



Newsletter – Friday 21st July 2017

Dates for the Diary

- 21st July – Movie Night, 4pm
- 24th July – Y6 Sports Day
- 25th July – Last Day of Term
- 25th July – Y6 return for Leavers' Assembly, 2.00pm
- 5th August – Worlington Church Fete
- 4th September – Non Pupil Day
- 5th September - Children return to school
- 14th September – PTFA Committee Meeting, 7.45 for 8pm
- 23rd September – Jumble Sale, Witheridge Parish Hall, 2pm
- 27th September – Bag2School Collection
- 28th September – PTFA AGM
- 13th October – Non Pupil Day
- 20th October – Halloween Disco, EW Parish Hall, 7pm
- w/c 23rd October – Half Term Week
- 3rd November – Nearly New Sale / Social Evening, EW Parish Hall
- 15th December – Break up for Christmas!
- 3rd February 2018 – Jumble Sale, Witheridge Parish Hall, 2pm
- 5th February 2018 – Bag2School Collection

Our Learning

The Acorns have started to write their own versions of 'The Gruffalo's Child' by Julia Donaldson. There are some very creative pieces of writing coming along. We have been looking at fractions in maths and using them to do problem solving and reasoning.

The Oaks have been doing some problem solving in maths too, solving some very difficult problems. In literacy we have been writing poems for the church fete. A massive thank you to Campie for giving us use of her tennis court. They have been perfecting their forehand and backhand. In the 3 sessions there was a noticeable improvement in their ability and accuracy.

Holiday Homework and Handwriting

It is essential that children continue to read over the holidays and keep their brains active, especially those with memory issues as otherwise these things take time to re-embed in the Autumn term. Please remember that as well as the Reading Eggs and Spellodrome (see below) there is also Mathletics.

As a school, we are having a big push on handwriting next year and will start to teach cursive writing from entry in the foundation. Please find attached a sheet showing the letters as they are formed. This method includes teaching the entry and exit points.

Spellodrome and Reading Eggs

These are now activated and available for the children to use over the holidays. The Reading Eggs will be particularly good as it will move their lessons on. With the Spellodrome, the class teacher will give the children 20 spellings but this will not change until after the holiday. Please can everyone check before the holidays that they have logins that work for each of the programs.

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Thank you to all the parents for your support with the online 'Parent View' and for your offers of help. Thank you in particular to the mums' army who came in and gave extra hours to ensure everything was shown off to best advantage, allowing staff to get on with other things.

Due to the quality assurance process we cannot share the outcome at present but the report will be out shortly after the beginning of term.

Farewell

It is with great sadness that we say a fond farewell and thank you to Tracey Dodd, Hilary Bostridge, Tony Barstow and of course Rachael Worsley. Sadly, Mrs Hartrey is also finishing working in the office but she is not leaving us as she will continue to do her MTA post.

Plans for Leavers' Assembly

The leavers' assembly this year will be on Tuesday the 25th at 2.00pm. Our year 6s will be returning for the event and we are hoping that all the staff who are leaving their current posts will also be there.

Please could the recipient of the Mrs Ladbrook's Cup for Music and the remaining recipient of the Yabsley Cup return them on Monday, thank you.

Year 6 SATs

Well done to all of our year 6s, both to those who have recently joined us and those who have come through from reception all the way to year 6. We are very proud of your SATs results, well done everyone and good luck in the future.

Trip to RHS Garden Rosemoor

We had a wonderfully sunny day out at Rosemoor which was action packed full of learning activities. Both groups had workshops which were much enjoyed. Oaks had a workshop on patterns and printing related to their artwork, and they created some lovely pieces of work. The Acorns had a workshop on growing plants with lots of drama and activities including roleplaying being a seed and a flower to show the lifecycle. The children also made some yummy soil soup, which will be real soil in 100 years.

Oaks' Water Fight

To celebrate the end of what has been a busy summer term, we thought it would be nice for Oak Class to have a water fight on Monday afternoon (2.30pm). If your child would like to take part, please could they bring a change of clothes and a water gun on Monday.

Could I thank the children, parents and staff at East Worlington for making me feel so welcome over the past couple of months and wish you all the best in the future.

Mr Barstow

Volunteers' Tea Party

A massive thank you to all of our volunteers who have worked so hard this year to support our school and improve the children's learning experience. Parents and members of our community are all an important part of our school community whether working on the garden, listening to readers, running clubs, volunteering for trips or raising funds through the PTFA.

Thank you also to the PAG reps who have now become AAG reps and in this change of role will be helping me as Head of School next year.



Football Match at Burrington

Well done to all the players for their performance at Burrington. A special mention must go to our debutant Lucas, along with Harry as both only year 2's and played exceptionally well against a few big children in years 5 & 6. Also Thomas' last performance in an EW kit was very special and he made a number of point blank saves so well done and good luck Thomas for the future! Our three year 5 boys did us proud even though some of the shots were a little higher than the fence at Burrington (!) and a strong defensive match for both Oliver and Scott who both got through a lot of defending! Not to leave anyone out, I must mention our sausage roll monster Otta!

Yes we won, but it wasn't about the result today, it was sad to play Burrington for the last time as we've had some great games over the years and seeing 4 of our side move on means we have a lot of rebuilding to do early next season so we have to get more back playing in the school if we are to maintain our strong record!

Sean



Burrington Primary School

We wish all the staff and pupils from Burrington Primary School the best for next year. Wherever you end up you will all be assets in your new school and they will be lucky to have you.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Grace, Seren, Chloe, Jasper, Morgan, Darcey and Keelan who have birthdays later this month, in August or early September. We hope you all have a lovely day.

Arrangements for Next Year

The Oaks will have Mrs Pinn every morning except Thursday morning for the first 4 weeks; Mr Barstow will cover the class on those days. Mrs Dodd will take over and teach all day on a Wednesday instead, she will be teaching literacy and maths through the science curriculum. The afternoons for Oak class are going to be covered by specialist teachers in the same way as often happens in larger schools. We have Alex Whapham (one of the new year 6 teachers) coming in to teach two afternoons of Topic as her specialism is humanities, and the children will also have access to: expressive arts, art, the teaching of a musical instrument, gymnastics, outdoor education, games and possibly fencing, and much more as part of their provision. For many of these sessions the Oaks will be split into two groups enabling small group teaching. These sessions will be timetabled and provided by the highest quality teachers and sports coaches.

The Acorns will have Mrs Pugsley every day except Thursday when the class will be covered by Mrs Edwards and Mr Wiley. The Acorns will also have all of the above sports and music provision.

If you have any questions about this, please catch me in person in school or at the gate.

I would like to go for both the games mark award and the arts mark award next year as these would complement our USP.

Please over the holidays be mindful that we are always looking to grow our school and share with others the amazing opportunities that we will be giving the children.

Suzie



PTFA NEWS

Movie Night Tonight!

Finding Dory will be shown at 4pm today, children will be supervised from 3.30. There are still tickets available if you haven't yet made up your mind! Please can parents collect at approx. 5.30pm, thank you.

Final Duck Race Figure

The final profit was an amazing £4,651.23 (with a 50% share of £2,325.61 going to the pre-school) - well done everyone!

59 Club

Congratulations to Sandy Houghton with Number 23 who wins a double rollover of £45!

Easyfundraising

As another school year ends, I can report a total tally so far of £1,116.16 which has all been raised so easily by you as supporters doing your shopping via the Easyfundraising website. Simple and effective. Thank you to all for your continued support and welcome to our latest new supporter – we look forward to seeing your name at the top of the leader board maybe!

Please continue the good work everyone. Put Easyfundraising on your favourites bar or download the Donation Reminder App and keep that tally rising. Anyone wanting more information please speak to me or go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk.

Happy shopping and happy holidays.

Carolyn

Wishing everyone a very happy and sunny summer holiday!

Donna

