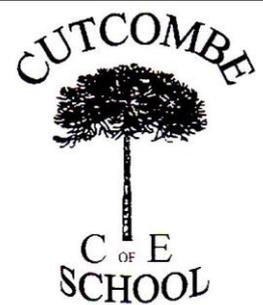


# Newsletter

14<sup>th</sup> February

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Dear parents, carers,

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Bond this week, I know she was incredibly touched by the assembly and the special notes, cards and gifts from her pupils and families. We wish her and her family all the absolute best for their futures.

After half term we will be welcoming Mrs Cooney into class 2; Mrs Cooney has already been in to school being busy planning and getting excited with Mrs Jackson. They have some lovely plans for class 2.

I wish you all a lovely valentine's day. What a nice way to end before the half term: thinking about how much we care about each other and how we can help show that through our actions. The theme of love, and understanding (yes, I know I sound like an eighties ballad!) permeates our school. This is something we celebrate in our values: our family ethos, where the children (and adults) care for each other and help each other. Such a key part of a better future for our world. A simple hope for us all, demonstrated in our own mini society.

Once again, thank you so much to those of you who have put your names down for our ethos, values and vision committee, and/or spoken to me about it– the dates for meetings are on the back of this newsletter, please don't worry if you cannot attend them all. If you can attend, one or more of them that will be fantastic. They will build and thread through, but equally each meeting will take one aspect as a stand alone session, so that it can work both for people attending them all and those only able to drop in. Our new website is now under construction as the design has been agreed, which means this committee have an amazing opportunity to help feed directly into the content of this site, as well as into our school development plans. If you haven't already signed up, and you are free at one of the dates and times, please do just come along and join us.

We often set some homework for a half term, so the children don't get too rusty over the break. However, the key thing for us is that you enjoy this family time together wherever you can. Lots of great fun, getting out and about, laughing together, exploring and learning in a very natural child led manner. Reading each day is great for the kids– but don't make it a chore– have fun!  
Have a great half term and come back safely.

With the warmest wishes for the break,

Mrs Naomi Philp

### News from Class 1

Class 1 have enjoyed writing their stories linked to feelings, emotions and shadows. The children then put their editing skills to the test to make their work even better. In maths the children have finished their multiplication and division unit demonstrating great understanding. They will apply this knowledge after half term when we start fractions. Reception have been busy learning new sounds from phase 3 phonics and improving their blending skills to help with their reading.

### News from Class 2

Class 2 have been busy learning about the Holy Week in RE making links with the Holy Trinity and Passover. In their own time, children from class 2 have also been busy making cards for Mrs Bond. Mrs Bond will be greatly missed for her passion, humour and dedication. The children from class 2 would like to thank Mrs Bond for everything she has done for them, especially the Bristol trip and awesome maths lessons. Good luck Mrs Bond.

<b>Comments from child(ren)</b>		
"I love the chicken korma." Toran	"The teachers are so kind." Olivia	
<b>Attendance</b>		
<b>Class 1 96.6%</b>	<b>Class 2 93.5%</b>	<b>Whole School 95.2%</b>
<b>Pupil Commendations</b>		
These awards along with star certificates were given out in our Awards worship by Mrs Philp		
<b>Kindness:</b> 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. <b>Class 1: Sophie</b> for looking after Harry <b>Class 2: Tom</b> for always seeing the good in every situation	<b>Achievement:</b> <b>Class 1: Toran</b> for writing a great story. The best you have ever written! <b>Class 2: Edward</b> for careful observations (both drawing and writing notes)	
<b>Christian Value – Perseverance</b>		
<b>Ryan</b> for talking about Perseverance in relation to Rev. Butt's story of <i>The Lost Son</i>		
<b>Safeguarding</b> <u>Difficult Conversations</u> Whatever the subject, and however old the child you're talking to, there are lots of ways to make it a bit less painful for you both and maybe even come away from the conversation knowing that you're even closer to your child than before. Visit <a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk">www.nspcc.org.uk</a> for advice and tips. The Brook Traffic Light tool can help guide you as a parent as to what is 'normal' curiosity and what behaviour you may need to worry about. The website link is here: <a href="http://www.brook.org/our-work/the-sexual-behaviours-traffic-light-tool">www.brook.org/our-work/the-sexual-behaviours-traffic-light-tool</a> Do act, think what if I am right.	<b>School Christian Value - Perseverance.</b>  This week in Collective worship Rev Butt and some children retold the story of <i>The Lost Son</i> . The children decided the father in the story represented God and the youngest son represented all of us. The father never gave up on the son, he persevered with his love, just like God does with us.	
<b>Dates for your Diary (new dates in bold)</b>		
<b>HALF TERM</b>		
		
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February – First Day Back		
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February – Celebration Worship		
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February – Church Club		
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March – Celebration Worship		
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day celebrated at Cutcombe, actual world book day on Thursday		
<b>Please come to school dressed as a character from a book</b>		
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March – Mobile Library		
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March – Celebration Worship		
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Pilgrim Day to Wells Cathedral (letter will be sent nearer the time)		
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Swimathon</b> (more details soon)		

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Federation Musical at Minehead Middle School (more information nearer the time)

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

**Week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – parents evenings** (letters will be sent out after half term)

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

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

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday Service at School 2.45pm** everyone welcome

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

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

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

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

**Dates for Ethos Vision and Values Committee:**

**13<sup>th</sup> March 6pm-7pm**

**20<sup>th</sup> March 10am (or after assembly)**

**27<sup>th</sup> March 10am (or after assembly)**

**These will then be once or twice a half term after Easter.**