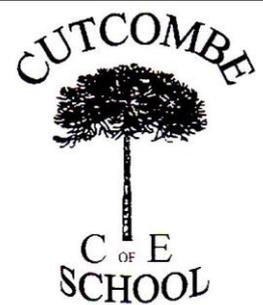


# Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> February

## Cutcombe Church of England First (VA) School

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Dear Parents, carers,

News will have reached you of the decision taken by the governing body for Mrs Carys Barnett to continue as your Head teacher from Sept 2019. I am very sad to not be able to lead the school beyond the summer, but I know Mrs Barnett is absolutely the right person to take this lovely school forwards and to add significant capacity. I would like to reassure you that I am fully committed to Cutcombe during this interim phase of leadership. I will do all I can to ensure that Cutcombe CofE First School is in the best place possible ready for Mrs Barnett to take the helm, our hand over will begin after Easter and, as we already work closely together, we are both looking forward to this opportunity. I am sure Mrs Barnett will organise a time for you all to meet her shortly.

In other news this week:

We have successfully appointed Mrs Veronica Cooney to the position of Class two teacher two days a week and she will join our team after half term. A big congratulations to Mrs Cooney as it was a highly competitive field and intensive process. Compliments to all the applicants who really were all very strong. Our pupils also deserve a mention, as they were amazing during the day from the student council interview panel to Class 2 who undertook a maths marathon!

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Naomi Philp

### News from Class 1

We are delighted to welcome Leah to our school. Leah is in reception and has joined us from Scotland. She has settled in really well and all the children have been extremely kind helping her find her way around. Class 1 have been busy learning about length this week, using different units of measure including cm and m. In English we have planned our story about shadows linked to our unit of work on stories about feelings and we are excited about writing them next week. In the afternoons we have been busy with our swimming lessons. It has been a real pleasure seeing the children, particularly the younger ones, grow in confidence. Well done all of you.

### News from Class 2

This week we have had an exciting week, with a day full of maths, being taught by a range of wonderful teachers. We have had another visitor who refused to wear a visitor badge, Piper the Rabbit! We spent time observing him as part of our scientific study of living things and their characteristics. In addition we have been part of Radio 2 webinar to find out more about their short story competition. We hope that it has inspired some (or all) of the children to write a master piece over half term and enter!



### Comments from child(ren)

"The school is amazing." – Max

"We're all friends." - Issy

### Attendance

Class 1 96.7 %

Class 2 93.4 %

Whole School 95.2%

## 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: Florence** for being extra kind to Leah and helping her settle in.

**Class 2: Jake** for always looking out for the younger children

## Christian Value – Perseverance

**Tommy M** for showing great perseverance with swimming, becoming more confident and smiling.

## Achievement:

**Class 1: Issy** for a positive attitude in maths

**Class 2: Arlen** for all areas of learning, always trying his best

## Safeguarding



This week we have spoken to the children about Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet. We shared the story *Chicken Clicking*, a mischievous chick that buys lots of things on the farmer's laptop and then arranges to meet another chick, who was actually a fox! We discussed what information we share on the internet and with whom. The children all knew to tell an adult if they felt worried about something on the internet. This led to a great discussion about how time we all spend on the internet and what use the internet for. Please take the time to read the attached letter and template for creating a 'gameplan'.

## School Christian Value - Perseverance.

Some prayers linked to Perseverance:

Dear God, sometimes it seems easier to be lazy than hard-working. When I am tempted to slack off in my work, please help me to remember that You gave me a spirit of self-discipline (**2 Timothy 1:7**). Amen.

Dear God, help me to welcome challenges in my life. Please give me the strength to persevere in them. Amen.

Dear God, thank you that through hard times, You help us grow. Amen.

## In other news:

We are delighted Jennie Norris (past parent of Charlotte) returned to school on Wednesday with a team from the National Trust. They were busy pruning our Willow Dome, not only to improve it for our use but also to use the 'off-cuts' to make a new dome. Jennie said "I had great fun creating it, really pleased with how it has turned out. Fingers crossed it roots now!"

Huge thank you to Jennie and her team!



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

Wednesday 13th February – Celebration Worship

Friday 15th February – INSET

## HALF TERM

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

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

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)

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