



Newsletter – Friday 22nd September 2017

Dates for the Diary

23rd September – Jumble Sale, Witheridge Parish Hall, 2pm

27th September – Bag2School Collection, 9am

28th September- Individual photos and school photo for OFSTED announcement for papers

28th September – PTFA AGM, 8pm

29th September – Celebration Assembly, 9.20

13th October – Non Pupil Day

18th October – Miss Tester and Miss

Chipman out on mental health training

20th October – Year 6s back for a forest school day

20th October – Harvest Festival

20th October – Wear Your Wellies Day – non uniform decorate your wellies – fundraising for Children’s Hospice South West

20th October – Halloween Disco, EW Parish Hall, 7pm

w/c 23rd October – Half Term Week

3rd November (TBC) – Nearly New Sale / Social Evening, EW Parish Hall

8th November – Miss Tester and Miss

Chipman out on mental health training

27th November – Flu Vaccinations, 10.30

8th December – Theatre Alibi

15th December – Break up for Christmas!

3rd February 2018 – Jumble Sale, Witheridge Parish Hall, 2pm

5th February 2018 – Bag2School Collection

Our Learning

The Oaks have been learning about dramatic conventions in literacy and we have been looking at the beginning of the book 'How to train your Dragon'. We have also been focusing on different types of sentences; simple, compound and complex sentences. Try spotting these in their reading book and get them to explain their reasoning. In maths we have continued to work on place value looking at how we can explain, prove or solve problems in a way that shows our mathematical thinking. In topic we have started to look at the Egyptians and in science Forces.

In the Acorns, in Literacy we have mapped out the story of 'The Perfect Pizza' and begun making our own changes ready to write our own stories next week. In Maths - We have begun our 3 week unit about 'Place Value' and will be sorting numbers using resources to help us. We will also be writing numbers in words and digits from 0-10 (Y1) and 0-100 (Y2). This week in ICT - We have learnt how to safely log onto and off of the computers in the classroom. We have also watched some short clips about staying safe whilst using the internet and discussed this. We have begun to use a paint program to help us create our masterpieces.

Next week - Y1 & 2 will be looking at famous people, Christopher Columbus, Sir Francis Drake and Tim Peake. Reception will be looking at and discussing toys now and from the past. If parents or Grandparents have any photos of toys they played with when they were a child, and would like to share these with us, we would love to see them.

Group Emails and Text Messages

We are currently updating our mailing system, we apologise in advance if anyone is inadvertently missed off a mailing list. If this is the case or you would like to be added to the mailing list for newsletters etc., please do call into the office with your mobile/email details and we will update the information which we hold. Thank you

Meet the Teacher

Thank you for the super turn out for the meet the teacher. There was an enormous amount of information passed on during this meeting; if you were unable to attend please ask for your class teacher’s power point and if this raises any issues please contact us direct.

Run a Mile

Both the Acorns and Oaks will be taking part in a regular run while at school. There is a strong correlation between physical activity and the ability to concentrate and focus in class. The Oaks will be doing this on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning in their Take 10 session and will be able to finish their mile at break time if

needed. The Acorns will be doing it during their Leap into Life session and will be starting with a half mile. This can be run or walked and will add up gradually to a marathon distance. The children can run in school shoes or change into trainers. If you wish them to change please send in the appropriate footwear.

Academy Adviser's Group/Parents' Forum

A new Academy Adviser's Group is up and running, with its first meeting of the academic year on 16th October. The group is made up of Advisers from each of the Academy's schools, teachers, Senior Leaders and Directors of Chulmleigh Academy Trust. The East Worlington Advisers are Alan Webber (Oliver's dad) and Andrew Busby (Annabella and Winston's dad), and Suzie Pinn will also attend regularly. The group will discuss matters such as:

- achievement
- ethos, behaviour and safety
- parent and staff liaison
- school premises and facilities
- budget

The group welcomes input from parents – this is your chance to have your say in matters relating to East Worlington – though issues regarding an individual child are best discussed with the child's teacher in the first instance. Please pass on any feedback, comments and concerns to Suzie, Alan or Andrew – or since Andy and Alan are rarely at the school gates, please have a chat to Chanelle who has kindly offered to pass any information on to Andy.

This group overlaps with the old Parents' Forum so we have decided to discontinue this for the moment – though we could still have the occasional meeting if parents feel there is a need. Thanks to everyone who has come along to Parents' Forum meetings in the past!

Jane

Congratulations

Our multi-talented children have been busy again achieving success outside of school. Congratulations to Esme, Jamie and Morgan who have all recently moved up a stage at swimming. Also to Jess Curtis who has passed her yellow belt green stripe at Tae Kwondo and well done also to Isabel, Phoebe and Reuben with their successes at the local Ploughing Match. Well done as well to Tom and Oliver who completed the Candle Ramble last weekend.

Recipe Books

The Heritage Recipe books that the children contributed to are available for 50p from Liz and Sandy, if you would like one please drop the money into the office.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Esme, we hope you have a lovely day.

Whole School Photo to Celebrate our Ofsted

On Monday (25th Sept), Becky Huxtable, the Trust Marketing co-ordinator will visit school to take a photo which we will use to celebrate our recent Ofsted success. This will be sent to the local press and displayed on social media. Best smiles!

PTFA NEWS

Jumble Sale tomorrow!

Thank you for your response to my plea for help; the jumble sale really is a case of many hands make light work and we now have a full team! We will be setting up from 12.30pm.



Please find a **Bag2School** bag with your newsletter, the collection is from the school at 9am on Wednesday. All clothes, footwear, bags, hats, belts, soft toys, etc are acceptable but no uniform, duvets, pillows or cushions. We are paid on weight and receive 40p per kg.

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place on **Thursday 28th September** at the Thelbridge Cross Inn at 8pm. For the meeting to go ahead and meet the terms of our constitution, we have to have a minimum of 10 parents present, so even if you don't want to take on an office, we would still appreciate parents coming along. It looks like we have chair and treasurer sorted so please don't be put off coming by worrying you might be talked into a role (unless of course you would really like one!). *Donna*

59 Club

09/09/17 – No 6 = Rollover

16/09/17 – No 38 = Donna

Just to say it's getting to that time again when 59 club is due; the last quarter of the year! It's not a job I particularly like doing ie pestering people for their money, so please could people come forward with payments, it would be most appreciated, or if anyone else would like to run it for a year let me know. Many thanks, *Zoe*