



Dear Parents,



What a wonderful September and October we have had with this glorious weather! We have definitely managed to make the most of it with lots of different experiences linked with this terms topic – Victorians - The Age of Invention and Explorers!

Our newest and youngest children have made an excellent start to school and settled in really well. I hope you managed to catch their picture in the North Devon journal last week! They all smiled beautifully!



Curriculum and Topic

KS2 Morwellham Quay Trip



KS2 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Morwellham Quay! It was a fantastic experience which really brought the history alive for the children, enhancing their learning by experiencing the real living and working conditions of people in the Victorian era. They also loved dressing up in Victorian outfits!



KS1 Woody Bay/Lynton and Lynmouth Trip



KS1 had a brilliant trip on the Steam Train at Woody Bay and then onto the funicular railway at Lynton and Lynmouth. The volunteer staff, at the station at Woody Bay, were fantastic and really made the trip special for the children. The whole experience truly brought the 'Age of Invention' to life!



Home Reading



The majority of children have made an excellent start to the term with regular home reading of **five or more times per week**. Reading at home with your children is essential, to ensure your child continues to make good progress. It is also a wonderful experience and so very valuable to them. Please keep up the fantastic and supportive work that so many of you are doing with your children at home, it really does make the difference!

Residential Visits

Year 3 & 4 Paignton and Cornwall Residentials



Our Year 3 and 4 Paignton and Cornwall residentials were a huge success and blessed with glorious weather too! The children had some great experiences and have now made some wonderful memories too! The children from all the schools were absolutely fantastic and we were very proud of all of them.



Parent Workshops and Open Mornings

E-Safety

Do you know how to keep your children safe on the internet?



Many thanks to all the parents who attended our E-Safety parent workshop, which was very well attended. We hope you found it useful and informative. I would also like to thank the PTFA for funding the workshop and supporting such an important topic to enable our parents to keep our children safe when on the internet at home. If you were unable to come to the meeting but would like more information, please click on the E-Safety link on the school website. This will take you to our school E-Safety webpage and there you will find links to

information shared at the workshop and the presentation from the workshop to view at home. The very useful 'Digital Parenting' magazine is available to download from the webpage. We are also awaiting the delivery of the latest hard copy of 'Digital Parenting' magazine which will be distributed to all families across the school when they arrive!

Reception/KS1 Phonics and KS2 Grammar/Spelling workshops and open mornings

Both the KS1 phonics and KS2 spelling grammar workshops were very well attended. We hope you found them valuable and enjoyed the opportunity to observe how we teach these subjects in your children's classes. If you were unable to attend but would like more information about what was covered at the workshops, please click on the home page link when it scrolls past at the top of the page with an image or click on the 'news' tab on the homepage .

This will take you to the latest posts and there you will find the links to handouts and the presentations shared at the meeting. Thank you for your feedback too, this is very much appreciated.



Workshops and Open Days Next Half of Term



November

5th KS1 Maths Parent Workshop 3.30-4.30pm

KS2 Maths Parent Workshop 5.00pm-6.00pm

19th Science/Invention Fair- Open Day – School Hall and Classrooms

Congratulations

Tag Rugby Festival – Year 5&6



The children all played amazingly well and it was such glorious weather. Billy Martin, who is new to our school, made an amazing Tag whilst flying through the air and stopped the opposing team scoring a try! All the children clapped their opponents at the end of play, win or lose. Two of our teams out of 24 teams from various local schools got through to the semi-final with Woolacombe School coming runners up to Combe Martin School at the end of the tournament.

Surf Lifesaving - Nipper Devons and Nationals 2015

Congratulations to all the children from Woolacombe School who took part. Below are the names of the children who participated - apologies if I have missed anyone out!

Devons – Surf Lifesaving Archie Moorcraft-Holland – 1st in beach flags., Georgia Evans - 1st 1km run.

Nationals – Surf Lifesaving Archie Moorcraft-Holland – 2nd in beach flags. 2nd in Taplin relay.

Eva Moorcraft-Holland – 3rd in Board Rescue. Georgia Evans – 3rd – 1km run. Congratulations go to Elise Evans, Thurston Ashford, Talia Maxwell , Alfie Drake, Archie and Max Craig who also participated.



September 2015 Update - PTFA Fundraising - £7000 Challenge

Total raised so far.....£6,544.73p - Absolutely AMAZING!

We have very nearly met our target amount after we started the challenge last October - well done everyone for your hard work and supporting the challenge!

Many thanks go to Helen Troth for her work with the Woolcombe School Recipe Book which raised £617 - brilliant!

Lunchtime Lottery Winners!!!!

Congratulations to the following people for the April Lunchtime Lottery draw:

1st - £100 – Celia and Michael Seckington

2nd - £50 – Rachel Selvey

3rd - £25 – Edward Holmes

Congratulations to the following people for the July Lunchtime Lottery draw:

1st - £100 – Lindsey Harvey

2nd - £50 – A and P Moston

3rd - £25 – Sophie Sparvell

Please come to the office to collect your cheque!!!

PTFA AGM Monday 5th October 2015

(Please go to the PTFA webpage on the school website to read the minutes of the last PTFA meeting) The PTFA held an AGM on Monday 5th October. One of the projects discussed at the meeting was the Development of the Environmental Area. Mrs Allie Barnett is leading the forest school club and shared the children's designs to develop the environmental area. The environmental area is one of the projects the PTFA would like to support through fundraising. If you think you can help in any way please get in touch with Mrs Barnett. We discussed a calendar of fundraising events, linked with the schools Centenary celebrations. The first and one of our biggest PTFA fundraisers is the **Christmas Gift evening on 25th November**. We will need a good amount of parents to support this PTFA event. Please come along to our next PTFA meeting on **Friday 6th November** if you are able to support in anyway or contact Rachel Zeale or the school office.



Date of next meeting - Friday 6th November 9.00am

Get to know our PTFA Committee and team:

Chair of PTFA - Noel Mcpherson

Secretary of PTFA- Rachel Zeale

Treasurer of PTFA - Jo Kift

PTFA Class Reps

Yr 1 Sam Hughes, Susan Holland, Nicky Stillo, Danielle Adams, Sally Lee

Yr 2 Jenni Drury, Cath Jenkins, Cheryl Harrison

Yr 3 Ann Easy, Selina Dicker, Ruth Robinson, Hayley Major

Yr 4 Angie Ellis, Abby Tappenden, Ingrid Wilson, Helen Troth

Yr 5 Noel McPherson, Suzi Powell, Helen Gray, Rachel Zeale

Yr 6 Jo Kift, Denise Clark, Zoe Brewer, Debbie Christoforou, Jenny Craig

We are now recruiting new Reception parents to be part of our PTFA. If you would like to support and/or become a class rep then please come to our next **PTFA meeting on Friday 6th November 9.00am**

Woolcombe Fireworks Display – Food Tent Helpers Needed



Woolcombe School PTFA has been very fortunate to be given the responsibility of selling the food at this year's Firework Display on Friday 6th November. All money raised will go to the PTFA, but we will need your help on the night. If you are able to help then please contact Noel McPherson or the school office.

Thank you

To Perran Clark's family for donation of games, k'nex and books for both Morning and After School Clubs.



A Few Reminders

Tucasi - the school online payment system is now up and running for all children across the school. All new parents should have received their login details via a letter sent home last week.

Email – We will shortly start to use the new email system as a form of communication to parents. This will continue to grow as more groups are added onto the system e.g. clubs etc.

Lost Property - Nearly new 'Kids Trespass' coat 7-8 years – turquoise and pink. Unclaimed, despite being shown to all classes.

Important - Sickness and Illness - It is really important that you let us know ASAP about any illnesses e.g. sickness bugs and Chicken Pox.

The Importance of Manners - I am always extremely proud of our children when I take them out of school, I nearly always get a comment about how polite our children are, which is fantastic! Manners and politeness are something we do insist upon in school as I am sure you do at home too. For example – at the dinner table, some children do need to work on their table manners, especially the correct use of a knife and fork. This is something that you as parents can really support them with at home by also insisting that your child uses their knife and fork correctly.

Finally – if you do have any problems or you wish to ask a question, please do not hesitate to speak to us. We are here to help you and your family and by working together we can ensure the very best for your child. Please look at the diary dates below to keep up to date with events over the year. The online website calendar will be updated regularly.

Gail Holmes

Head of School

Dates for your Diary

October

- 20th Reception Class Trip to Arlington
- 21st KS2 Cross Country – Stephens Shield – Yr 3-6
- 22nd Harvest Festival 1.30 pm
- 23rd **Professional Day**

26th – 30th

Half term week

November

- 4th Mini Red Tarka Tennis – Year 2
- 5th KS1 Maths Parent Workshop 3.30-4.30pm
- KS2 Maths Parent Workshop 5.00pm-6.00pm
- 6th PTFA Meeting 9am – In School
- Firework Display – PTFA food tent



- 11th Football Match Yr 3/4 & Yr 5/6 Caen V Woolacombe
 - 13th Problem Solving Yr 3/4 1-2.30pm Ilfracombe
 - 18th Mini Red Tarka Tennis- Yr 3/4
 - 19th Science Fair – School Hall and Classrooms
 - 25th Mini Red Tarka Tennis – Yr 5/6
- Christmas Gift Evening 6-8pm @Twitchen Holiday Park**

December

- 10th KS1 Christmas Production 1.30 -3.00pm
- KS1 Christmas Production 6.00 – 7.30pm
- 15th Senior Citizens Christmas Carols and Mince Pies 2.00pm-3.00pm
- 16th Whole School Christmas Dinner
- 17th Whole School Christmas Carol Service
- 18th Last day of term
- 21st – 1st Jan 2016



Christmas Holidays

January

- 4th **New Term Begins**
- 8th Athletics Year 5/6 ND Leisure Centre
- 11th -15th 100 Years of Woolacombe School – Centenary Celebration Week**
- 14th KS2 Centenary Production of Peter Pan – Twitchen Holiday Park 6.00pm
- 15th KS2 Centenary Production of Peter Pan - Twitchen Holiday Park 6.00pm
- 25th - 29th SWSF London Yr 6 Residential**
- 29th KS2 Devon Winter Games @Torbay



February

- 5th Devon High 5 Qualifier – Ilf Academy Year 5/6
- 12th Professional Day**
- 15th -19th **February Half Term**

March

- 1st High 5 Netball Yr 5/6 Park School
- 8th Quadsticks Hockey Yr 5/6 Park School
- 10th Cycling Go Ride – Year 5/6 Torrington
- 11th Tag Rugby Qulaifier Yr 5/6 Ilf Academy
- 17th Devon Winter Games Yr 5/6 Torbay
- 24th Easter Service – St Sabinus - **Last Day of Term**
- Good Friday 25th March – 8th April Easter Holidays**
- 26th March – 3rd April – Woolacombe School Ski Trip to Pila, Aosta - Italy**



April

- 11th New Term Begins**
- 13th Yr 3/4 Mini Red Tarka Tennis
- 22nd Mini Soccer Competition Yr 5/6 Ilf Academy 1-3pm
- 25th-28th April Year 5 Dorset Residential**

May

2nd Bank Holiday

9th-13th SATs Week (All children in School this week please)

13th Rounders Qualifier Yr 5/6 Ilf Academy 1-3pm

17th Mini Soccer – Yr 5/6 Barnstaple Football club – all day

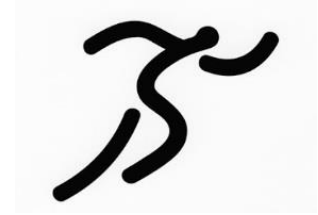
23rd Tempest Group Photos 1pm Start

25th Quadkids Yr 5/6 Athletics – Braunton

27th Professional Day

30th May -3rd June

May Half Term



June

6th New Term Begins

7th Petroc Tag Rugby Tournament – Yr 5/6 Barnstaple Football club

8th Mini Red Tennis – Tarka Tennis

10th-13th KS2 Barton Hall Residential

14th Rounders Competition – Pilton College – Yr 5/6

16th/17th Year 2 Wembworthy Residential



July

4th Professional Day

6th Sports Day – 1-3pm

20th Last Day of Term