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NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

OFF WE GO AGAIN!

The Autumn half term was a great break for all the staff and we are all back in school feeling excited about what lies ahead. We aim to have a few settled weeks before the acting rehearsals begin and the requirements of Christmas engulf us all. It looks like we are going to have a busy half term and the FOLS are going to be particularly busy with the Christmas Fair –which is only 3 weeks away!!!

CLASS 3: WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN!

On Monday, Class 3 had an exciting day at Torquay museum learning about life in Ancient Egypt. As well as exploring the museum, they took part in some fascinating workshops where they wrote in hieroglyphs, played Egyptian games, dressed up in masks and clothes, and even built a pyramid. The highlight of the day was the embalming session where the children turned Miss Barlow into a mummy!



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer will be here on Monday 13th November. Please bring toddlers for family photographs from 8:45a.m. All children will then be photographed in family groups and individually throughout the morning.



Children in Need Day is next **Friday 17th November**. The campaign has a spotty theme, with that in mind, this year the School Council have decided to:

1) Have a 'Spots and Stripes' mufti day (because not everyone may have something

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spotty to wear!) Evie and George C will be responsible for collecting money at the start of the day. If each child could donate £1 in return for wearing mufti that would be great!

2) Bake Spotty Cookies at school on Thursday with Mrs Field to sell on Friday break time for a donation of 30p each. The older councilors will run the stall.

3) Ruby and Megan are going to organise a 'Pin the eye patch on Pudsey' for 20p a go.

Please support us to make it a really 'Spotacular' day~ help us to raise lots with the help of spots!

Thank you from the School Council ~ Maddy, Fergus, Thomas, Alice, Taren, Finn, George C, Evie, Megan, Edgar, Ruby and Charlie H.

MRS COLLINS MUSIC CONCERT

For keyboard and piano players there is to be a concert on Monday 20th November starting promptly at 2.30 ~ we look forward to being entertained!

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS and AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Sadly Go Active, who were due to run a club for us on a Monday, are unable to fulfill this commitment. However, Steph Gibbs has come to the rescue and is going to run an after school care session on a Monday from 3:30-5:30. (She has been helping me hold the fort since September, whilst we waited for Go Active to sort out their staffing issues!). This will be a time to wind down, play some table tennis, do some drawing/colouring, play some games and watch a little CBBC. Thanks to Steph for providing this much needed group!

The following is available. After school care/breakfast clubs can be booked at short notice.

	Before school clubs available	After school care (ASC) 3:30- 5:30 £3 per hour	After school clubs
Monday		Steph Gibbs running ASC	Science Club with Miss Cooper
Tuesday	Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45 £2:50	Tasha Kearle running ASC	KS2 Dance Club on 14 th , 21 st , 28 th Nov & 12 th Dec.
Wednesday	To include drinks, cereal and toast forms available in office for registration.	Tasha Kearle running ASC	
Thursday		Tasha Kearle running ASC	Shear Soccer 3:45-4:45
Friday			

FOLS ~ from Kate

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Fair planning meeting last week. It is always great to see new and old faces. The fair will run in a very similar format to usual. We still need a few more helpers for the day so please let me know if you are able to help at all, either in preparations before the day or on the day. Please keep an eye out in Book Bags next week as flyers and raffle



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tickets will be coming home.

We will be having a teddy tombola again so we need donations of second hand teddies/soft toys. Please can everyone bring in at least one teddy to school? I will leave a bag outside Paula's office next week for them to be put in. Please don't bring teddies which are too small (approx 20cm minimum would be great). For those who are new to the school the teddies are washed and then can be won in a tombola at the fair. The children love this and it is a good fund raiser.

Santa's grotto tickets will be £3 and I will be selling them at school at the end of the school day from Monday 20th.

Many thanks for everyone's continued support of all things FOLS.

Whilst on Thanks, Landscope staff would like to say a big thank you to Bob Burch for donating his personal advert, and paying for a further page, to allow us to celebrate all that is good about our school in Around Ashburton. Thank you!

PLAYTRAIL

Isn't it brill!?! The kids will love it and it is a fantastic improvement to the facilities that the school offers. When it is used during school time it will always be supervised by a member of staff to minimise the risk of accidents. At the end of the day staff are not available but we think that it is ok so long as you are supervising the children that you are taking home. This is pretty much in line with good old fashioned common sense and, as long as we don't have any major problems, should work well for all. I think it is one of the joys of the school when I see families hanging around, playing and chatting at the end of the day.

You will however notice a sign that is due to be erected which indicates that anyone playing on the equipment does so at their own risk.

REMEMBRANCE

It was lovely to see Frank Church in school yesterday, selling poppies. Amazingly he's about to celebrate his 60th year selling poppies and supporting the Royal British legion!



SCHOOL ETHOS COMMITTEE

Vacancy filled~ thanks to Rebecca Butchart! Our school ethos committee meets half termly. The committee supports the work of the school, ensures we meet our Christian

distinctiveness as a church school, helps the school to evaluate our work, acts as a local voice and lobbies the full governing body, as required. Our next meeting is on 30th November, so be sure to discuss any burning issues with your class representative.

Head of School
Staff representative with SIAMS/RE &
Collective worship leadership
Parish
FOLS Chair
Chair of Governors

Jill Ryder
Sharon Lord
Rev Tom Benson
Kate Burch
Anna Neville

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Class 1 Rep
 Class 2 rep
 Class 3 rep
 Class 4 rep

Rebecca Butchart
 Pip Cartmell & Una McGovern
 Una McGovern & David Kay
 Christine Pascoe

SCHOOL VALUES

We have just completed our two week focus on the values of Courage & Peace. We have had many thought provoking discussions in Collective Worship during the last fortnight~ your children have very clear ideas about the importance of peace in the world today! We will be looking at the value of Responsibility over the next fortnight.

Please support us with “Living out values at home” slips over the next fortnight~ these will be celebrated in our Friday celebration assembly

RIVERFORD LUNCHES

Our school council will be meeting Glyn, Geetie and Jake to discuss the lunch menu and put forward their views on Wednesday 15th November. The Riverford team have agreed to stay on at 3:30 to meet with any parents who would like to discuss lunches, menus and their views. They will be available in the School House at 3:30.

SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

I was asked by parent to share the following again~ so here it is...

Every School Day Counts

Every school day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. Please be aware of the impact of ‘time off’ and help us to make every day count!

% attendance	Days lost in a year	By the end of primary school (Y1-Y6) this could mean...
95% attendance	9 days of absence 1 week and 4 days of learning missed Up to 45 lessons	10 weeks and 4 days of learning lost (almost 1 term) Up to 270 lessons
90% attendance	19 days of absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed Up to 95 lessons	22 weeks and 4 days of learning lost(almost 2 terms) Up to 570 lessons lost
85% attendance	28 days of absence 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed(½ a term) Up to 140 lessons	33 weeks and 3 days of learning lost (almost a full year) Up to 840 lessons lost

Attendance: 30.10.17 – 10.11.17		Number of sessions missed per class: (session = a whole morning or afternoon)
Whole school	97.21 %	48
Class 1	98.57 %	2
Class 2	96.15 %	20
Class 3	96.60 %	17
Class 4	98.39 %	9
Well done to Class 1 & 4		

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REMINDERS:

COATS ~ as the winter weather sets in, can we please remind parents that all children need to have a waterproof coat in school. We aim to get the children in the fresh air if at all possible.

COMING UP ~ DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

13 th November	School Photographer
17 th November	Children in Need, mufti day: Spotty event!
22 nd November	Y3/4 High 5 Tournament 4:00-5:30 ~ team TBC
24 th November	Class 4 Assembly, 3pm School Hall
1 st December	Christmas fair 3:30-5:30
4 th December	2pm, St Matthew's Dress Rehearsal for KS2 production~ suitable for any preschoolers etc
5 th December	2pm, St Matthew's Dress Rehearsal for KS1 Nativity 6pm KS2 Performance 1, for Class 3 parents and families
6 th December	2 pm KS1 Nativity Play in the Church 6pm KS2 Performance 2, for Class 4 parents and families
12 th December	Christmas Party Classes 3&4
13 th December	Christmas Dinner
14 th December	Christmas Party Classes 1&2
15 th December	Carol Service 1:45 St Matthew's 2:30pm BREAK UP for Christmas

Well, it's already shaping up to be a fun packed, full half term. Hard work? Yes, for sure. Worth it? Absolutely!

Have a restful weekend.

Jill Ryder
Head of School