



**Newsletter – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Weds</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fri</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>  <i>Week 1 Menu</i>		Gymnastics (Oaks)  After School- Gymnastics (Acorns)	After School- Fizz Pop  CMAc	<b>CENSUS DAY</b>  PE (Acorns)  After School – Invasion Sports (Acorns/Oaks)	PE (Acorns/Oaks)  After School – Fencing (7-11 year olds)
<b>20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>  <i>Week 2 Menu</i>		Gymnastics (Oaks)  After School- Gymnastics (Acorns)	After School- Fizz Pop  CMAc	PE (Acorns)  After School – Invasion Sports (Acorns/Oaks)	PE (Acorns/Oaks)  After School – Fencing (7-11 year olds)

**Dates for the Diary**

15th Jan – Fizz Pop After School Club starts  
 16th Jan – School Census Day  
 20th Jan – PTFA Meeting  
 27th Jan – Chinese New Year crafts & cooking  
 31st Jan – Nurse doing height/weight for YR  
 8th Feb – PTFA Jumble Sale  
 10th Feb – Bag2School Collection  
 12th Feb – Fire Talk for Y2–Y5  
 12th Feb – AAG Meeting at 1:30pm  
 17th-21st Feb – Half term  
 26th Feb – Whole School Photo (vista style)  
 5th Mar – World Book Day  
 30th Mar–13th Apr – Easter Holidays  
 8th May – VE Day Bank Holiday  
 25th-29th May - Half term  
 8th–10th June – PGL Residential for Oaks  
 12th June – Whole School Photo  
 10th July – Non-pupil day  
 21st July – Last day of term

**Our Learning**

**Preschool**

It's lovely to see all the happy faces back after the Christmas break; this term we are going to be learning all about China. Starting off with looking at maps and globes to see where China is, creating some bright colourful art work and creating a big Chinese flag.

Don't forget you have until 15th January to apply for a primary school place in Devon if your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016.

**Acorns**

This term our topic is all about China and we have different texts to look at in literacy and guided reading. We have a focus on finding and explaining new vocabulary and will share this daily. We will be making a soft toy of the animal of our Chinese birth year. If you have any odd pieces of material or decorations suitable for horses, goats, dragons and snakes that we could

use we would be very grateful. All children need to know their number bonds 10/20 with quick recall. Year 2 need to know their 2, 5 and 10 times-tables and their division facts ready for SATs in May.

Please see the attached timetable and overview.

### **Oaks**

After our amazing wow day where we found out some amazing facts about China and experienced some of the Chinese cultures and tradition of dance, we are going to start to look at the physical geography and location of China. This links to our literacy focus "The Firework Maker's Daughter" by Phillip Pullman. This is a tale about a lovely adventure and journey of discovery.

In maths we are looking at multiplication and division. Please ensure you are practising the times-tables at home so children know them off by heart. Up to 12x12 for Year 4 and 5 and associated division facts for Year 5.

Please see the attached timetable and overview.

### **Vocabulary**

As a school we are focussing on understanding vocabulary and gaining and using new vocabulary. As part of this we are taking part in a vocabulary project which is launching at the end of January. In the children's homework diaries we are asking the children and parents to record at least 1 word that they have not known the meaning of or 1 wow word - a powerful or evocative piece of language.

### **After School Clubs**

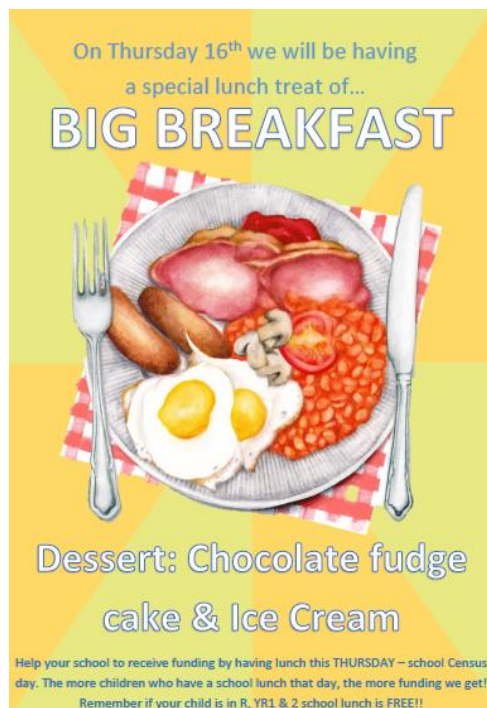
Please can you make sure that the various consent forms have been completed and returned please. Extra copies in the office if required.

### **Chinese Dance Company Visit – 7<sup>th</sup> Jan**

We hope all enjoyed watching this last week – it was most impressive. Thank you to Mrs Pugsley for arranging it and to the PTFA for paying for it.

### **Census – this Thursday!!**

Please help your school get more funding by having lunch this Thursday for the school census day. The more children who have lunch that day, the more funding we get!



### **Chinese New Year Crafts and Cooking – Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Jan**

We are doing Chinese New Year crafts and cooking at school the Monday after Chinese New Year. We are looking for parent volunteers to help with this so please let us know if you can assist.



### **PGL Residential for Oaks – 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> June**

We have now been informed by PGL that the Oaks' residential will now be on the 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> June which is good news for us as all as it will be warmer but we are still paying the winter rate!

### **School Nurse**

If your child is having difficulties with hearing, bed wetting or bladder and bowl issues, these things are no longer being referred through the doctors and are instead being done through the school nurse. Please come and see your child's class teacher to complete a simple referral form.

### **Volunteers**

We would like to say a warm welcome to all of the people that have offered to volunteer at the school recently. We shall be in touch shortly!

## Birthdays

Many happy returns to Joe whose birthday is tomorrow! We hope you have a lovely day.



## Congratulations

Well done to the winners of the catapult competition who were Reuben and Sam. They made a catapult that went nearly 10 metres!



Nessy Champions the week before Christmas were:

Most words learned reading: Seren  
Most words learned spelling: George  
Most time learning: George

## **Well done to Isabella and Maddie for using Nessy over the Christmas break!**

Nessy Champions last week are:  
Most words learned reading:  
Most words learned spelling:  
Most time learning:

Mathletics Champions over the Christmas period were Rory, Darcey and Chloe and last week were Rory and Darcey

Statistically it is showing that Nessy and Mathletics are showing an increased improvement so well done to all of you. Here are some Nessy and Mathletic statistics:-

## Nessy

	October half term 2019 Average % Rate of Progress		January 2020 Report Average % Rate of Progress	
	Reading	Spelling	Reading	Spelling
<b>EWPS</b>	20.62	19	32	24.32

Numbers highlighted is progress from the last report.

## Mathletics

Certificate Summary	
Gold Certificates	0
Silver Certificates	8
Bronze Certificates	30

Average time online per student	
Average per student	5h 36m
Total time online	117h 41m

Average completed activities per student	
Average per student	46
Total completed activities	956

## PTFA News

Happy New Year everyone! Just a couple of things to let you know about:

20th January will be our first meeting of 2020 to be held at Nina's house from 8pm. If you need directions please contact me.

8th February 2020 is the next jumble sale – I am looking for helpers so please let me know if you can spare a few hours to raise lots of money for the PTFA.

Set up from 12 noon, doors open 2pm and we are normally packed up and ready to go home by 5pm.

## Recycling Sweet Tubs

I will be collecting plastic sweet tubs and delivering to the Exeter collection point on 23rd January so please feel free to leave any you might have for me by morning drop off on 23rd and I will take them to be recycled for you.  
Chanelle

# HELP YOUR SCHOOL RECEIVE EXTRA FUNDING

**£30 SQUID TOP-UP FOR SUCCESSFUL  
NEW APPLICANTS!**

ARE YOU IN RECEIPT OF **ONE OR  
MORE** OF THE FOLLOWING **BENEFITS?**

If you are, please apply online for **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.

**IT ONLY TAKES A MINUTE TO APPLY**, but your school may receive **EXTRA FUNDING**. Successful **NEW** applications made between 04.09.19 and 31.12.19 will receive a £30 sQuid account top-up.

**ELIGIBLE BENEFITS:**

- Universal Credit
- Income-based and contribution-based JSA or ESA on an equal basis
- Income Support (IS)
- Income based jobseekers allowance (IBJA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (IRESA)
- Child Tax Credit
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

It takes less than a minute to apply.

Visit: <https://online.dcv.co.uk/>  
**CCSCitizenPortal LIVE**  
or call the Education Helpline on  
0345 155 1019.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY IS A **CURRENT** OR **PAST** MEMBER OF **THE ARMED FORCES**

Your school can receive **EXTRA FUNDING** if a parent has served any time in the last 6 years, or is in receipt of pensions under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS).

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN **ADOPTED CHILD**, A **RESIDENCE ORDER**, OR A **SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP ORDER**

Your school can receive **EXTRA FUNDING**.

*If you have any queries, please speak to the admin staff at your school.  
Any information shared will be treated confidentially.*

# Recycle & Raise



this Christmas!

Bring us your clean and empty tubs\*, we will recycle them and all profits raised will be donated to **Dartmoor Zoo!**

\*Any clean, empty plastic confectionery tubs  
**Why don't you collect them at your school or organisation?**

For more information please email [emily@dcw.co.uk](mailto:emily@dcw.co.uk)



Bring them in to one of our depots!

**9.30am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday until 31st Jan 2020**

Exeter Depot  
Thorverton Road  
Matford Business Park  
EX2 8FS

Plymouth Depot  
Unit 11 Strashleigh View  
Lee Mill Ind Est  
PL21 9UH

Polymers Depot  
Unit 2e-2g Wrangaton Bus. Park  
South Brent  
TQ10 9GQ



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