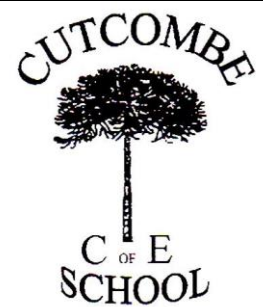


Newsletter

1st February

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Dear Parents, carers,

Well, the weather has certainly kept us on our toes this last week. It is always a tricky decision whether to close a school or to remain open. My preference is to act with caution to prioritise the safety of our pupils and all our community. I do hope you were not adversely affected by any decisions and apologise for any consternation caused.

In other news, last week we hosted Mr Mortimer and Mr Theobald who undertook a review of teaching, learning and safeguarding for us. Mr Mortimer is a school improvement officer and has previously been an inspector. Mr Theobald is the local authority lead for school improvement. They attended at our request to support our school development planning process and to help us build upon our successes. They enjoyed their time in the school immensely and commented specifically on the excellent behaviour and manners of our pupils. A credit to themselves, to us and to you as well. They also commented on the vibrant classrooms and welcoming atmosphere of our lovely school.

We now have a few of you signed up for the Vision, Ethos and Values committee- thank you; there is still time to pop your name down if you haven't already. We are hoping to arrange a time to meet before half term.

I hope you had a lovely weekend, and that the weather allowed for fun family times rather than to cause any complications or issues for you all.

Best wishes,

Mrs Naomi Philp

News from Class 1

Class 1 had a fabulous day with Mrs Jackson, designing, making and evaluating Tudor houses linked to our topic 'The Great Fire of London'. Year 1s have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s both forwards and backwards, please encourage your child to practise this at home. Year 2s have started to apply their knowledge of multiplication to division. Reception have been busy exploring length and developing their vocabulary linked to this.

We will be swimming every afternoon next week, please make sure there is dry swimming kit in school each day.

News from Class 2

Class 2 have been enjoying their swimming lessons and it has been fantastic to watch the children make great progress over the week. In maths the year 4s have been learning equivalent fractions while year 3s have been developing their fluency of multiplication and division facts. In RE we have been learning about 'The Last Supper'

Comments from child(ren)

"I really like the swimming." – Bethany

"The teachers are great, but my favourite is Mrs Bond." - Victoria

Attendance

Class 1 95.2%

Class 2 93.7%

Whole School 94.6%

Pupil Commendations

These awards along with star certificates were given out in our Awards worship by Mrs Philp/ Mrs Blackmore

Kindness: This award is for when people have stepped up and done something kind, especially when they didn't have to. This award can be for good manners, thoughtfulness, and showing empathy.

Class 1: Georgina for always helping others

Class 2: Ryan for thinking of others and being helpful

Achievement:

Class 1: Tommy A for always trying his best

Class 2: Tom continuing to challenge himself with problems and reasoning in maths.

Christian Value – Perseverance

Edward for trying hard with his swimming even though it is not always easy

Safeguarding

Contextual Safeguarding is an approach to understanding, and responding to, young people's experiences of significant harm beyond their families. It recognises that the different relationships that young people form in their neighbourhoods, schools and online can feature violence and abuse. Parents and carers have little influence over these contexts, and young people's experiences of extra-familial abuse can undermine parent-child relationships.

For more information visit:

<https://contextualsafeguarding.org.uk/publications/parent-resources>



School Christian Value - Perseverance.

You may like to share these bible stories with your child. They all have the message of perseverance.

- Mary and Joseph travelling to Egypt
- Jeremiah perseveres
- Noah and the Ark
- Daniel in the Lion's Den

Dates for your Diary (new dates in bold)

Monday 4th February – Friday 8th February – Class 1 swimming at Duddings

Tuesday 5th February – Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 6th February – No Celebration worship, No Piano

Friday 8th February – Mobile Library

Friday 8th February- ECF drop in with Mick and Brandon

Friday 8th February – Football Gala 3.45pm- 5pm at Knights Templar school – more info to follow

Wednesday 13th February – Celebration Worship

Friday 15th February – INSET

HALF TERM

Monday 25th February – First Day Back

Wednesday 27th February – Celebration Worship

Wednesday 27th February – Church Club

Wednesday 6th March – Celebration Worship



Wednesday 6th March – World Book Day celebrated at Cutcombe, actual world book day on Thursday

Please come to school dressed as a character from a book

Friday 8th March – Mobile Library

Friday 8th March- ECF drop in with Mick and Brandon

Wednesday 13th March – Celebration Worship

Wednesday 13th March – Year 4 Pilgrim Day to Wells Cathedral (letter will be sent nearer the time)

Tuesday 19th March – Federation Musical at Minehead Middle School

Wednesday 20th March – Celebration Worship