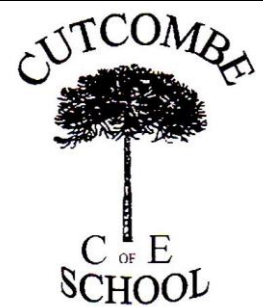


# Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> March

## Cutcombe Church of England First (VA) School

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Dear parents, carers,

We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the children back, and Mrs Edwards did a great session for class 1 (class 2 will get their turn in a few weeks), so I hope you get to enjoy those treats at home too!

Next week is world book day and we have exciting activities linked to this and are looking forward to seeing all the costumes. This is set to be another great event. Don't feel you have to buy things, made costumes are often even better, but equally if it is easier to nip to the shops we support that too! Whatever your budget and time can afford; it is just great to see the kids getting involved, having fun- immersing in stories and books.

This week I also have to mention what has been in the news regarding an online safety article. In the safeguarding section are links to websites that explains that the best thing to do is to talk to your child: to ask them if they have seen anything upsetting online and to remind them never to keep secrets from the safe adults like parents and teachers. We have reminded the children that in any situation, online or in life, where someone asks them to keep a secret that puts them at risk, regardless of what someone might say or threaten, the adults can help and we will be safe ourselves, so they must tell us. Curiosity is a natural part of growing up and so children do get drawn into this type of drama and sadly sometimes when we try to teach them in school to keep themselves safe we can occasionally highlight fears rather than ease them, despite our best intentions. So, your follow up at home in working in partnership with us is critical. The children have online safety lessons as part of their normal curriculum, and we have gone over key reminders on how to keep themselves safe online to address this latest issue, without naming it or giving any additional credence to this sad and mean scam targeted at children.

Finally, in other staffing news Mrs Jackson has to take some time off for a medical procedure and wanted us to let you know not to worry and she will be back shortly after her routine care. In the interim Mrs Cooney will lead the class for their consistency in learning. I am sure you will join us both in wishing Mrs Jackson a speedy recovery and for welcoming Mrs Cooney more frequently over the couple of weeks Mrs Jackson is away.

Mrs Naomi Philp

### News from Class 1

It was lovely to hear the children's news after the half term. They have all come back full of energy. In English we have started our unit of work on recounts, using the book *Oh No George!* for inspiration. While in maths Reception children are becoming more confident at subitising (recognising a number of objects without counting) and teen numbers, Year 1s are developing their knowledge of multiplication and division and Year 2s have made an excellent start with fractions. Mrs Edwards organised a fantastic afternoon of cookery. This week the focus was healthy breakfasts. The children enjoyed trying different foods and hopefully have been inspired to make some of the suggestions at home! There will be two more sessions thanks to money donated by the West Charity.



<b>News from Class 2</b>		
It sounds like the children all had a fabulous break. This week Class 2 have been busy developing their knowledge and understanding of fractions of amounts. They have also been exploring cave art linked to their Stone Age topic. In a few weeks time the Year 4s will be going to Wells Cathedral for their Pilgrim day. We have created a map showing the route they will travel on the day. We also discussed life being a journey and we can decide which 'road' we travel on by the choices we make.		
<b>Comments from child(ren)</b>		
"I like the friendship in the school" – Emily		"I like the PE" – Jake
<b>Attendance</b>		
<b>Class 1</b> 96.5%	<b>Class 2</b> 93.8%	<b>Whole School</b> 95.3%

**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: Tommy A** – for being kind to staff for always trying so hard and being helpful  
**Class 2: Albert** – for instantly congratulating Lennon on his amazing story

**Achievement:**  
**Class 1: Georgina** – for amazing effort in everything she does  
**Class 2: Jake** – for writing and typing up his 500 word story

**Christian Value – Courage**  
**Abigail** when she had to go to hospital with her poorly knee.

<p><b>Safeguarding</b></p> <p>The theme for online safety this term is <b>I am safe and secure</b>. Online safety is taught as a discrete lesson but constantly referred to when accessing the internet.</p> <p>It is always good to have open and general conversations with children about the kind of content they could encounter online and to ensure children know where to go/who to tell if they do come across something that worries or upsets them.</p> <p>The following websites are useful to offer advice and support in having conversations about online safety with your child(ren).</p> <p><a href="https://parentzone.org.uk/article/three-minute-briefing-momo-challenge">https://parentzone.org.uk/article/three-minute-briefing-momo-challenge</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/esafety-leaflets-resources/">https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/esafety-leaflets-resources/</a></p> <p>net-aware.org <a href="https://www.net-aware.org.uk/">https://www.net-aware.org.uk/</a></p>	<p><b>School Christian Value - Courage</b></p> <p>Over the half term we will be sharing bible stories about courage, learning about famous people who have shown exceptional courage and think about how we can show courage. This value links exceptionally well with work we are doing on Growth Mindset.</p> <p>Useful websites for Growth Mindset:  <a href="http://mindsetonline.com/whatisit/about/">http://mindsetonline.com/whatisit/about/</a>  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-try-new-things">https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-try-new-things</a>  <a href="https://www.mindsetworks.com/science/">https://www.mindsetworks.com/science/</a></p>
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**In other news:**  
 A huge thank you to FOCS for running the Snowdrop Café again this year. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, soup and their time. A special mention goes to **Vicky** for her fantastic organisational skills again and to the children who helped out; **Lennon, Abigail, Edward, Bethany, Arlen, Max, Olivia, Issy, Isla, Holly and Bella**. Please let me know if I have forgotten anyone. As a school we really do appreciate the fundraising by FOCS. We hope you will all support FOCS with the Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Fayre on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April.



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



**HALF TERM**

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**

**Please come to school dressed as a character from a book**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Pinkery parents evening at 4.30pm at St. Dubricius, Porlock (Year 4s only)**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Mobile Library

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March- ECF Drop in with Mick and Brandon from 8.45am

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

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Pilgrim Day to Wells Cathedral 7.30am start from School

**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 – Non-uniform day – Donations for Comic Relief**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – 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- Cutcombe Passover Meal. Children to bring in best clothes to change into.**

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

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – visit to Roger Webber’s farm, children to bring in wellies please!

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 (**change of time**) 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 Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Fayre

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

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

**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**