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Spring Term Newsletter No.05 Friday 10th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the 5th newsletter of the spring term. I would like to start with some exciting news: the new Interactive Display Screens are being installed at Webber's today in each classroom. This equipment is a vital upgrade to the display technology used in school and represents our commitment to the Digital & Innovation Cornerstone of our curriculum. Whilst there will be some disruption during the day, the long-term benefits for children and staff will be well worth it.

This evening sees the return of the WPS PTFA school disco. This starts at 6pm and runs for one hour. Please remember that all attendees must be accompanied by a responsible adult, who stays at the disco.

Next week is the last week of teacher-led clubs after school; Premier Sport-led clubs will end on the penultimate week of term (w/c 20th March), which is also the week for Parent Consultation Evenings. As always, these will be on Monday and Tuesday at Webber's; Wednesday & Thursday at Burlescombe - keep an eye out for the appointment boards that will be displayed early next week.

Both schools are celebrating science week next week where each class will be undertaking a different, practical scientific investigation. Over the course of the week, children will research, plan, perform and review their experiments (I think two of the classes may have something to do with volcanoes!). Please see an important message from our science lead Mr. Gillard below the letters sent out this week.

The final day of that week, Friday 17th March, is Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. Children are invited to come into school wearing something red and bring a donation of £1 into school, which will go towards the education of our sponsored children in Uganda through our partnership with the charity Edukid.

On Sunday 19th March, both schools are taking part in their respective church's Mothering Sunday services. I have sent a separate letter regarding this earlier this week; please do let the school office know if your child would like to take part.

Next week, our year 3/4 children from both schools will be attending a Tag Rugby event at Uffculme school. This is within school time, so we have organised a coach to transport the **Communications sent out this week**

children there and back. Please could parents of year 3 / 4 children check you have consented to your child travelling by coach to the event; this is within school time and part of the PE curriculum.

The following week sees the return of the much-loved Cross Country event at Killerton Gardens. For those who attended last term's event, I am reliably informed that we will be using the *bottom* field this time. :) If your child has been selected to attend this event, please give your consent to this using the School Comms app.

Thursday last week saw World Book Day celebrations taking place at both schools with a wonderful variety of characters, creatures and even a cardboard Titanic arriving at school for a day of reading-based fun. Please help your child to exchange their book token for one of this year's £1 books, or put it towards the cost of a more expensive book. I do highly recommend both Devon and Somerset libraries as an excellent source of free books, so if your child does not have a free membership, sign them up and introduce them to the wonderful world of reading for free!

Last weekend, some children from years 3 and 4 from both schools attended a Writer's Retreat at Wellington School where they had to get rid of the terrifying Mrs. Trunchball with their epic creative writing skills. The children had a wonderful time - check out the children's section below to see a photo of some of them on the day.

Please could I ask all parents of children who are attending the residential to check that you are up to date with the payment plan as the company is requesting payment - thank you. One final message: please do leave a voicemail on the schools' answerphones as these are checked before the end of the day for any collection messages that staff need to be aware of.

Have a lovely weekend and see you soon in school.

Kind regards,

R. Rossey

Mr. Roffey Head Teacher

Year 3/4 Tag Rugby @Uffculme School- both schools Maths SATS Booster Club – selected pupils only Year 3/4 Wildside Residential Consent Form – both schools Mothering Sunday letter Y3/4/5/6 Cross Country letter

Message from Mr. Gillard

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is Science Week and we need you, as our local community, to source some essential items for us. These items will help the children to complete their scientific projects and have fun along the way. We need: empty, washed 2-litre fizzy drinks bottles, old newspapers and various plastic containers. If you have any of these, please send them in with your child or drop them off in Reception. A huge thank you in advance!

Mr. Gillard

This week's **TEAM POINT** winners are **BEECH** WEBBER'S:



BURLESCOMBE: HERONS and SWANS			
STA	RS OF THE WEEK		
WEBBER'S		BURLESCOMBE	
Bailey	Acorns	Charlotte	
All of Year 2	Acorns		
Hamish	Squirrels	Kyle	
Arlo	Oaks	Jack W	
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Diary Dates		
Tues 14 th March	Both Schools	Yr3/4 Tag Rugby Festival @ Uffculme School 10am – 12.30pm
Friday 17 th March	Both Schools	Comic Relief
	Webber's	KS2 Swimming at Tiverton Pool
Mon 20 th March	Webber's	Parent Consultation Evening (Time TBC)
Tue 21 st March	Both Schools	Yr3/4/5/6 CVSA Cross County at Killerton 12.30pm – 3pm.
	Webber's	Parent Consultation Evening (Time TBC)
Wed 22 nd March	Burlescombe	Parent Consultation Evening (Time TBC)
Thur 23 rd March	Burlescombe	Mid-Devon Local School Committee Meeting 9.30am-11.30am
	Burlescombe	Parent Consultation Evening (Time TBC)
Fri 24 th March	Burlescombe	Non-uniform day - £1 or raffle prize for PTFA
	Webber's	KS2 Swimming at Tiverton Pool
Tue 28 th March	Both Schools	Yr5/6 Introduction to Dance @ Uffculme School 1.30pm – 3pm
Thur 30 th March	Both Schools	Whole-school trip to Paignton Zoo 8am-4.30pm (details to follow)
Fri 31 st March	Webber's	9.30am End of Term Service - All Saints Church
	Burlescombe	2.45pm End of Term Service – St. Mary's Church
	Webber's	WPS PTFA Easter 2nd Hand Uniform sale and Easter hunt on the school
		field - coffee and cake for parents (Time TBC)
EASTER HOLIDAY - Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 th April		
Mon 17 th April	Both Schools	Return to school 8.40am

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Class 1

Class 1 have worked incredibly hard during assessment week, this week. They have demonstrated **determination** and **perseverance**. I have been very proud of them. We have also had a lot of fun. The children all learnt to play and perform 'Once a Man Fell in a Well' on the Glockenspiels.







We also used our collage skills to create Antarctic landscapes highlighting some of the physical features that we had identified earlier in the lesson. We all agreed that Antarctica is very different to where we live!

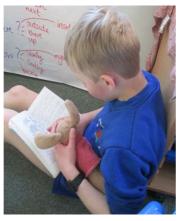
Class 2

Wow! What a busy few days!

Class 2 have been investigating and naming the features of a mountain, and sharing our individual adventures of climbing mountains, linking the theory to our own lived experiences. In Science, we are investigating and classifying different states of matter, and this week have taken part in a whole class quiz, brilliantly named 'Solid, Liquid or Gas?' In true game-show style we shared our own knowledge and understanding, to generate a succession of answers to ensure correct classification.

World Book Day last week saw Class 2's favourite teddies invited into school to share in our love of reading and to get to know each other before our residential. We enjoyed a carousel of classroom-based activities in the morning, before settling in for the afternoon reading stories to our friends and cuddly companions. Well done to everyone on your costumes...you all looked brilliant, and thank you to all the children for their book recommendations!







Class 3

It has been a busy couple of weeks for Class 3 after returning to school after the half term break. The children have continued to show enthusiasm in the class text 'First Light' and it has been wonderful to involve the children in the reading of the book: I've had so many children volunteer to read- showing a confidence in reading aloud and an enjoyment in the text. The children produced even more exceptional artwork on world book day when they drew and painted 'Chickchus'- the husky dogs from our story.

We have been so proud of the children's achievements during Assessment Week this week. The children have worked exceptionally hard to do their absolute best with the tests and show the progress that they are making through their continued hard work and effort. Really well done!

During our IT lessons, the children have shown a mature attitude to learning about the 'Four Cs of Internet Safety'. Your child should be able to give you examples of content, contact, conduct and commerce online and should be able to explain ways of keeping safe. It has been great to have interesting class discussions and increase our understanding in the four areas.

The pictures shared this week are of some of our soap sculptures, our artwork (which relates to our topic and our class text) and examples of some excellent leaflets written by Class 3 children about animals from the Polar regions.







Acorns

Another busy few weeks have been had by all in Acorns. Reception have been working hard in Maths and been using language associated with height and length. Year 1 and year 2 have also been learning about measure. Year 1 were challenged to find items taller and shorter than a metre.

In English, all the children have been inventing lost and found stories; we look forward to sharing our published copies in the next newsletter. We have been inspiring researchers this week in Topic all about Shakleton and his Endurance Expedition. In RE, the reception children were inspiring skill builders learning how to make hot cross buns! We had great fun on World Book Day last week too, it was fantastic to see each other's wonderful outfits - thank you for all the effort that was made:)







Squirrels

Squirrels class this week have been trying their socks off with the different assessments in maths, grammar, spellings and reading. As always, the only thing we ask is that they try their hardest to show off all the learning they have completed this term - and they have certainly done that! As their teacher, I am super proud of the effort and attitude with which they have undertaken the assessments and look forward to Parent Consultation evenings, when we can celebrate the successes of all their hard work. $olive{2}$



Oaks

We finished off a lovely week last week with a fantastic time with Tiverton Football club; learning new skills and having a go at scoring against a professional footballer.

This week, Oaks' class have been hard at work with their assessments. They have had the luxury of a snow day in between but they have all worked extremely hard to do their very best in their assessments and can now gladly say they are finished for another term! Although, Year 6 are very aware that the next assessments will be the real ones;

their SATs at the beginning of May!



Wellington Writers Retreat

Parents loved seeing their children stand up on stage and read out snippets of their stories they had written to get rid of Mrs Trunchball. Also happy parents with tea, coffee and yummy cake at the end of the day!

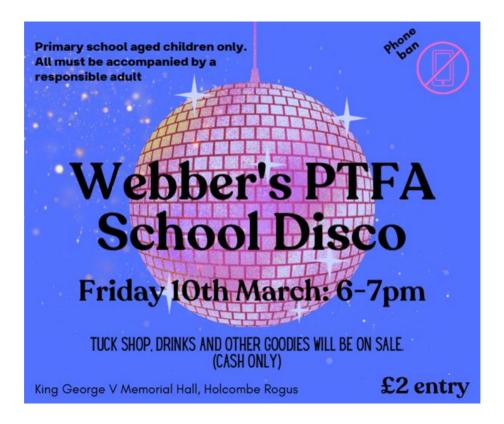




WORLD BOOK DAY









At Burlescombe and Westleigh Community Hall



EASTER TECH CAMPS

This Easter, join us for an awesome tech experience, with lots of exciting activities from programming challenges, Robot Coding, Photoshop Skills, Minecraft, DJ mixing and LEGO Engineering.

We are running on 3rd - 6th April 2023 and 11th – 14th April 2023 at Wellington School, TA21 8NT from 9 am to 4 pm each day (Early drop off from 8 am now available).

The main themes for each day are the following

Bot Builders and Coders

Meet our Robots and learn visual coding and programming skills that make them come to life! Kickstart your career in STEM as you navigate your robot, create games and explore new challenges. This is a great activity to help develop problem-solving skills.

Engineering

We challenge children to create new inventions using modular electronics, helping to develop their problem-solving skills. PLUS, Music Maker activity.

Media Madness

Unleash your inner creative genius and create your own music or start and produce your own film! The opportunities are endless on our media day!

Circuitry

Flex your circuitry skills and build buggies, alarms, light sensors and more.

Creative Tech

Digital art, rocket propulsions, wearable technology, Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality and Laser Tag. A fun-fuelled tech day awaits.

Our camps are for ages 5-13 only. Spaces are limited, for more information, please see the attached flyer or to enrol now simply visit:

https://www.nextthing.education/product/wellington-school-easter-camp/







Tuesday 11th, Thursday 13th April 2023 Venue: Cotford St Luke Primary School TA4 1HZ Time: 9:30am- 3:30pm Price £21.00 each day

What we'll be getting up to...

Tuesday 11th April: Gymnastics- Spend the day learning new gymnastic techniques from our amazing qualified gymnastic coaches.

stands. Enjoy making routines in pairs and small group which will be presented later in the day. Try out all the school equipment!

Childcare vouchers accepted













rom the day. They'll also have an afternoon of our amous nerf and dodgeball games! Where they will hake unbreakable forts and work hard as a team!

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











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FOOTBALL ACTIVITY DAY





MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVIT

What we will be up too:

Easter Games - Egg hunts, Egg and Spoon Races and Bunny Hop Sack Races are just a few of the Easter games we will be playing!

Dodgeball- Working as a team, children will work together to try and hit the other team with their dodgeballs!

Nerf Games- Children will be split into teams where they will build unbreakable forts to take cover from the other teams!









Other activities:

Gymnastics- Children will get to express movement and their strength through our gym

Arts and crafts- A chance for children to take a break from all the running around and relax! A time to meet new friends.

Football- One of the more classic sports we run. Children will be put in team to play a 5aside games.

Hot school lunch provided and please bring your own soft drinks! Please wear sports/casual clothes.



