



Pupil of the week:

TO BE ANNOUNCED AT CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TODAY – 2.30PM

Dear Parents

Firstly, I would like to remind everyone that all our emails have recently changed:

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Please update your contacts list to ensure that your email recognises these addresses and doesn't send our correspondence to your 'Junk' folder.

WATER BOTTLES

Your children may have discussed with you that we are trialling a 'new' initiative in school. The 'new' idea, which isn't really new, just a more consistent approach, is that we would like to encourage every child to bring a water bottle to school with them. I explained this to the children at the end of Thursday's assembly, but of course, Axe class were at Monkton Wylde, so will not have heard about it.

As you know, it is very important for children to stay hydrated throughout the school day and we have always had water available via the water coolers for every child. We encourage the children to drink water at play times but we find that they would much rather play than go and get a drink, then we're back into lessons and they haven't drunk anything at all!

From now on, each class has a large 'Trug' style bucket to store water bottles in, which will be taken to the playground every playtime and lunchtime so that all children can have much easier access to their bottles all through their free time – hopefully ensuring that they do drink more frequently. We can also take the bottles to the field in the summer and to PE lessons when required. There are some that would suggest that they should have access to the bottles throughout all their lessons: Yes, in an ideal world, but I have tried this before and it has caused many problems – issues of space on their tables; children constantly guzzling water rather than having an appropriate amount; work being ruined by spillages and bottles getting knocked off tables to name a few that I have had direct experience of!

We would really like to promote the importance of drinking water to keep hydrated and would appreciate your assistance with implementing this initiative by supplying your child(ren) with a named, refillable water bottle which can come to school every day. I would also like to make it clear that it should **ONLY** be water in these bottles, not any sort of juice, squash, flavoured water etc, and that it can be re-filled from the water coolers whenever it is needed so it doesn't need to be a massive bottle!

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

The PTFA have arranged another Bags 2 School collection which raised a lot of money for the school last time. The bags will be coming home before half term so if you are having a clear out, getting your summer wardrobe ready, please hang on to any cast-offs until the bags come round.

Lee White
Head of School

REMINDER – MAYPOLE DANCING

Traditionally we have performed just before half term but Friday 26th May is a day off school and Axe class are out at Forest School on Thursday 25th May, so this year it is on Wednesday 24th May at 2.00pm on the school playground.

PTFA MAYPOLE CAKE & SCONE SALE

Wednesday 24th May

Donations from Otter & Coly

Scone donations in the morning please

School Diary Dates

Our forthcoming events and diary dates are on our website listed in the *School Diary* section.

Should your child be participating in a particular event or visit, then more specific details from your parent letter can be viewed online by clicking on the relevant event, this will then display the letter content.

MAY	
Fri 19 th	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm (Village Hall), – Y4 & Y5 to lead
Mon 22 nd	Y6 PE Academy workshop (existing academy pupils)
Tues 23 rd	Yarty class Forest School – PACKED LUNCH
Wed 24 th	Maypole dancing (Whole School) – 2.00pm in the playground
Wed 24 th	PTFA Cake & Scone Sale Cake/scone donations from Otter & Coly class (Scones drop off to the office in the morning please)
Thurs 25 th	Axe class Forest School
Fri 26 th	NON-PUPIL DAY / OCCASIONAL DAY
HALF TERM - 29TH MAY – 2ND JUNE INCLUSIVE	
JUNE	
Mon 5th	NON-PUPIL DAY - Teacher Training Day
Tues 6 th	Y5/Y6 Quad Kids Athletics Final (team event) – 4.00pm to 6.00pm, parents to transport
Thurs 8 th	Class Photographs
Thurs 8 th	PTFA Meeting Yarty class – 3.30pm
Fri 9 th	Y1/Y2 Federation Swim Gala (team event)
w/c 12 th	Y1 Phonics Screening
Tues 13 th	Y3/Y4 Quad Kids Athletics (team event) – 4.00pm to 6.00pm, parents to transport
Wed 14 th	Y6 Canoe Day (specific group only) - PACKED LUNCH – parents to transport
Thurs 15 th	Y5/Y6 Aquathlon Competition (team event) – 2.00pm to 4.00pm, parents to transport
Fri 16 th	Y5/Y6 Outdoor Activity Day – PACKED LUNCH
Fri 16 th	Axe class Donkey visit (selected pupils)
Tues 20 th	PTFA Bag2School Textile Fundraiser – drop off by 9.00am at the Baptist Church
Tues 20 th	Y3/Y4 High 5's Netball training (team event) – 4.00pm to 5.15pm, parents to transport
Wed 21st	Woodroffe - Transition day for Y6 pupils
	Axe Valley Academy – Small schools transition day Y6 pupils
	R-Y5 Transition morning
	New Reception (September 2017 intake) children visiting 10.00am to 12.45pm (packed lunch)
Tues 27 th	Y4-Y6 Move – Make – Motivate (selected pupils) – Time TBC, parents to transport
Tues 28 th	Y3/Y4 High 5's Netball training (team event) – 4.00pm to 5.15pm, parents to transport
Wed 28th	Axe Valley Academy - Transition day for Y6 pupils
Wed 28th	Colyton Grammar - Transition day for Y6 pupils
Fri 30 th	Axe class – Federation EYFS Sports day – PACKED LUNCH
JULY	
w/c Mon 3 rd	Dads & Grandads in school week
Tues 4 th	Sponsored Walk (Whole School) – PACKED LUNCH
Wed 5 th	Y6 Life Skills – PACKED LUNCH / Parents to collect
Wed 5 th	Y5 Play Leader Training – PACKED LUNCH
Fri 7 th	Axe class Donkey visit (selected pupils)
MON 10TH	AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FINAL WEEK
Tues 11 th	Y5/Y6 Sports Festival – PACKED LUNCH
Wed 12 th	Y6 PE Academy Activities Day (existing academy pupils) – PACKED LUNCH
Fri 14 th	Y5/Y6 Federation Sports Day (team event)
Tues 18 th	SPORTS DAY – 1.30pm
Thurs 20 th	Federation Singing Extravaganza (class/year groups TBC)
Fri 21 st	Axe class Donkey visit (selected pupils)
Fri 21 st	Reserve Sports Day
Mon 24 th	Axe class to Mrs Neate's
Tues 25 th	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 1.45pm (Village Hall)
	Y6 Leavers' Tea Party 2.30pm
Wed 26 th	Last day of term