



Friday 8th February 2019

Dear Parents & Carers,

I wanted to say a huge thank you to Parents and Carers for coming along to Parent consultations over the last two weeks. These have been great opportunities to discuss your child's successes and their targets over the coming year. In speaking to our Teachers, it is great to hear how supportive many Parents are with reading at home- research shows that this is probably the most important way to help your child succeed academically. In reading and discussing books and stories, children build their vocabulary and are able to unlock so much more learning. Did you know that only 10% of vocabulary is encountered in speech, the other 90% is found only in texts! You may have noticed that expanding children's vocabulary is now a real focus in our School- it's great to hear the children being curious about words! As a school we are working with the Devon Literacy team on an innovative new project on developing pupils' language skills over the next two terms and beyond.

Enjoy Half-Term!

Mrs Kimberley, Head Teacher

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."



Dr Seuss

Elsie's Beach Clean - Plastic Free Torridge

There were a total of 57 people who attended the Beach Clean at Westward Ho! on Saturday 26th January which was organised by Plastic Free Torridge after they received a request from Elsie to do a Beach Clean for her 7th Birthday. Even in the really blustery wind and driving (at times horizontal), rain people spent their Saturday afternoon collecting litter and plastic from the beach and surrounding burrows. A total of 13 bags of rubbish were collected! It even made the North Devon News Facebook page!

Here's a link to the story and some photos: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/336875186489876/permalink/1157386591105394/>



TESCO TOKENS

PLEASE VOTE WITH YOUR TOKEN FOR US!

The three Tesco stores in Barnstaple (Tesco Extra in Taw View, the Tesco Superstore in Rose Lane and the Tesco Express in the High Street) currently have our School as a choice for their local fundraising beneficiary until the end of February - so if you shop in Tesco Barnstaple, please ask for a token and vote for us with it - Thank you!



Diary Dates



FEBRUARY

Wed 13th Feb PTFA Meeting at 6.45pm in School
Fri 15th Feb Break-up for Half-Term after School today
Mon 25th Feb Back in School

MARCH

Wed 6th Mar Book Fair in School Hall
Thu 7th Mar World Book Day – Dress up (no donations)
Wed 13th Mar Class Photos (Tempest Photographers)
Fri 15th Mar Red Nose Day – Please wear non-uniform in lieu of a small donation (50p suggested)

Help is always appreciated at PTFA events – please speak to a PTFA member or email us on fremingtonschoolptfa@yahoo.co.uk



WORLD BOOK DAY & BOOK FAIR

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March and once again, we would like to ask pupils to come to School on that day dressed as their favourite book character (no donation needed).

Please also do support our School Book Fair which takes place from Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th March in the School Hall – from 3.30-4pm on Wednesday and Thursday and from 8.30-9am on Thursday and Friday. The more money we raise from sales taken, the more books we can buy for our School Library so we would be grateful for as many Parents/Carers to take a look and hopefully place orders!



TENNIS CAMPS IN FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

Learn the fundamentals of Tennis whilst having fun, making new friends & playing games. Our dedicated, passionate & engaging coaches welcome all ages & abilities in the great location of Rock Park.

Dates: Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February 2019

Tiny Tots Camp 3 - 4 yr olds | 10 - 11am | £6 per day

Junior Camp 5 - 14 yr olds | 10am – 1pm | £20 per day

Location: Park Lane Tennis Club, Rock Park, Barnstaple EX32 9AH

To book: call 01271 600855 or email bookings@devonshiretennisacademy.com www.devonshiretennisacademy.com

**For every full day purchased on our Junior Camp, bring a friend or sibling for free to either the Tiny Tots or the Junior Camp!*

Price & Buckland

SCHOOLWEAR SINCE 1959

We are pleased to soon be able to offer Parents/Carers a wider choice of logoed School Uniform – Price & Buckland, an established School Uniform Supplier, have not only the regular School sweatshirts and cardigans in their range, but also offer School fleeces and royal navy polo-shirts too, and at very reasonable prices. As soon as our Uniform is ready to order (direct from their website) we will let know.

We were very saddened to hear the news that Mr Gordon Spate, one of our swimming pool benefactors, passed away very suddenly before Christmas. Mr Spate had spent some time as teacher in Scotland before joining the RAF and becoming a helicopter search and rescue pilot. He was passionate about swimming and ensuring that children living near the sea were strong swimmers- he kindly donated a substantial sum of money to be used to ensure we were able to keep our pool going for the local children. We as a school were very grateful for his help, and saddened to hear that he had died. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

