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## NEWSLETTER Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### ROMAN INVASION

What a great start to the week~ Class 3 were transported back in time to AD49 and transformed into the Dumnonii tribe: they looked amazing! They were then visited by a Roman soldier who tried to convince them to accept Roman rule. He shared lots of great replicas and artefacts with the class and taught them about Roman life. The day culminated in an afternoon of vigorous training in Roman invasion tactics and a mock battle! I'm sure the children will tell you that all the staff thoroughly enjoyed throwing their weapons (soft balls) at the Roman army (the children!!).

The Roman soldier commented on their superb behaviour, knowledge and impressive outfits. Mrs Woods was very proud of each and every one of her class~ well done!



### CONGRATULATIONS, A BABY'S ON THE WAY!

You might have noticed a certain "glow" about Miss Pooler and I feel sure that some of you have guessed that congratulations are in order! Miss Pooler and her partner are thrilled and we wish them all the very best on the exciting journey they are about to begin.

Mr Callcut and I have already placed an advert to cover Miss Pooler's maternity leave, which is due to begin after Easter. Please be reassured that we will look for a top quality teacher to take the class forward until she returns. I will also be playing a significant role with this class in the lead up to key stage two national assessments.

### PLAYLEADERS

Miss Kearle took some of our play leaders to Stover this week for a training session~ a thoroughly good time was had by all! Harry, Bryn, Gracie and Katy had the

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following to say: “ We were shown lots of fun inside activities we can do to keep moving when it's wet play: table ping-pong - we can buy cheap ping-pong nets that we can attach to school tables and then take them off again and Just Dance were our favourites. We also played handball and had a go at refereeing – we have already tried this back at school! We played a game called '123' to make our play leading skills better which will mean that all the children can enjoy lunchtimes even more. It was very enjoyable and we found it very interesting because it was active and fun for everyone!”

A big thanks to Miss Kearle for leading and enabling this to take place!

### **SPORT SO FAR THIS HALF TERM**

The term began with KS2 beginning their swimming lessons each Friday morning at Dyrons. It's great to see such enthusiasm from the children, great behaviour and lots of confident and competent swimmers. Classes 1 and 2 have this to look forward to after half term.

This week also saw the first Central Venue soccer fixture of the new term - well done to the mixed class 4 team (plus additional support from Kai - class 3), who worked really hard to compete so successfully against the usual strong opposition they met. Many thanks again to Miss Kearle for supervising them so well.

Classes 1 and 2 will have our School Sports Coordinator, Sam Lyndon, working with them during their PE lessons from next week onwards. He will be teaching alongside our class teachers to enhance their learning, increasing levels of confidence, ability and fun within their curriculum PE lessons.

If there are any keen sports enthusiasts out there who have an interest in running a sports club after school (or at a lunchtime), please get in touch with Mrs Smart. There are opportunities most lunchtimes and on Tuesdays after school to work with children either on the field or in the hall. There may be an option for our PE budget to contribute to equipment/petrol costs, although a first aid qualification and DBS check would be required.

### **NEED TO TALK TO STAFF?**

Teachers are always more than happy to talk to parents. Please try to remember to book a time at the end of the day if you want to talk about your child and their progress. The teachers are usually busy setting up for the day and briefing the teaching assistants first thing in the morning~ this is really valuable time for them. Thank you!

### **SAFEGUARDING**

We have been asked by our Safeguarding governor to ensure that all parents are aware of roles and responsibilities with regards to Safeguarding. I am the safeguarding lead, Miss Pooler and Mrs McDonald are my deputies. All staff in school receive regular safeguarding training, keeping us up-to-date with all the very latest information.

**SAFER INTERNET DAY** is a national campaign, which along with many schools we join. The aim is to put on a variety of activities to equip children with the skills they need to have a safe and positive time online. With this in mind Miss Pooler will be running a talk/workshop for parents on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb at 3pm in the hall ~ please join us for all the latest information.

### **STOP PRESS!**

We're doing quite well! This is the latest press release regarding league tables. (5 is the maximum you can score for the stars). Thank you to Christine Pascoe for sharing this with me~ I'd missed it!

# Full local rankings for all Torbay, all of Devon and Plymouth schools

| School Name                                | Stars - Attainment | Stars - Progress | Stars - Attendance | Overall Stars | Overall Score | Rank (out of 14,459) | Local Rank                                |
|--|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|---|
| Landscape church of England Primary School | 5                  | 4                | 5                  | 5             | 69.25         | 887                  | 13 (Devon schools excl Torbay & Plymouth) |

Read more at <http://www.torquayheraldexpress.co.uk>

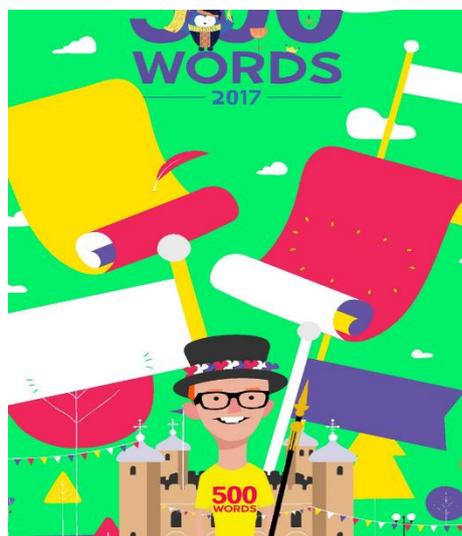
## ATTENDANCE

| Attendance: 9 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2017 |         |
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| Whole school  | 94.62 % |
| Class 1   | 92.94 % |
| Class 2   | 96.67 % |
| Class 3   | 95.31 % |
| Class 4   | 93.27 % |
| Well done to Class 2  |         |

## BBC RADIO 2 500 WORDS COMPETITION

Mrs Woods has introduced this competition to the children in assembly this week. We have so many talented writers we thought they might like to work with parents to write an amazing story to enter. Please follow the link if you are interested.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>



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