

Message from Head of School:

A Happy New Year to you all and a warm welcome back to the start of the Spring Term. The children have made a settled start to the term and are already back into their school routines.

We are looking forward to some exciting experiences this term, in particular the Year 4 and Year 6 residential trips. These experiences help children to develop skills of independence, resilience and opens their minds to trying new things. These are such valuable life skills and we thank you for supporting these trips.

This term we will be having a renewed focus on basic skills in Maths and English – especially times tables and spellings. We have noticed that many children still find these challenging, and it does really impact their progress in all areas of the curriculum. We do ask that you help your child to make progress by encouraging them to complete their online homework activities on Spelling Shed/Maths Shed/Times Tables sites regularly. If you have any difficulties accessing these, please contact the class teacher.

Class newsletters and topic maps will soon be sent out to you so you can see what the children will be learning this term, I hope you find these useful. As always please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher if you have any queries.

Warm regards,
Mrs Mackey, Head of School



Spotlight:

Our spotlight this week falls on our new prefects for the Spring Term. We know they will be excellent role models for the school community.



Certificate Winners and Hot Chocolate Awards

Certificate Winners – 13th January 2023

Challenge - Jared - Rainbow Class

Challenge - Oliver - Green Class

Challenge - William - Yellow Class

Confidence - Finley - Blue Class

Challenge - Faye - Orange Class

Curiosity - Toby - Red Class

Challenge - William - Purple Class

Hot Chocolate Awards – 13th January 2023

Rainbow Class – Lola

Green Class – Ocean

Yellow Class – Joel

Blue Class – Sam

Orange Class – Ruan

Red Class – Elsie

Purple Class – Oscar H



Pre-School:

This week at Pre-School we have been reading the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt.' The children have been joining in with the story and the actions. A tuff tray was set up for the children to re-tell the story with a bowl of water for the river, grass, mud, sticks, snowflakes, a cave, bear and people. The children have learnt a Bear Hunt song and painted lots of bears.

The children enjoyed having their foot or hand painted and printed onto paper and turned into a bear with googly eyes and ears. The children also cut out different sized bears and then put them into the correct size order.

We have had fun mark making in the foam making shapes and practising letters. The children have also been using the large magnets around the Pre-School to see what things are attracted to the magnet. They also used the magnetic pen on the number boards to move the ball around the number.

Achieve4All:

Reminder of the Achieve4All After School Clubs for the Spring Term:

Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm

KS1, Year 3 and Year 4 Archery and Multi-Sports - Starts Tuesday 10th January 2023

Thursday 3.30-4.30pm

KS2 Football and Multi-Sports - Starts Thursday 5th January 2023



You can book these sessions by going to www.achieve4all.co.uk, scrolling down and clicking on **BOOK NOW**

Let's Talk Pre-Teens

As a result of the resounding success of the Let's Talk Teenagers programme South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership are pleased to offer **FREE** online sessions for parents and carers of **pre-teens** this month.

The Let's Talk program is designed to increase parents' and carers' knowledge of the key risks, whilst giving simple tools and techniques to help them support their child.

As a partnership we acknowledge that parenting can be really difficult, especially in such challenging times. We want to get these resources to as many parents and carers as possible and would be really grateful if you could share this information with your parents and carers.

Tickets are free and available at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/schcomms/sc/012023-8279/>

The topics covered will be:

17th January 2023

Biology – Difficult emotions – Substance misuse

24th January 2023

Relationships – Exploitation – Societal Stereotypes

31st January 2023

Physical risks – Safety planning – Mental health – Self-care

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 (FSM) 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 Year3 onwards, children whose parents are getting any of the following could be entitled to FSM:

- *Universal Credit
- *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
- *Working Tax Credit run-on
- *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 you can get an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.



January 2023

18th Red Class Swimmers to The Waie Inn 9.30-10.30am
20th Celebration Assembly @ 9.10am
24th Chinese New Year Special Lunch Menu – see below
25th Purple Class Swimmers to The Waie Inn 9.30-10am
27th Celebration Assembly @ 9.10am

February 2023

1st Purple Class Swimmers to The Waie Inn 9.30-10am
8th Purple Class Swimmers to The Waie Inn 9.30-10am
8th Dogs Trust Visitor to Blue Class and Orange Class
13th - 17th HALF TERM
20th All Pupils Return
20th KS2 Board Games Club 3.30-4.15pm
22nd Purple Class Swimmers to The Waie Inn 9.30-10am
27th Pre-School parent meetings
27th KS2 Board Games Club 3.30-4.15pm
28th Pre-School parent meetings

27th February to 3rd March – Book Week – details to follow (we will be having a dressing up day)

March 2023

1st Purple Class Swimmers to The Waie Inn 9.30-10am
2nd World Book Day
6th - 9th Parent/Teacher meetings – details to follow
8th Purple and Red Class Trip – details to follow
15th Purple Class Swimmers to The Waie Inn 9.30-10am
16th Devon Schools Music Hub in school
27th - 29th Purple Class Residential to Skern Lodge

April 2023

3rd - 14th EASTER HOLIDAY
17th NON-PUPIL DAY
18th All Pupils Return
20th - 21st Orange Class Residential to Bristol

May 2023

1st BANK HOLIDAY
8th BANK HOLIDAY - King's Coronation
9th - 12th Purple Class SATs tests
29th MAY – 2nd JUNE HALF TERM

June 2023

5th All Pupils Return
5th Orange Class multiplication tables checks begin
5th Yellow Class SATs assessments begin
12th Phonics screening checks begin – Green Class and Yellow Class

July 2023

4th Sports Day
7th Pupil Reports published
11th Reserve Sports Day
18th and 19th Purple Class performance @ 5.30pm
19th Pre-School Sports afternoon
20th Purple Class leaver's assembly @ 9.15am
21st LAST DAY OF TERM



A menu for a Chinese New Year celebration. At the top, there are two red lanterns and a central graphic that says 'HAPPY Chinese 2023'. Below this, the menu items are listed: 'Chinese Style Chicken & Rice or Vegetable Noodle Wrap & Rice served with Stir Fry Vegetables & Bean Shoots', followed by 'Mandarin Jelly & Ice Cream' and 'Chilled Fruit Juice'. The menu is framed by a red border. On the left, a green banner says 'TUESDAY 24th JANUARY'. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a bowl of rice, two colorful lion dance figures (one yellow, one red), and two red firecrackers. The logo 'SOUTH WEST norse' is visible in the bottom left corner of the menu area.