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Summer Term Newsletter No.01

Friday 21st April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the summer term, which is being written from the glorious countryside in the Blackdown Hills as children from years 3 and 4 from both schools have completed their Wildside residential experience this week – and what a week (well, 3 days) it has been.

This was my first trip to Wildside on residential, having previously attended upper key stage 2 residentials, and I have been *blown away* by the care, commitment and dedication from Richard and the team here. Everything they do is for the benefit of the children and creates a magical experience, which I have been sorely impressed with. We have a few transport niggles to iron out for the year after next, but we will definitely be coming back. I would also like to thank Mrs. Verrall, Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Gardener for attending the trip with me; these residential experiences would not be possible without staff who are willing to go well over-and-above for the enrichment of our children's experiences and the care and support they have shown towards our children has been first class – a true embodiment of *in loco parentis*.

Unfortunately, I can't dedicate the entire newsletter to the fantastic residential experience we have just had, but there have been two updates sent to parents of children who attended. If you would like to know more about what has gone on here at Wildside, either speak to a parent of a year 3 or year 4 child to ask for the emails to be forwarded to you, or contact either school office.

It is always so lovely to see children returning to school after a break away looking so smart in their uniform and showing that they are so keen to learn; thank you to you all for helping them with this. Something magical must happen on the journey into school because, from personal experience, reluctance to "go back to school" melts away as soon as children see their friends and teachers.

The first week of term has started at pace, with children beginning new teaching units and children in year two and year six entering "exam season". Parents of year 6 children, please encourage your child to work through the CGP revision books we have provided as these are an excellent source of information and subject content that children may be examined on. If you have any queries about either of the

national examinations which will be taking place next month, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact either school office.

Later this term, year 1 children will take the phonics assessment known as the Phonics Screening Check. This is a test to assess and show how well your child can use and apply the phonics skills that they've learnt up to the end of Year 1. There is a pass mark that has to be obtained for the screen to be passed. Children who do not meet the standard this year, will receive extra support in year 2 and are asked by the government to re-take the test in that year.

Later this term too, for children in year 4, is the upcoming Multiplication Times Tables Check (MTC). The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided. Please do encourage your child to use the MTC practice materials on TTRockStars as this will help to prepare them for the assessment itself.

Next week, selected children in years 5 and 6 will be attending the Quad Kids Athletics event at Uffculme school. If your child has received an invitation, please complete the necessary permission forms and return to their school office.

I'm sure you will have noticed this week the new entry systems being installed at both schools. This represents the commitment that we have to ensure that the schools' sites are as robust as they can be from a Safeguarding perspective. This represents a substantial investment from the trust, and is one that we have long wanted, but not been able to afford. There are many other improvements and upgrades to both schools' sites on the horizon, which given the wider, educational environment we find ourselves in with the current levels of government funding, is a testament to the benefit of belonging in a family of trust schools.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to a request from our former Executive Head Deborah Eveleigh. She is undertaking a sponsored walk to raise money for

Hospicecare. If you are able, please do consider a donation to support this very worthy cause. In addition, there is a Q&A evening coming up – again, details are in the Community Section should you wish to attend.

I hope you have a lovely weekend with your family, and I look forward to seeing you in school next week.

Kind regards,

R. Roffey

Head Teacher

Communications sent out this week

Year 5/6 Quad Kids Event Uffculme School – both schools
(Selected squads)
Summer Term School Clubs Letter – both schools
Relationships and Sex Education Letter – both schools

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

WEBBER'S: OAK
BURLESCOMBE: HERONS



STARS OF THE WEEK

WEBBER'S		BURLESCOMBE	
Class 1	Joseph	Acorns	Reuben
Year 2	Rowan		
Class 2	All children who attended the residential.	Squirrels	All children who attended the residential.
Class 3	Freya	Oaks	Ethen

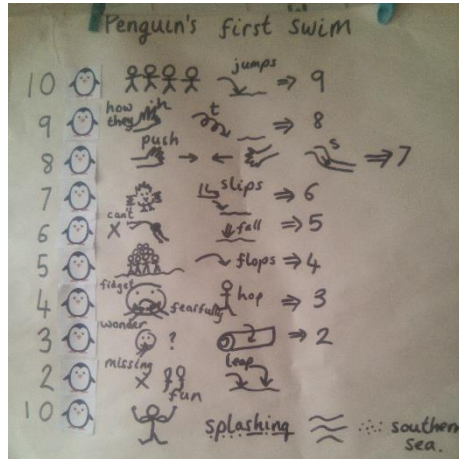
Diary Dates

Tue 25 th April	Both Schools	Year 5/6 Quad Kids Event – Uffculme School 1pm – 3pm (selected squad)
Friday 28 th April	Webber's	Year 1 Phonics Screening Parents Meeting – 9am
Tue 2 nd May	Year 5/6 both schools	Rounders Tournament – Uffculme School 3pm-5pm.
Thurs 4 th May	Webber's	KS1 / EYFS Poetry Extravaganza – 9am
Friday 5 th May	Both Schools	Coronation Celebration – details to follow
Tue 9 th May	Year 3/4 both schools	Tri-Golf Festival – Uffculme School 9.30am-11am
Tue 9 th May - Fri 12 th May	KS2 SATs assessment	Grammar, Reading & Maths assessments
Mon 15 th May	Year 5/6 both schools	Quintessence - Plough Theatre Torrington

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Class 1

The children have all settled back well into the routine of school after the Easter holidays and it has been another busy week for Class 1. We have all been working hard on our poetry lessons ready for our EYFS and KS1 Poetry Extravaganza. We will be inviting parents to come and join us for this at 9am on Thursday 4th May.



KS1 have started their new art topic 'Street view'. We have been looking at the work of American pop artist, James Rizzi. The children produced some of their own work inspired by his.



Children in Reception have been busy learning outside in the sunshine this week. They built a den collaboratively and learnt to use pipe cleaners to join.



Class 2 & Squirrels

Class 2 and Squirrels class have been on residential at Wildside from Wednesday this week – what a fantastic time it has been! Children have been challenged, supported and encouraged to try new foods, try

new experiences and develop their ability to work as a team using communication. I can't tell you how proud we all are of all of them. It is such a lovely experience to witness first-hand the development of children's character and how well they adapt to change and challenge. You might not get a lot out of your child today, but I hope over the weekend, they will be able to tell you about all the fantastic things we have done. I very much look forward to when we can return to this wonderful place, situated in the heart of our beautiful countryside.



Class 3

Class 3 have had a brilliant first week back after Easter. They have thrown themselves into their learning and have already achieved so much! The children were delighted to hear that our new topic is called 'Off with Her Head!' They have begun the topic by looking at Tudor fashion and creating some wonderful artwork based on their research of Tudor clothes. You may recognise a few of the Tudor faces in the pictures- the work will make a great display!

Year 6 have been working hard in preparation for their SATS tests in a few weeks- their confidence is soaring and we are so proud of each and every one of them and the great progress they are making. Well done Year 5 for being so supportive of your peers too.

Just before Easter, Class 3 really enjoyed the visit to Paignton Zoo. As well as exploring the zoo, they took part in an 'Escape Room' type activity which was great fun! Their determination to solve the clues was amazing and they all succeeded in resolving the puzzle! We learnt some valuable lessons about Palm Oil and sustainability too. Here's to an exciting and successful Summer Term!



Acorns

Acorns Class have had a fantastic start to the term! We have been diving straight into our English and Maths learning. Reception have been working hard at recognising different representations of numbers and matching them to their numerals. KS1 have been inspiring researchers in English, finding out about some endangered animals. I have been very impressed with the children's positive attitude to their learning. We enjoyed being inspiring explorers by going on a plant hunt outside to kick start our new plants unit; we were lucky to choose the sunniest day of the week to do this! Now the weather is warmer and drier, reception have enjoyed lots of busy learning time outside. KS1 are preparing for the king's coronation by exploring monarchs and their roles in our new Magnificent Monarchs topic!



Squirrels (see above)

Oaks

As it is now the sunny, summer term, this week has been full of new starts! We have begun our new topic - Britain at War - and all the parts of the curriculum that link to it. In music, we have started learning about the songs of the war and in art we have rewound time and are looking at art created with a pencil (the only drawing equipment soldiers may have had with them). We have been applying this medium to

observational drawings. We then took these drawings and made them into an abstract design. As the sun has been shining, we managed to do this outside sat in the sun! ☺



Community Section

Introducing Webber's KS2 Summer Term Choir

Calling all singers!

Come along and give it a go!

Be part of a team, learn new skills, learn great tunes!

Have fun!

This will be run as an Early Morning Club with a nominal fee of £2 per week (all proceeds to go directly to the PTFA). Children are invited to be dropped off punctually on Tuesdays at 8.05am for an 8.10am start. As we will be working towards a final performance, we kindly ask that both children and parents commit to a full term.

Please let me know if you are interested as this would be helpful for those running the choir to gauge numbers.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. The choir will start from the second Tuesday of the summer term (Tuesday 25th April).

Rupert Egerton-Smith

Pianist & Composer

rupert@rupertesmusic.com

QUESTION

- WHAT'S THE FUTURE OF THE SCHOOL POOL?
- HOW IS STAFFING AT WEBBERS?
- WHAT IMPACT IS THE ACADEMY HAVING?



WITH MR ROFFEY

**WEDNESDAY
3RD MAY
5-7PM**

ANSWER

Join Mr Roffey for a Q&A - open to all. With lots of changes happening in and around the school, Mr Roffey invites you to come and hear the answers to these questions and more. As well as give you an opportunity to put your questions to him.

BRIGADE CLOTHING

We are pleased to be able to offer all parents the following discount:

Date: Saturday 29th-Sunday 30th April

Discount: 10% on all orders

Code: Enter **SPRING23** at the checkout to activate the discount

Debbie and John's 3 PEAKS Challenge:

With Nexus in aid of HOSPISCARE, the Devon based charity providing end of life and palliative care in our local communities.

We both love walking and on our recent holiday we set ourselves a big a challenge by walking up a very big, rocky hill. I must admit I was a tad scared at one point it was very, very high! HOWEVER, we've really bitten the bullet now... our local charity needs our support, and we can help them. How? By climbing 3 famous UK mountains: Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon! Our aim is to complete the challenge in 24 hours, (hopefully we can but they are much higher than the one in the picture!) This 'tall' order challenge begins on 13th October 2023, so we are starting Dartmoor training, in the rain, soon!

Please will you sponsor us today, to help reach our target goal of £1,750. Any amount would help Hospiscare care to support more families. Here is the link:

[John and Debbie Eveleigh are fundraising for Hospiscare \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/John-and-Debbie-Eveleigh)

To find out more about HOSPISCARE check out the link below:

<http://www.hospiscare.co.uk/>

Thank you so much for your support and if you want to send me a message, I'm also on Facebook these days 😊 and am hoping to put up progress pictures 😊!

P.S. If you know of any of your friends/acquaintances that might sponsor us too, please feel free to share the link – thank you!



PREMIER EDUCATION HOLIDAY CAMP

Wednesday 31st May 2023
Cotford St Luke Primary School
TA4 1HZ



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

£21 ALL DAY!

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

Please wear casual/sports clothes.

9:30am-3:30pm

How to book:

Online- www.premier-education.com
Call Andrew- 07776 108281



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PREMIER EDUCATION TAUNTON HOLIDAY CAMP

Wednesday 31st May 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.

£12.00

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

9:30am-12:30pm

How to book:

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PREMIER EDUCATION TAUNTON HOLIDAY CAMPS



Tuesday 30th May, Thursday 1st June 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 30th May: 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 1st June: Taekwondo 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 taekwondo coach 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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