

### Message from Head of School:

We have reached the end of this first half term of the new academic year and as ever, it has been busy and enjoyable. The new Reception Class children have settled in so well, and we are super proud of them. Year 6 are starting to take on responsibilities around school and are being kind and helpful.

Thank you to all of you who attended the recent parent/teacher consultations. I hope you found them informative – please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher if you need any further support.

Harvest is a special time in school, as we give thanks for everything we have in life. The grandparents tea party was a lovely afternoon, full of chatter, laughter and cake! Thank you for your generous donations for the Crediton Food Bank. They have collected all the food from school and are extremely appreciative of our support. We also enjoyed sharing our Harvest Celebration Assembly with many parents and family members.

When we return after the half term break, it will be a very short time until the Christmas festivities begin. We have included key dates in the newsletter so you can attend the events such as the nativity play. It is a very special time of year, but we are aware that this year might be more challenging for some families. With that in mind, we will continue our Christmas Card Appeal this year. For some years now we have avoided the expense of children sending multiple Christmas cards, by sending just one to the whole class and then making a small donation to charity instead.

In the past, this money has helped to sponsor a guide dog and hearing dog. The school council have already been asked to start thinking about a charity that they might like to support this Christmas. Please send any suggestions in with your child to share with us.

Our article of the month is: Every child has the right to a good quality education. The school council have asked all of the children to take part in an art competition to raise awareness of this article. Everyone can enter – the pictures can be in any style and must be A4 in size. The title of the picture is 'My School'. Please send (named) entries into school by 11<sup>th</sup> November. There will be small prizes for the best pictures in Early Years, KS1 and KS2.

Have a lovely half term.

Warm regards,  
Mrs Mackey, Head of School





**Spotlight:**

Our spotlight this week falls on our School Council who have lots of ideas to help make the school better.



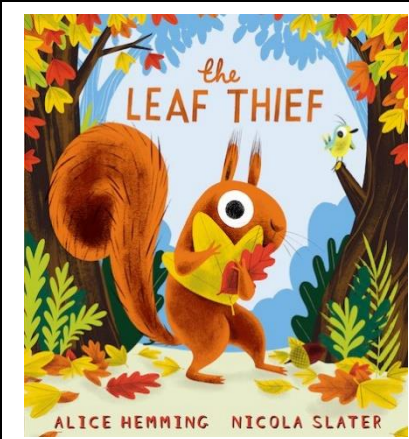
**Certificate Winners and Hot Chocolate Awards**

*Certificate Winners – 7<sup>th</sup> October 22*

*Challenge - Albie - Rainbow Class*  
*Caring - Archer - Green Class*  
*Challenge - Edith - Yellow Class*  
*Community - Ebony - Blue Class*  
*Challenge - Alesha - Orange Class*  
*Creativity - Summer - Red Class*  
*Challenge - Sienna - Purple Class*

*Hot Chocolate Awards – 7<sup>th</sup> October 22*

*Rainbow Class – Willoughby*  
*Green Class – Edie*  
*Yellow Class – Rose*  
*Blue Class – Ollie G*  
*Orange Class – Saul*  
*Red Class – Isabella*  
*Purple Class - Henry*



**Pre-School:**

This week at Pre-School we have been reading the story 'The Leaf Thief' and have been learning about Autumn and Harvest. The children have collected leaves from the Pre-School garden and made Autumn crowns, baked delicious bread rolls and learnt some harvest rhymes.

We have been looking at some non-fiction books about farm machinery, particularly tractors and combine harvesters and we have been thinking about where our food comes from.



### Remembrance Poppies 2022 – Home Learning Project:

We are going to create a small field of handmade poppies for the grass bank at the front of school.

Each child has been given one jumbo lolly stick and we would like them to create a poppy flower for

the top. Ideally this would be in recycled materials – e.g. old plastic, painted end of a coke bottle, jam jar lids etc. The only requirement is that the poppy could stand up to some rain – so paper or card is not suitable. You might even have the skills to crochet a poppy! Please attach the poppy to the lolly stick as firmly as you can.



The poppies need to be in school by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November so that we can start to build the field over the week leading up to Friday 11<sup>th</sup>. We will dispose of the poppies after the event, they will not be returned to you.

We hope this will be a lovely project for us all to share in as a whole school. Thank you for your support.

### Free School Meals:

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals (UFSM). However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional 'pupil premium funding' to support learning.



From Year 3 onwards, children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- \*Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400).
- \*Income Support (IS).
- \*Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- \*Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- \*The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.

\*Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

\*Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by HMRC, that does not exceed £16,190).

\*Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

\*School children living on their own (16-19 year olds) who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right can also get free school meals.

### How to apply:

Apply through the Devon Citizens Portal. This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.



**CPTA News:**

Class Fundraising – Christmas Cards – Reminder that the deadline for placing orders is 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Thank you so much for your Bag2School donations – we raised £100 😊

**School Uniform Reminders:**

- ✓ Please ensure your child has a coat every day.
- ✓ Summer dresses should not be worn after half term.
- ✓ Hair ornaments/bows must be school colours – or neutral colours.
- ✓ Children should be in completely black school shoes.
- ✓ Please put NAMES on all uniform.

Mole Avon have informed us that they currently have good availability of stock. They do not display all sizes and customers should ask if they need a particular size as it will be in the stock room.

**Next Steps, Year 6 Secondary Transfer 2022:**

Although the children have only just started in Year 6, the online application facility for transfer to secondary school is now available. You must submit an application by Monday 31 October 2022. National Allocation Day will be Wednesday 1st March 2023.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/>

**October 2022**

**24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM**

31<sup>st</sup> All pupils return

**November 2022**

11<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly @ 9.10am

11<sup>th</sup> CPTA Coffee Morning

11<sup>th</sup> Y6 to Copplestone War Memorial

w/c 14<sup>th</sup> ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

18<sup>th</sup> Children In Need – wear something Spotty – See Class Dojo

25<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly @ 9.10am

30<sup>th</sup> Flu Immunisations Reception to Year 6 – more details to follow

**December 2022**

2<sup>nd</sup> Non-Uniform Day for CPTA Christmas Hamper Donations

2<sup>nd</sup> Celebration Assembly @ 9.10am

9<sup>th</sup> Pre-School and Rainbow Class Nativity Performance @ 2pm

w/c 12<sup>th</sup> XMAS JUMPER WEEK

13<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity Performance @ 2pm

13<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity Performance @ 5pm

14<sup>th</sup> School Christmas Lunch

15<sup>th</sup> KS2 Carol Concert @ 5pm

**16<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM 22**

**January 2023**

**3<sup>rd</sup> NON-Pupil Day**

4<sup>th</sup> All Pupils Return

13<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly @ 9.10am

20<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly @ 9.10am

27<sup>th</sup> Celebration Assembly @ 9.10am

**February 2023**

8<sup>th</sup> Dogs Trust Visiting Blue Class & Orange Class

**13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM**

20<sup>th</sup> All Pupils Return

**March 2023**

2<sup>nd</sup> WORLD BOOK DAY

w/c 6<sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher Consultations

8<sup>th</sup> Red Class & Purple Class Trip to Exeter – details to follow

27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Purple Class Residential to Skern Lodge

30<sup>th</sup> TEMPEST Photographers Class Vistas

**31<sup>st</sup> LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM 23**

**April 2023**

**17<sup>th</sup> NON-Pupil Day**

18<sup>th</sup> All Pupils Return

20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Orange Class Residential to Bristol

**May 2023**

**1<sup>st</sup> BANK HOLIDAY**

w/c 8<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATS

**29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June HALF TERM**

**June 2023**

5<sup>th</sup> All Pupils Return

