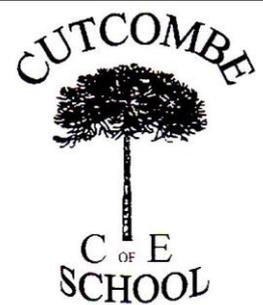


# Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> March

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Dear parents, carers,

Cutcombe school certainly has had a busy and exciting book week. It was lovely to see all the costumes in assembly and yet again to celebrate our pupils' achievements and kindness with you. It was particularly special to see one of the pupils dressed as 'Uncle' from the books that were introduced by Marion and Allan to the pupils, celebrating local author, J P. Martin. I hope the children all enjoyed their free Uncle book sponsored by Lottery Heritage, thanks to Marion Jeffrey for coordinating this on our behalf.

A big thank you to all those who read the children their favourite book this week, I shared 'The Lion who Roared,' which linked to our theme of courage. Rev'd Butt also helped us with our Shrove Tuesday celebrations and we all enjoyed the pancakes! Also, a big welcome to Mrs Cooney too, what a magical week to settle in!

The class news this week has lots more details for you to read so I won't reiterate too much as Mrs Blackmore has captured it all very well, suffice to say it has been another wonderful week at Cutcombe First School.

You may be aware we had a pupil join Timberscombe school with Autism recently and last week we wrote to parents of Timberscombe sharing some information about this. As a result of positive feedback about that information, this week I have included two links for parents of Cutcombe school to look at if you wish to do so. <https://www.autism.org.uk/about.aspx> and this short clip which helps explain how the world is experienced differently and with different resulting sensory outcomes: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lr4\\_dOorquQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lr4_dOorquQ) Of course, every child is unique, but this does help to capture to a degree the feelings and experiences of someone with these challenges in their life. If this raises any issues for you at all please do not hesitate to contact me or the school for further help or guidance.

Coming up, we have our Red Nose Day celebrations and please don't miss the 'ethos, vision and values' sessions these are set to be really important and empowering for stakeholders.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Naomi Philp

### Comments from child(ren)

These are some of the comments heard throughout the week from a number of children

"I love world book day"

"Can I read that book?"

"Wow, I love your costume"

### Attendance

Class 1 96.4%

Class 2 93.9%

Whole School 95.3%

## News from both classes!

### What a book week we have had!

Firstly we would like to say welcome to Mrs Cooney. She is already a valued member of the team and we are very excited to have you with us! In addition to maths and topic work we have crammed lots of book and story related activities in this week. Most of these have been across the school so it is a joint news update from the classes this week.



We were delighted to welcome Allan and Marion into school to talk to us about a local author, J.P. Martin, from Timberscombe who had six books published. These were illustrated by Quentin Blake. Thanks to funding from the Lottery Heritage each child received a copy of his first book *Uncle*. Allan impressed us with his expressive reading of the first chapter, bringing each character to life! Can anyone work out which local village Badgertown is based on?

On Tuesday Rev. Butt introduced the story of Lent and explained the reason why we celebrate Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday). So of course we had to make pancakes! Class 2 demonstrated great reading comprehension and maths skills as they had to read and follow the recipe themselves before accurately measuring out the ingredients. Class 1 were extremely adventurous with their choice of fillings, including tuna fish. In the afternoon Class 1 had pancake races across the playground. Great fun was had by all!

It was amazing to see all the fabulous costumes from a wide range of characters. Thank you for all the thought and effort. We had a lovely morning moving around a carousel of activities linked to a book. The children enjoyed writing their own version of *There was an old lady who swallowed a fly*, making their own flap book based on *Dear Zoo*, drawing an inspirational women in their own lives having looked at *Great Women who Changed the World* and writing a school version of *Oi Frog*. We were delighted friends of the school popped into share a story with the children. Pre-school also joined us for stories read by the older children in the afternoon. Class 1 enjoyed listening to the stories Class 2 have written for the BBC Radio 500 words competition.



## Pupil Commendations

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

**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: Esme** for setting a good example in collective worship

**Class 2: All of Class 2** for helping Mrs Cooney find things and settle in

## Christian Value – Courage

**Jayden** for showing courage when trying new foods.

## Achievement:

**Class 1 Leah** for learning her letter sounds so quickly and settling in well

**Class 2 Bethany** for maths, spotting and explaining fractions, making links with division

## Safeguarding

### Talking to Your Children About Healthy Internet Use

As we all know, the internet is a significant part of most children's lives now. As a parent, it can be a challenge to ensure your child has a healthy relationship with technology. The **Mental Health Foundation** have released new advice for parents to support you in talking to your children about their use of the internet.

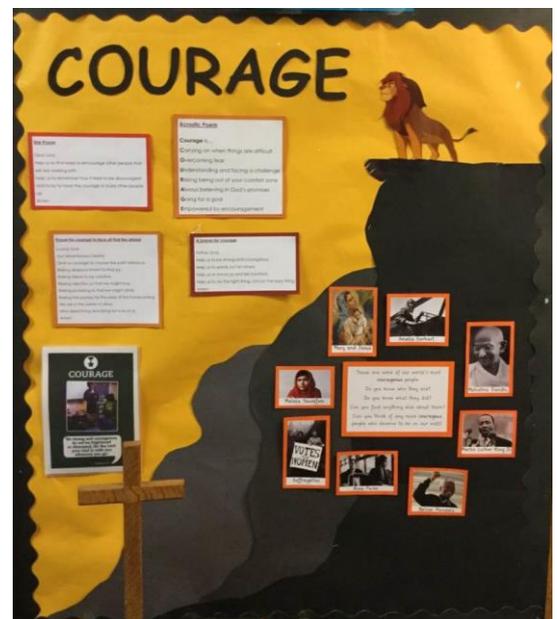
### Five of their tips are:

1. Remember: the internet isn't all bad.
2. An internet ban is rarely helpful.
3. Be age-appropriate.
4. Keep talking.
5. Use the internet alongside your child.

For more details about these tips and further advice, visit:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/talking-your-children-about-healthy-internet-use>

## School Christian Value - Courage



## Dates for your Diary (new dates in bold)

### HALF TERM



Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Celebration Worship

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Pilgrim Day to Wells Cathedral

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Ethos, Vision and Values Committee 6pm – 7pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Swimathon

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief (**Red noses will NOT be on sale in school this year**)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Class 2 Federation Musical at Minehead Middle School

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Celebration Worship

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Ethos, Vision and Values Committee 10am – 11am (or after Celebration worship)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Whole school Passover meal. Please will children bring in their best clothes to change into in the afternoon

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Catchball starts for Years 3 and 4 (See separate rota on Parentmail)**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Class 1 parents evenings

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – visit to Roger Webber's farm

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Church club

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Ethos, Vision and Values Committee 9.15 – 10.15

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Class 1 and 2 parents evening

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Reception and Year 1 children at the Moorland Hall for a drama afternoon

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday Service at School 3pm everyone welcome

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Catchball**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Celebration Worship

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – **Voiles and Rivers Morning at Allerford for Class 2**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Service 2pm at St John's Church (you are welcome to collect your child from church after the service)

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of term

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Catchball**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Fayre

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – First Day Back!

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Celebration worship

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Catchball**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Year 4 Residential trip to Pinkery

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Celebration worship

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – mobile library

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Catchball**