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NEWSLETTER Friday 12th May 2017

MAY DAY CELEBRATION

I hope that all who attended this event on Friday enjoyed themselves. The staff and I were really pleased with the way that everything went ~ in spite of the wind tangling the ribbons on the maypole. Many thanks to all the dancers who stepped forward – you were brilliant sports because it isn't quite as easy as it appears! Doing this event on the village green was a good thing and it was lovely to see local residents watching us. Finally, I would just like to say thank you to the staff who worked so hard to get the children ready for the big day!



KS2 SATs

It has been a super calm week for the Year 6 children as they tackled the national tests with great maturity. Mrs Clarke ensured the children had periods of meditation and mindfulness in order to be calm and ready as well as treats and light hearted fun once done. They completed a total of six different papers across the week and worked extremely hard with good levels of confidence ~ well done!

COMING UP BEFORE HALF TERM...

Y5/6 RESIDENTIAL

The school will be a little quieter next Friday as Class 4 will spend Friday-Sunday on their residential at Grenville House, Brixham with myself, Mrs Clarke and Tasha Kearle as well as visiting staff during the day (Mr Callcut and Miss Berry). The purpose of these residentials is to allow children to come out of their comfort zones as they experience new, physically demanding situations and support each other in making achievements that they might have previously considered impossible. The children will take part in a range of adventurous activities including: kayaking, canoeing, stand up paddle boarding, raft building and high ropes courses. Keep an eye out on our website for some great pictures of their adventures.

ASHBURTON CHOIRS FESTIVAL

Song Machine will be performing in the finale concert on Sunday 21st May at 4:30, St Andrew's Church, Ashburton. This will be a really exciting event and I will be 'hot

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footing' it back from the residential and hope you will be able join me in supporting the children and Mrs Lord.



CLASS 1 TRIP TO STOVER COUNTRY PARK

Class 1 will be visiting Stover Country Park on Wednesday 17th May.

They will experience a variety of hands on activities including pond dipping and hunting for mini beasts.

FOLS

Kate would like to remind everyone that the next FOLS meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th May, 7:30 in the school hall.

Kate has also been helping in school by sorting out the vast quantity of lost property that collects each week. Much of this is unnamed. With this in mind Kate has signed FOLS up to a website which sells stick on labels and pays us commission on sales. The following is a link to this site. <https://www.stikins.co.uk/> The school fundraising number is 35826. There is also a flyer in book bags today which shows details about Stikins.

CLASS 3 SPORTS FESTIVAL

Class 3 will be off to KEVICCs on Wednesday 24th May to take part in athletic events with children from across the Learning Community.

HEALTH AND FITNESS WEEK:

The whole school will be running a variety of activities across the week 22nd May to 26th May. This will include cooking, gardening, a PE day and a visit from a health professional:

Dr Cartmell (Polly and Bertie's dad) has agreed to come in and give a talk to the whole school about:

- * His job /role (including bringing in some of his medical equipment.)
- * The importance of having a healthy lifestyle - including recommendations for children in terms of eating, exercise and sleep
- * There will also be a Q and A session.

A big thank you from all at Landscape!

THURSDAY 25TH MAY, LET'S GET PHYSICAL~ A DAY FOR PARENTS TO JOIN US IN SPORTING ACTIVITIES.

You are invited to join us for the morning from 9:15 when classes 1 & 2 will be fencing, obstacle racing and playing parachute games. Classes 3 & 4 will take part in archery and High 5 netball (you will be asked to join the matches!). Fencing will take place in the back playground and Archery will take place on the field. Please wait for us in the playground/ field, we aim to be out by 9:15.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible joining the fun and games.

Phew! It's going to be busy!

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PARKING

I would like to remind you all about the importance of parking responsibly in the car park – especially at the end of each day. It has been brought to my attention that cars are being boxed in at the end of day, resulting in some parents waiting for up to 15 minutes before they can leave school ~ late appointments and late for extra-curricular lessons are the impact for a few, who are quite rightly feeling a bit fed up. We are really lucky to have the car park ~ most village schools don't have anywhere to stop, so let's make it a happy and safe place to be!

Many thanks for your co-operation.

ROADS

Aren't the pot holes a nuisance?! Several parents have asked me what we can do about this. At our school committee meeting last night David Kay suggested we all download the Fix My Street app which links to the Devon Highways. Hopefully the numbers of you using the roads into Landscope will mean the message is heard loud and clear!

SAFEGUARDING

The Devon Safeguarding Board have forwarded the following to primary schools for your information: Warning: children using **Omegle**

MASH have recently received an enquiry about a primary aged child accessing Omegle, a chat site that is advertised as being 'a great way to meet new friends' who, along with friends, has been talking to random adults.

This comes on the back of a report from the NSPCC who have highlighted the potential danger that Omegle poses to children who access the site .

ATTENDANCE

Attendance:		Number of sessions missed per class: (session = a whole morning or afternoon)
Whole school	97.13 %	48
Class 1	96.08 %	12
Class 2	99.44 %	2
Class 3	97.48 %	14
Class 4	95.56 %	20
Well done to Class 2		

I am really pleased to say that our overall school attendance improved over the last two weeks and is now over 97 %. It is great to see more of the children in school more of the time. Thank you for all your support with this and I do appreciate how tricky it can be at times.

That's all the news for now. Have a good weekend.

Jill Ryder
Head of School