher-led and after-school clubs have both commenced too with good take up across the board. Of particular note is Mrs. Gillard's Colouring Club, which has proved so popular, she has kindly arranged 2 extra groups each week to accommodate everyone. Thank you to Mrs. Gillard and all the teaching staff, who choose to run clubs in their own time.

Children in year 5/6 from Webber's recently completed their 3rd and final basketball tournament at Uffculme school. Every time I take children to these events, I am so proud to see the teams work together and support each other (apart from when they play each other of course!). Webber's Wizards placed 6th overall and Webbers Mystics placed 8th – I would like to thank all children who **volunteered** their time and effort to represent their school.

Continuing with the sporting theme, selected children in year 5/6 from both schools recently attended the Sports Hall athletics event at Uffculme school. Children competed in a range of indoor events including sprinting, jumping and throwing activities with the aim being to amass the *lowest* amount of points overall. Once again, children from both schools gave their all with Burlescombe finishing in 6th place overall and Webber's in 4th. Well done to all involved.

Coming up before half-term, year 1 children from both schools will be going to Uffculme for a Multi-Skills event in the sports hall and the KS2 swimming gala is coming up soon; check out the diary dates to see when.

Both schools are lucky enough to be receiving rail safety and fire safety talks in school soon. Employees from Network Rail and the Fire Service will be coming into school to talk to the children and help raise their awareness of the potential dangers presented by the railway and awareness of fire safety. These sessions are an important extension of the messaging that you, as parents, and we, as schools, deliver to our children about staying safe and giving the children real-life experience of people who work in these sectors is invaluable.

The Local Schools Committee (LSC), which is the system of governance used to have oversight over our schools and the replacement for the old TVP Board of Governors, has been set up and is fully quorate with the first 2 meetings of this academic year having taken place last term and two more to come this term. The LSC play an important role in the drive for school improvement, offering both support and challenge to the headteacher. Committee members visit schools to monitor different aspects of school improvement and report back, helping to ensure that the strategic direction of our schools is progressing as planned and children's experiences are the best they can possibly be. The committee is made up of volunteers, with parent members from each school and one staff member representative too; I would like to thank the members of the LSC for freely giving their time for the **service** of their community in this important role.

Children in upper key stage two at both schools have recently been bringing their Chromebooks home after school (as I'm sure you've noticed!), which can be used for any educational activity. Their usage is in its embryonic stage at the moment, whilst staff finalise the Virtual Learning Environments and software that will allow us to integrate their usage into the delivery of the wider curriculum giving children the opportunity to create digital portfolios that can be stored and shared with you at home with the use of an associated app. The use of intellectual virtues such as **critical thinking, creativity** and **curiosity** will help children develop good habits, as well as supporting the development of modern skills to equip them for life in Key Stage 3.

Burlescombe PTFA held a meeting this week where the successes of events last term were celebrated. The Christmas Crackers, Christmas jumper sale and refreshments served at the Nativity performances at the end of last term raised a staggering total of over £600. The November bingo raised an equally impressive total of over £500. I would like to thank the local business in the Burlescombe and local communities who generously donated prizes for some of these events; and thank you to you too for showing such sterling support for our PTFA, who play a vital role in supporting children's experiences in school – the whole school trip to Paignton Zoo for both schools coming up this term (more information to follow) is

a prime example. Do also look out for “Lilah’s Little Library” at Burlescombe Village Hall. This is a book sale where donations are gratefully received in support of Burlescombe PTFA If you are interested in joining either school’s essential PTFA team, please enquire at the relevant school office.

Something to add that if your child is sick or has diarrhoea, please can you keep your child at home for at least 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. We have quite a few cases in school and It is imperative that this rule is followed to prevent it spreading to other children.

Finally, I have some exciting news to share: Alumnis Multi-Academy Trust has a new member of their Social Inclusion Team to work alongside James Creek and Sonia Grant. Her name is Jen Marshall and her primary base will be with the mid-Devon schools – Bampton, Burlescombe and Webbers. Please see a personal profile giving you some information about her after the diary dates section. We are lucky to have the services of Jen, who will be dedicated to helping families of our cluster of 3 schools and I’m sure you join me in wishing her all the best in her new role.

Kind regards,



Mr. Roffey
Head Teacher

Communications sent out this week

- Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics – selected squad
- Collection Arrangements – WPS
- Term Dates 2023 / 2024 – both schools
- Message from School aged Immunisation Team – both schools
- Class Curriculum Letters – both schools

This week’s **TEAM POINT** winners are

WEBBER’S: ASH

BURLESCOMBE: KINGFISHERS



STARS OF THE WEEK

WEBBER’S		BURLESCOMBE	
Class 1	Erin	Acorns	Isaac D
Year 2	Seth G		
Class 2	Albie	Squirrels	Kelsey
Class 3	Quinn	Oaks	Abigail

Diary Dates

Thurs 26 th January	Redwoods Pub, Uplowman	WPS PTFA Meeting – 7.30pm
Fri 27 th January	Webber’s	KS2 Swimming at Tiverton Pool
Fri 3 rd February	Webber’s	KS2 Swimming at Tiverton Pool
Tues 7 th February	Uffculme School	Yr1 Multi-Skills event 1.30pm – 3pm.
Wed 8 th February	Webber’s	CVSA Yr3/4/5/6 Swimming Gala - Tiverton Pool - Time TBC
Fri 10 th February	Webber’s	KS2 Swimming at Tiverton Pool
	Burlescombe	Non-uniform Day – donations for PTFA Easter Bingo or £1

Jen moved to Devon in 2008 with her partner. She completed her social work training in 2006 and worked for local authorities in different social work, disability and education teams until 2022. Following the impact of lockdown on services, she really wanted to work less online and connect more with children and families face-to-face to make positive changes. She is really excited to have joined the Alumnis Trust's Social Inclusion Team in January 2023. She is looking forward to working with families and their schools in a supportive way, to build good relationships and experiences, and to help children achieve their full potential.



Jen lives in mid Devon with her partner, 3 school age sons, 4 cats and 1 bearded dragon. These all keep her busy, but when there is time, she enjoys getting out to the countryside or coast, seeing family and friends, pottering in the garden and watching films, comedy and bands.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Swimming Stars

Last weekend, Elli C. and Oliver S. represented Tiverton Swimming club in the Devon County Interclub Championship and County Relay events at the Life Centre in Plymouth.

The Interclub event was swum with the pool set at short course (25m) distance. Elli and Oliver each swam two individual events, a medley relay and freestyle canon relay. Their fantastic swims helped the team secure a 3rd place out of all the clubs in Devon, which is a huge achievement for a small club.

After a short break, where the pool was converted in to an Olympic sized 50m pool, the relays were swum. They swam in separate age groups and both completed four relays, and another canon. The canon included one boy and one girl from each age group and was the last race swum at the end of a very long day. Elli and Oliver's tremendous efforts were rewarded with silver medals.

Over the next few weekends the children are competing in the individual Devon Championship Finals. Oliver has qualified for two races and Elli ... a phenomenal thirteen!



February Half Term Holiday Club



13th - 17th February



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- Day Trips
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**PREMIER EDUCATION
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**Wednesday 15th February 2023
COTFORD ST LUKE PRIMARY SCHOOL
TA4 1HZ**

A RUNNING CLUB MORNING



Information of the morning:

Lead Coach- Ben Tull, our activity professional, will be leading our running club morning. Ben runs the Watchet Whippets Running Club and competes in a lot of local running events. Ben also competes as part of the British Duathlon team.

What's the plan- The morning will consist of a lot of different running activities where children will be able to compete against each other! The children will also learn about correct running techniques and learn how to pace themselves during longer distance races.



Please bring lots of soft drinks!
This club will be outside please wear casual clothes/sports kit.

£12.00

9:30am-
12:30pm

How to book:

Online- www.premier-education.com
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**PREMIER EDUCATION
HOLIDAY CAMP**

**Cotford St Luke Primary School
TA4 1HZ
Wednesday 15th February 2023**

FOOTBALL ACTIVITY DAY



What we will get up to:

Football skills- Working Individually or in pairs you will learn skills from the coaches. They will help you learn and improve!

Football drills- Children will be split into groups and start practising their skills whilst also moving with the ball.

Mini games- Children will use their skills in game like situations before playing against each other in the afternoon in teams.

Football tournament- Children will be put into various teams where they will compete in a round robin tournament!



Childcare
vouchers
accepted

£20 ALL
DAY!

Please bring your
own lunch & lots of
non fizzy drink.

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CAMPS**

**Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th February 2023
Venue: Cotford St Luke Primary School
Time: 9:30am- 3:30pm Price £20.00 each day**

What we'll be getting up to...

Tuesday 14th February: Gymnastics- Spend the day learning new gymnastic techniques from our amazing qualified gymnastic coaches.

They will support you doing new rolls, balances and stands. Enjoy making routines in pairs and small groups which will be presented later in the day. Try out all the school equipment!

Childcare vouchers accepted



The fun doesn't stop there...

Thursday 15th February: Taekwondo, Nerf and Dodgeball- Patterns, hand attacks, blocks and self defence are just a handful of taekwondo techniques children will learn from our coach Sharon. Sharon is a level 3 in taekwondo and her club recently won gold and silver at the National Taekwondo Poomsae championships!

The children won't just be coming home as little ninjas from the day. They'll also have an afternoon of our famous nerf and dodgeball games! Where they will make unbreakable forts and work hard as a team!

Please wear sports/casual clothes, bring a packed lunch and soft drinks.

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