



Pupil of the week:	<b>Kelci</b> Coly Class	<b>Toby</b> Otter Class	<b>Arthur</b> Yarty Class	<b>Matthew &amp; Jess</b> Axe Class
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Dear Parents

What a busy week we've had here at school. It was absolutely lovely to have some good weather in half term and I am glad to see that all the children seem to have returned well-rested and keen to learn for the last half term of the academic year. There is an awful lot to fit into these next seven and a half weeks with sports fixtures, sports day, healthy school week, Dads and Granddads week, school trips and I am also planning a sponsored walk to raise money for the school fund.

The school fund is an account that we keep 'in house' to pay for many little things throughout the school year that we don't get through the usual school ordering services. For example:

- The Theatre Alibi visit cost £4 each but this was paid from the school fund
- Ingredients for any cooking that happens within lessons is claimed back through the school fund
- Extra craft supplies for specific topics or themes – like Christmas decorations
- Prizes for competitions, Easter egg hunts, egg-rolling etc

The school fund is financed by donations to the school and by commission from school photos etc. We have been spending a lot from this fund but haven't had much money going in lately. The fund is seriously low at the moment so I am planning to organise a sponsored walk for the whole school to take part to bolster the funds. There will be more information regarding this in the next week or so, along with sponsorship forms to collect sponsors for the event. But essentially we are planning a route to walk from school to Burrow Farm Gardens where I have arranged for us to have access to the large field where they hold wedding receptions so that we can all have a picnic lunch and have space to have a run around and play some games. The plan is for children to be picked up from the gardens later on in the day.

As I explained, there will be more information coming soon letting you know what will be needed on the day and timings etc. I am quite excited about organising this new event, I really enjoyed the Sport Relief runs and walks that we did last year and the success of these spurred me on to do something similar this year. My plan is that the children will walk in mixed age groups based on their sports day teams, with the oldest children being given a specific younger child to look after on the way. This way the older children won't be racing on ahead and leaving younger ones behind and hopefully it will feel like a family walk in the countryside. I am planning for the walk to be very casual, with lots of little activities to do on the way to break up the walk and give the children plenty of rest breaks.

#### JURY SERVICE

I have been selected for jury service for up to two weeks from 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in Exeter. I have covered all my teaching commitments for those two weeks and will be checking emails every morning and, as the courts generally finish by 4pm, I am planning to come to school at the end of most days to keep up to date with everything else. I have been told that I should be available for the whole two weeks but I am hoping that I will not be needed for the whole time – we will just have to see!

If you do have any queries, as always, please contact the class teacher in the first instance - I have every faith that my experienced team are perfectly capable of dealing with most eventualities!

#### UNIFORM

I have seen quite a lot of non-school shoes creeping in over the last few weeks. I understand that children do suddenly burst out of their shoes and people can't get to the shops immediately but please do make an attempt to replace school shoes if they do break – we still have seven weeks of school left this year and it is essential that children have suitable footwear for running around at playtime, but that still fit our smart uniform policy.

## IN GAME BULLYING

Ditchthelabel.org an anti-bullying charity has published results of a survey highlighting that over half of the respondents (2,515 people) had received some form of abuse or bullying through playing games online. Further details can be found at:

<https://www.ditchthelabel.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/InGameAbuse.pdf>

One of the respondents admitted to bullying saying, "Yes I have bullied. I don't go too far with bullying, but I think the main thing was trying to troll and it morphed into bullying. It was really a struggle for power. I didn't even know him so I started attacking him for no real reason. I guess I had more power because I didn't know him"

This anonymity in gaming and other online platforms can lead to bullying and other unacceptable behaviours. We would encourage you to discuss with your children their interactions online and remind them, as we do at school, to behave politely online, if they wouldn't say it out loud to someone, don't write it online. If any children are experiencing online bullying or abuse, please block and report to the game or site moderators and if it causes any further problem, please feel free to speak to us in school.

## WATER BOTTLES

Thank you to all those parents who have ensures that their child(ren) have water bottles in school – there are still many children however, who do not have one as yet. It is very difficult for us in school to insist that children access their water regularly if they don't have the bottles with them.

## CHANGE OF NON-PUPIL DAY

We have a non-pupil day currently scheduled for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017, however **this date will now be a normal school day.** The new staff training date will now be Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017, this is to accommodate federation wide training from an external provider.

Lee White  
Head of School



## ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL



If your child is missing school due to illness, please remember  
**you must call the school EACH DAY before 9.10am**

If possible, please leave a message on the answer phone.  
**The answer machine is also available ANYTIME before school opens**

## LATE ARRIVALS

Registration closes at 9.10am - At this point registers are sent to the office and students arriving in school after this time must be signed in at the school office and will therefore be allocated an 'Unauthorised Absence'.



## SIGNING IN/OUT



Please remember, if your child arrives late (after 9.10am) or comes in or out from school at any other time for doctors' appointments, etc... then you must visit the office to sign them in/out. We then have an absolute up-to-date record of who is in school at any moment during the school day – essential to fulfil our Safeguarding duties.

# 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.

<b>JUNE</b>	
w/c 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Phonics Screening
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/Y4 Quad Kids Athletics (team event) – 4.00pm to 6.00pm, parents to transport
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Canoe Day (specific group only) - PACKED LUNCH – parents to transport
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/Y6 Quad Kids Athletics Final (team event) – 4.00pm to 6.00pm, parents to transport
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/Y6 Aquathlon Competition (team event) – 2.00pm to 4.00pm, parents to transport
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/Y6 Outdoor Activity Day – PACKED LUNCH
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Axe class Donkey visit (selected pupils)
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Charity Walking Quiz (Family evening event) – Raising funds for Hospiscare (Honiton)
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Bag2School Textile Fundraiser – drop off by 9.00am at the Baptist Church
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/Y4 High 5's Netball training (team event) – 4.00pm to 5.15pm, parents to transport
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Woodroffe - Transition day for Y6 pupils</b>
	<b>Axe Valley Academy – Small schools transition day Y6 pupils</b>
	R-Y5 Transition morning
	New Reception (September 2017 intake) children visiting 10.00am to 12.45pm (packed lunch)
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	Y4-Y6 Move – Make – Motivate (selected pupils) – Time TBC, parents to transport
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/Y4 High 5's Netball training (team event) – 4.00pm to 5.15pm, parents to transport
<b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Axe Valley Academy - Transition day for Y6 pupils</b>
<b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Colyton Grammar - Transition day for Y6 pupils</b>
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Whole School Trip – PACKED LUNCH
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Axe class – Federation EYFS Sports day – PACKED LUNCH
<b>JULY</b>	
w/c Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dads & Grandads in school week Healthy School Week
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sponsored Walk (Whole School) – PACKED LUNCH
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Life Skills – PACKED LUNCH / Parents to collect
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Play Leader Training – PACKED LUNCH
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Axe class Donkey visit (selected pupils)
<b>MON 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FINAL WEEK</b>
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/Y6 Sports Festival – PACKED LUNCH
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 PE Academy Activities Day (existing academy pupils) – PACKED LUNCH
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/Y6 Federation Sports Day (team event)
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	SPORTS DAY – 1.30pm
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Federation Singing Extravaganza (class/year groups TBC)
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Axe class Donkey visit (selected pupils)
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Reserve Sports Day
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 1.45pm (Village Hall) Y6 Leavers' Tea Party 2.30pm
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term

## SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS

You can no longer collect vouchers from Sainsbury's, but if you have any vouchers still to donate, please drop them in to school before 30 June.  
Thank you!

Sainsbury's

