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#### Summer Term Newsletter No.07

### **Academic**

What an incredibly busy last two weeks of term we have enjoyed! Year 6 children in particular have been very busy with a week of serving cream teas, an Enterprise Project-funded trip to Exmouth, the KS2 inaugural End-of-Term-Quiz (thank you to John Mcilwain), and their leavers' service today. All the staff from both schools could not be prouder of our outgoing superstar year 6 children, who have worked incredibly hard, and achieved amazing things during their time at Webber's and Burlescombe. They have come to embody the values and virtues of our school, and whilst we will miss them hugely, we know that they are ready to spread their wings and fly into the wonderful world of secondary school and all the exciting opportunities that represents. Keep up the good work, Year 6!

### **Community**

I would like to thank both PTFAs for the tireless and invaluable work they do to enrich the educational experience of our children. The funds they provide are increasingly important in the national educational funding environment we find ourselves in, but they would not be able to provide any funds without the engagement and support of you, our community. Thank you for supporting PTFA events and spending your hard-earned money in a cost-of-living crisis. Together, we work to give our children the best possible experience they can have, and your support is very much appreciated. See you at the Webber's Summer BBQ this evening!





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### **Character**

It has been a wonderful this year to ensure that every single child at both of our lovely schools has achieved their Inspiring Changemaker challenges, and have been rewarded with their year group specific certificate and Inspiring Changemaker badges. These challenges are an excellent way to build character - whether that's **motivation** to volunteer to represent the school, determination to learn new skills, courage to spend nights away from loved ones on residential, or **resilience** with a particular piece of tricky learning, the character development we have witnessed from children this year has been phenomenal. Children now actively spot and celebrate school values and virtues in their peers and staff, which are celebrated in weekly Celebration Assemblies. Character is the basis of all we do, and it is a privilege to witness on a daily basis children embodying the good in our society.

#### **Innovation**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, at Burlescombe, we are innovating some of the school space and reorganising its use, to make more effective use of the space we have. Our dedicated library area is now almost complete – thank you to the Burlescombe PTFA for funding the cost of some new units to go in the library and a humongous thank you to Emily Pearson and Jess Bailey for giving up their time yesterday to help with the organisation. We are very excited to start to use the new library space next year, and will be inviting parents in to read with children, so if you think you may have some time, look out at the start of next year, as we will invite volunteers. Thank you to Miss. Ody, for leading this school improvement change, and to staff for moving, sorting and organising equipment.

# **Messages**

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	STARS OF THE WEEK			
WEBBER'S	E	BURLESCOMBE		
Class 1	<b>0</b>			
Year 2	Acorns			
Class 2	Squirrels			
Class 3	Oaks			

Diary Dates				
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Webber's	Leavers' Service 9.30am-11am (at All Saints Church)		
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Burlescombe	Leavers' Service 2.30pm-3.30pm (at St. Mary's Church)		
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Webber's	PTFA Summer BBQ		
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Both schools	INSET DAY		
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Both schools	INSET DAY		
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Both schools	Autumn Term 2023 begins		

# **CHILDREN'S CORNER**

# Class 1 and Year 2

We have had a busy and fun filled last week in Class 1 and Year 2.

#### Year 2 Pirate party

This week, Year 2 had an absolute blast at their end-of-year pirate party! The excitement kicked off with a fun activity where they let their creativity flow, crafting their own balancing parrot mascot. Afterwards, the children engaged in some thrilling team games, resulting in well-earned prizes for the winners.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the evening was the eagerly awaited pirate treasure hunt! The children took turns leading their peers as they deciphered riddles to find the matching images for each clue. The teamwork and cooperation displayed were impressive as they tackled the challenging clues together.

To everyone's delight, luck was on their side, and they discovered a silver treasure chest concealed within a wooden pirate ship. Inside the chest were more treats, adding to the joyous atmosphere of the celebration! The evening continued with some lively pirate dancing, and everyone enjoyed some delicious ice cream.

#### **Summer Reading Reward**

This week we have also taken the opportunity to celebrate those who completed their reading challenge this half term. A fun-filled treat awaited them on the playground, featuring more team games, refreshing ice lollies, and scrumptious biscuits. The children beamed with pride as they received recognition for their reading efforts, and the event turned out to be a great success with everyone having a fantastic time.





Throughout the term, it has been an absolute pleasure to witness the children in EYFS and KS1 wholeheartedly embracing reading with confidence and enthusiasm. We express our gratitude to all those who contributed their time to read and share books at home. Working together, we've managed to cultivate a lifelong love for reading, and it brings us so much joy to see the excitement and pleasure reading has brought to all our children at Webber's.

#### Victorian Day

On Tuesday everyone enjoyed dressing up as Victorian School children and experiencing a traditional Victorian school day. We began our day by saying the Lord's Prayer, singing the National Anthem and then a hymn. We concentrated on the 3 R's - Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. We all wrote on slates with chalk, practised our handwriting and said our multiplication tables by rote. We had to stand up when an adult entered the room and we weren't allowed to sit down until we were told to. We learnt that children should be 'seen and not heard' and made sure we worked in silence and didn't call out.



# Class 2

It has been a busy couple of weeks, but our learning has continued, with a focus on angles and the properties of different triangles in math's and expanded noun phrases in English!

We explored hieroglyphics in Topic, and enjoyed a creative session, writing our name. All the children worked hard to create an authentic piece of work and wanted to extend the task by adding middle and surnames! Pictures at the bottom of this update.

We have completed our RSHE lessons now and were thankful to Debbie for her informative and interesting sessions. We were all comfortable asking questions and Debbie addressed any misconceptions we had in an honest and open way.

We have focused on our virtue of Reflection and have written prayers to express our understanding of this in a meaningful way. It has been quite emotional practicing the songs for our end of year celebrations, and we have supported our friends in Class 3, who are involved in lots of transition activities and are reflecting on their time here at Webber's.

On Wednesday we enjoyed time with one another, sharing our favourite board games and exploring interesting versions of traditional games. Who knew there was a game of Farmopoly...brilliant!

As we will be together in September, I wonder if it is possible for members of Class 2 to bring a book in to school during the first week back, that they have read over the holidays to then share and recommend to the class. I would

love to build up a catalogue of books that we can review and recommend to others. There is so much wonderful children's literature out there, we need to support one another to find it! ;0)

As we wind down for the summer holidays, it is important we remember to stay safe and cherish time with our family and friends. I hope everyone has a well-earned rest and comes back to school refreshed and ready to go! There are many more adventures ahead. Well done Class 2, I am proud of each and every one of you. Mrs.Verrall.



# Class 3

The end of the school year has come around so quickly and Class 3 have been finalising their learning across the curriculum for this year. The children have been problem solving and working systematically with some interesting challenges in maths. The Year 5 children enjoyed reflecting on their learning from our 'Off with Her Head!' topic by creating their own word searches; I think they surprised themselves with just how much they have learnt! I wanted to take this opportunity to say a HUGE well done to our amazing Year 6 children for their incredible SATS results. The results reflected what a hardworking, intelligent group you are and how much progress you have all made. We are all so proud of every single one of you!

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children attended Uffculme Maths Challenge last week- we were so proud of their determination and perseverance with some exceptionally difficult maths challenges. They all seemed to enjoy themselves and we were really proud of their excellent behaviour on the day.

Year 6 enjoyed their pool party at Bampton Primary School last week. It was lovely to spend some time with the Year 6 children from Burlescombe and all of the children were great fun and well behaved (even those that soaked the teachers!)

Thank you to all of the Year 6 parents who attended the Cream Tea on Monday afternoon. The children really enjoyed a day of preparations- baking scones, icing cakes and laying tables and, of course, serving the visitors. A huge THANK YOU to Mrs Holley who brought in the ingredients, the crockery, the linen and even flowers to make the event so special; thank you for baking with the children too and making it such a great day! It was wonderful to welcome Reverend Glyn and Mandy into school this week for the Year 6 'Moving On' session. The children spoke about their transition to Secondary School and some of the challenges that they may face and

some of the choices they may be faced with. We wish our wonderful Year 6 children the very best of luck as they move on from Webber's- we will miss you all but can see how ready you are for your next step. We look forward to hearing about all of your future successes- please keep in touch!

With such a busy end of year schedule, the children have been reflecting their virtues all day every day. The children have been so grateful, polite and compassionate to one another and have really proven to be 'Inspiring Changemakers'. Several people (including a lifeguard in Exmouth, Bampton School Staff, Reverend Glyn and Mrs Holley) have all commented on how lovely and well behaved our children are. Well done everyone- we are so proud of you!

The hard work of the enterprise project really paid off as the Year 6 children enjoyed their trip to Exmouth this week. Everyone really enjoyed the day which included swimming, bowling, choosing lunch, ice-creams and a beach visit. We look forward to continuing the tradition next year with the current Year 5 children!

#### KS2 end of term quiz!





# <u>Acorns</u>

Acorns Class have well and truly embodied 'climb to your highest' this year in all the challenges they have been set well done! We are all tremendously impressed with the perseverance, motivation, determination and love they have shown throughout the year. Their efforts have well and truly paid off and it has been wonderful to watch them all be such Inspiring Changemakers...



# **Squirrels**

We've been packing it in over the past 2 weeks in Squirrels class. We concluded our final unit in maths; working hard to conquer time – in more ways than one! English this week has been all about poetry - shape poems, Haikus, Renga poems and rhyme, which the children have loved and created some wonderful poems.

It's been a busy week this week as we have been moving furniture and changing rooms this with the children being amazingly helpful, innovative and patient. At the end of the academic year, it can get emotional and tiring but everyone has been completely amazing and shown what brilliant friends and learners they are! Seeing children work together and support each other truly is a wonderful thing.

We have also been doing some incredible art this week - making Art Deco stained glass windows from coloured card and designing some beautiful Clarice Cliff-inspired teapots – the creativity from children was amazing, and it has been a wonderful way to finish-off the end of the school year.

KS2 has spent lots of time together this week, getting used to being one class for September. It has been brilliant to see everyone getting on so well, being thoughtful, supportive and considerate. In short, treating other people as they would like to be treated. Over the summer holidays, Oaks' new classroom will be being prepared ready for eager learners come September. :)

### <u>Oaks</u>

It has been the most hectic and wonderful ending to the year. Oaks class have had a very busy schedule with trips, quizzes, stalls, services and all our regular classes on top of that. Year 6 went on their enterprise trip this week to Exmouth and thoroughly enjoyed it; we swam, bowled, ate take away and ice cream and caught some sunshine on the beach.

Overall, this year has been amazing; all of Oaks class have done an incredible job in their learning and should be proud of themselves! You have all shown and stuck to all the school values and virtues and should move into your next year, looking back on this one with happiness and remembering all the knowledge you have built. Year 6, you will be missed! You are all wonderful individuals and are a lovely group; always looking out for one another!

Year 5, you are all going to make an incredible year 6! You are all great role models and great learners! To all of you, remember: something is better than nothing! Always be respectful and look out for everyone!

From me on a personal level, it has been a pleasure teaching you all. Through my journey here at Burlescombe, I have had the pleasure of teaching years, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and loved every moment. As I move on to supporting the school as SENDCO, it has been a full circle experience; ending with the class I started my journey with at Burlescombe 3 years ago. Thank you to everyone. Mr Gillard.

#### **Community Section**





Week 1	Week 2	4th July – 1 Week 3			
24th-28th July	31st-4th August	7th-11th August	Week 4 19th-18th August	Week 5 21st-25th August	Week 6 29th-1st Septembe
Vikings	Flora and	Magic and	Planet earth	Airforce and	Adventure
Nature Skills	Foraging	Mystery	and Fauna	Military	Island
Wood whittling, raft building, repe / knet skills, fire making / campfire ceeking, shield making, face painting, helmet making, beat trip	Beach flora identification, cocking and foraging, building the kitchen garden, flewer imprint artwork, RHS Resencer trip	Cld England theme Traditional fire cooling, archerg, magic science potiers reaking, King Arthur adventures, dragon fire, castle visit	Reck exploration on Dartmoor, clay activities, puud bath, water games, wind mill construction, a zoo visit	Obstacle course building, , survival skills, cooking ration feed, acroplane making, bush craft, nerf gun activities, aeroplane museum trip	Maps / paper making Haldon Forest explorat race, making mineral capture the flag, boun castle, treasure hunt,
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For one day only, the Bath & West Showground are opening up their Mini Woodland, allowing families to enjoy a FREE day out during the Summer Holidays! Get ready to explore our beautiful woodlands and immerse yourself in nature.

For more information and bookings, please visit https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bath-west-woodland-walk-tickets-671339774337?aff=oddtdtcreator



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Therton White English welcome all youngstern to the club. The club provides opportunities for young people between the ages of 6 and 13 to receive coaching and competition experience in festivals and mith lengues.

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