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You will probably be aware of the recent publication of the League Tables for Primary Schools in which our position is disappointingly low and out of line with our previous years results and I wanted to explain the reasons why to you.

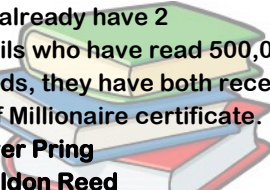
Last summer our Yr 6's sat a raft of tough new tests for the end of Key Stage 2. The tests were based on a new, much harder curriculum, which the children had followed for only two years, and the expected standard was significantly raised. As a school we responded well to this more rigorous curriculum, and worked hard to support pupils to be leaving primary school better prepared for the demands of secondary school. So we were disappointed that after all the children's hard work, that their test results did not reflect all the knowledge, skills and learning they had achieved in their time with us. We noticed that many of our children found the challenge of the week of tests hard to manage and couldn't always persevere. Our Teacher Assessment of the children, which is made up of our knowledge of the children from their books, learning in the classroom and ongoing assessment is much higher and we believe more accurate judgement of the children than a test given on one day.

However we do need to make sure that our children have the right skills to deal with the demands and rigour of the new tests and that's why this year we have been working very hard on building children's confidence and resilience through our exciting work around Growth Mindset. We are very pleased with the progress already made in a short period of time and can already see its impact in children. We have also invested in a comprehensive and intensive early skills programme, Read, Write Inc for all our children from reception onwards to give every child the best possible start. These and other initiatives will help us in achieving the best possible outcomes for our children.


Our website gives you further information on Growth Mindset, RWI and our priorities for improving our school. Alternatively if you have any concerns please do come and see me and have a chat.

Judy Martyn

We already have 2 pupils who have read 500,000 words, they have both received a Half Millionaire certificate.
Oliver Pring
Sheldon Reed



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March, we are asking pupils to come into school dressed as 'Science Fiction' characters.



Diary Dates



February

Wednesday 1st February—Heights and Weights for Reception and year 6 pupils.

Thursday 9th February—Valentines Disco.

Friday 10th February - School closes at 3.30pm for half term.

Monday 20th February—School re-opens at 8.50am.

March

Thursday 2nd March—World Book Day.

6th & 7th March—Parent interviews—details to follow.

Assembly Dates 2017

Spring Term 2017

Assemblies will run on a Wednesday at 3.10pm unless otherwise stated.

February

1st February - Ashburn

8th February - Torridge

22nd February - Teign

March

1st March - Exe

8th March - Tavy

15th March - Dart

16th March at 3pm - Otter & Mole

(Thursday)

21st March at 3pm - Taw

(Tuesday)

22nd March - Bovey

29th March - Tamar

Don't forget we will be running a holiday club through the February half term 8.30am-6pm

£14 day

£10 half day (5 hours)

Children to bring a packed lunch & drinks
Snacks provided in the afternoon.

To book please call

Carole Rogers:07968891535



Please could we ask all parents and carers to be mindful of where they park at drop off and collection times, please could all parking restrictions in the area be followed.
Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Well done to our Friday Flyers.
Our Friday Flyers promote our work around developing Growth Mindset and a can do attitude.

Mardle	Kaitlyn Hack	Tyler Bater
Bovey	Owen Messer	Cameron Cookson
Tavy	Chanelle Semeniuk	Charlie Coote
Exe	Emily Kendall	Gabby Lear
Ashburn	Alexus Coleman	Jack Williams
Teign	Mia Kiff	Angel Brien
Dart	Lexi Rhodes	Russell Hodgson
Torrige	Jack Leach	Mackenzie Hogarth
Tamar	Savannah Treavartha	Hazel Box



Catch It. Kill It. Bin It.

Germes spread easily . Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.
Clean you hands thoroughly as soon as you can.

Please could all medical appointments be booked out of school hours wherever possible, missing school has an effect on your child's learning.
Evidence must be provided for all appointments made.

Walk on

Wednesday

Well done to Tamar class who had the most children walking to school on Wednesday.



Attendance

Mole Class had 99.1% attendance for the week of 16th January 2017–20th January 2017.
Well done!

Remember our whole school attendance target for the year we are working to is 96.2%.

Missing school is missing out!

It is essential for children to attend as much school a possible if they are to get the most from their education and achieve their full potential.

Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 6th September - Friday 20th October

Half Term

Tuesday 31st October – Friday 15th December

Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 3rd January – Friday 9th February

Half Term

Monday 19th February – Thursday 28th March

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April – Friday 25th May
Bank Holiday – Monday 7th May

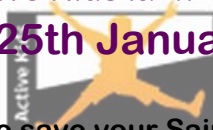
Half Term

Monday 4th June – Wednesday 25th July

Get ready for action.....

Active Kids launches on

25th January



Please save your Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers and bring them into the reception area where we have a collection box.

Please could all parents/ carers check their child's hair regularly for head lice. If you do find any please let the school know and treat your child before returning back to school.

Thank you.

Job Vacancies

We currently have 2 job vacancies in school.

Cleaner -12.5 hours per week –3.30pm until 6pm daily.

Mealtime Assistant-11.45am– 1.05pm hours may vary.

Please see details on our school website or come into the school office to speak to Mrs Lowe.