



Primary School



## **Newsletter – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

### **Our Learning**

Last week was science week for the Oaks, they learnt about; the digestive system, the skeleton and muscles, food chains, the human life cycle and stages of development, and the heart and lungs. We are learning about a balanced diet and what foods are good for us.

The Acorns have been being archaeologists, they made some fantastic fossils which look like the real thing, using plaster and salt dough. Then they had to use brushes to uncover them gradually like real archaeologists. They have been learning about fossils and the animals and plants that left them behind.

### **Parking and Mornings**

As work continues at the Parish Hall, the parking situation is causing us all some headaches.

One or two parents have permission from the owners of the new buildings opposite the school, to park there – however this is private land and should not be used without this permission even for a short period, sadly some damage has been done to the drive and we wish to ensure that this does not happen in the future.

Please can I remind parents that we have permission from Campie to use her yard for parents driving from the *West Worlington direction*, and for parents with pre-school children or babies, as this ensures that we have as few cars as possible travelling down the hill in the morning, and also ensures that Campie and her family have space to park in their yard when they need to. Parents coming from the *Witheridge direction* please can you park up by the cross roads and walk down.

Please can I also remind parents that children – other than year 6 siblings – should not be in class before 8.50 and should not be left unattended on site before this time as we are not covered by insurance.

### **Uniform**

Please can parents ensure that children are dressed in full school uniform when they arrive in school,

they also need to bring into school a change of shoes for playing in the playground or for going on the field, at break and lunch time. The weather has really turned and we would like to encourage the children to bring a jumper to wear for PE rather than using their school sweatshirt. Please could the children bring in a painting apron that is named. If this could go home at the end of each term to be washed this would be a big help.

A big thank you to everyone for labelling uniform, our lost property box is almost empty due to the children being able to reunite owners with lost items.

### **Absence**

Please could all absence be phoned in ASAP on the first morning, and again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> day of illness, to ensure that we have an accurate idea of who is on site.

### **Happy Birthday**

A belated Happy Birthday to Percy and Phoebe who turned 5 this week and to Annabella who is 5 today! Happy Birthday also to Billy and Tom who celebrate their birthdays during half-term and to Isabel for the 29<sup>th</sup> (who gets a special birthday this year as it's Leap Year!).

### **Devices**

Please can I remind all children including year 6, that devices with cameras are not allowed to be brought to school, and we strongly discourage the children from bringing in valuable electronic devices such as iPods and Kindles. If it is necessary for some reason, please can these devices be handed in to the class teacher.

### **Internet Safety**

It was Safer Internet Day on the 9<sup>th</sup> February and as part of this we have revised our learning on internet safety. This includes safe use of social media and email.

All of the children have been given an email address which they are free to use in a sensible way to communicate with other East Worlington School children – including the year 6's. However, the children have been told that they can only contact

adults or other children from outside the school if this is with **your** explicit permission, and that they are not to share these contacts with each other.

### **East Worlinton Does West End 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

We are lucky enough to have the West End come to East Worlinton, to do a dance and drama workshop. Thank you to the PTFA and all who help at events such as last week's jumble sale, and to Janet and others who continue to work behind the scenes afterward to sort the left overs to maximise our profits. If you are interested the website is [www.WestEndinSchools.org.uk](http://www.WestEndinSchools.org.uk)

*'We're the only school theatre company with trained actors drawn from the world of London's West End theatre.*

*Our team includes performers who have sung in musicals such as Wicked and Matilda; danced in Chicago and Shrek; and acted on the stages of the National Theatre and the Donmar Warehouse. They have visited thousands of schools over the last few years.*

*Using our experience as an Olivier Award winning West End production company we bring the best writers, directors and actors working in the industry into productions and workshops for schools just like yours.'*

### **Parents Evening**

This will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of March and appointments will be available between 3.45 and 6.30pm. We appreciate that this clashes with the Witheridge football match but hope that there will be times to suit everyone. The slips will come home on the 26<sup>th</sup> February.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> there will also be a meeting about the KS1 SATs and Phonics Screening test, you should have already had a letter home about this if you have children in Year 1 or 2.

### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Celebrating World Book Day**

We are celebrating World Book Day with the support of Crediton Community Bookshop. On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, staff from the bookshop will bring their World Book Day book fair, featuring their Top 20 books for children, to each of the four Academy primary schools. They will talk to each class, introducing them to the books and to new authors and titles. Children will then have a chance to browse and buy. All children will receive a CCB voucher which entitles them to £1.00 off books at

the book fair and no book will be more than £6.00. Parents may want to send money (max £6) in an envelope in the week leading up to the book fair. We hope you will support this event and children's reading.

### **World Book Day event – KS1 author Amy Sparkes: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March, KS1 children will have a special treat, with a visit from Amy Sparkes, author of *Monster Zoo*, *Goodnight Star* and her new *Mermaids* series. Amy will talk to the children about her work as an author and read extracts from her books. If parents would like to purchase one of her books which Amy will sign and dedicate, please send £6.00 in an envelope. Again these are discounted to celebrate World Book Day.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Esme on her stage 3, Bethany stage 4 and Henry's stage 7 swimming awards. Congratulations also to Lucy for swimming in the heats for the county swimming championships. Well done to Freddie and William whose team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in their Triathlon, and to Joe and Jake for taking part in the SW Taekwondo championships.

### **Thank You**

Thank you to all of those who contributed to the cake sale this afternoon, proceeds are to be split between Sports Relief and the ME society.

### **Have a Happy Half Term**

Lindsey has been sent through items from Arsenal, Witheridge Tennis, Eggesford Gardens and West Buckland swimming – if you are interested please see the posters in the office window.

### **Dates for the Diary**

- 12<sup>th</sup> February – Valentines Disco, Thelbridge Parish Hall, 7-8.30pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of half term
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February – West End in Schools – Performances and Workshops for Acorns and Oaks
- 25<sup>th</sup> February – KS1 SAT's information meeting, 2.30pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> February – Yr 1 Phonics Screening Test information meeting, 3.30pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Feb & 6<sup>th</sup> March – Crocus & Cream Teas, village event
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Celebration Assembly – 9.10 in the church with preschool
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Football Match v Witheridge
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evenings, 3.45-6pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day event – Introduction to top 20 books and Book Fair
- 4<sup>th</sup> March - Duck Race planning meeting, 8pm at Jo Bradley's

- Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> March – Bikeability for year 5's
- 10<sup>th</sup> March – Amy Sparkes Author Visit
- 15<sup>th</sup> March – Forest School Day – Survival special, whole school
- 17<sup>th</sup> March KS2 Reading Roundabout from Devon Libraries
- 18<sup>th</sup> March – *Sports Relief- sponsored skip*
- 19<sup>th</sup> March – Pre-school Easter Bingo
- 24<sup>th</sup> March – 'East Worlington Has Talent'
- 24<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – PTFA Committee Meeting, Thelbridge Cross Inn, 7.45 for 8pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> April- Parents' Forum meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> May – Summer Jumble & Plant Sale, Witheridge Parish Hall, 2-4pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> June – *celebration of Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday – Picnic in the garden*
- 18<sup>th</sup> June – Duck Race & Dog Show
- 7<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> July - Yr 3/4/5 residential 'Rock and Rapids'

### **PTFA**

#### **59 Club**

30/01/16 – No 42 – Sarah Slade  
06/02/16 – No 50 – Rollover!

We are nearly half way through this quarter now, so please make sure you are paid up to date. Who's going to be the first person to take a number in the 50's?!

**Catherine**

### **PTFA NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who helped make the **Jumble Sale** another huge success. A special thank you to our first time helpers; Zoe, Helen and Natalia. The profit was an amazing £690!

Another nice heap for the **Bag2School** collection on Wednesday morning, weighing in at 330kg = £132.

### **Disco tonight!**

Don't forget the Valentines Disco tonight at Thelbridge Parish Hall, 7-8.30pm. We are supporting **Bad Hair Day** in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital's Children's Charity, so we look forward to seeing some crazy hair and wacky wigs! Entrance is £1.50 per child to include a packet of crisps and unlimited squash. We will also have a

lucky dip, glow sticks and chocolate biscuits for sale, so please bring some pennies with you!

### **Duck Race Meeting**

The first planning meeting for this year's event will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at Jo Bradley's house at 8pm. This event is organised jointly by the school and pre-school with the profits being shared. You don't need to be on either committee to get involved, the more the merrier. Please bring drinks and nibbles along with you as we like to make it a bit of a social evening too! If anyone needs directions or a lift, please let me know. Also, if you or your employer is able to offer a prize for the duck race, we would love to hear from you!

**Donna**

### **PAG Meeting**

The next meeting of the Academy Parents Advisory Group will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> February. Alan and Andy will take forward any appropriate items from the last East Worlington Parents' Forum, but should you have any further topics for discussion, please contact them at [alandonna.webber@talktalk.net](mailto:alandonna.webber@talktalk.net) or [chanelle-andy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chanelle-andy@hotmail.co.uk), thank you.

### **Sainsbury's Vouchers**

The Active Kids vouchers have started again, this year they are printed at the till rather than handed out. Please collect as many as possible and ask your friends, neighbours and relatives too. We really benefitted last year from all that you collected and were able to exchange them for some great equipment for the children. There is a box in the library where you can post your vouchers any time, thank you.