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NEWSLETTER Friday 16th March 2018

Dear Parents,

There's been quite a bit happening in school ~ read on to find out more!

ECO COMMITTEE NEWS ~ Mrs Field

The Eco Committee have worked hard since forming in September and I am pleased to announce that our efforts so far mean that we have now achieved the Bronze award. Fantastic!



We are currently having another 'push' on working on the school grounds, with the children preparing some of the beds for planting during their sessions with Miss Wright. If anyone has any shrubs or fruit/veg/herb plants or seeds they would be happy to donate for planting after Easter, please let Paula or myself know. Thank you for the offers we have had so far!

The recent work that Miss Pooler and C4 have been doing on the REEL project will contribute towards our quest to achieve the Silver award which is great!

CLASS 4 REEL PROJECT

Class 4 have been taking part in the REEL (Renewable Energy Experiential Learning) project over the past two weeks and have learned so much about renewable energy, fair trade and where our food comes from. We've had expert visitors to teach us about solar, wind, hydro and bio technologies to produce renewable energy. On Tuesday 13th, we got to visit these types of power plants in our local area including Marley Wind Turbine, Totnes Weir Hydro plant and the Dartington Estate. The children learned lots of new things - Sarah said "I can't believe they can turn waste (including cow poo!) into energy!"



We also visited the Fair Trade conference at KEVICCs on Thursday 8th March to learn more about the Fair Trade fortnight. We got to meet Victor, a fair trade tea grower from Kenya, who shared how much joining the fair trade co-operative had benefited his community. Sunnie was amazed that they built 6 clinics and 14 schools in just 8 years because they were now fair trade tea growers.

PE UPDATE ~ Mrs Smart

LINK ACADEMY DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

A group of apprehensive children entered the sports-hall at Harbertonford on Tuesday morning but a team of energised, excited and very proud children left the sports-hall. Well done to our year 5 team who achieved an awful lot in a short time – new skills, lots of confidence, self-belief and great team spirit, plus the love of a new game! Here's what they thought.



JOSH – “Dodgeball is great! I was nervous at first but it was really fun.”

POPPY-MAE – “I had fun but I was a bit nervous at the start. Dodgeball is awesome!”

JESS – “The team worked really hard together. It was really fun.”

CHARLIE – “I was nervous at first but then I really got into the game – dodgeball is great!”

SARAH – “I had so much fun. When I caught the ball we won and I was so proud of myself. Dodgeball is a great game.”

SUNNIE – “I love it! I worked really hard. We tried to win but it's the team spirit that counted.”



Haldon Cross Country Event

Well done to our brave KS2 children who participated in the Spring term Cross Country Challenge for the School Sports Partnership on Tuesday. Mrs Gibbs and Miss Kearle were full of praise for ALL the children who 'ran their socks off' in muddy and hilly conditions at Haldon Forest to complete the adventurous course. We are all very proud of them and hope they and others will 'go for it again' in the Summer Term event.

Year 5/6 Gymnastic Competition

Miss Pooler will be accompanying a group of 6 children from class 4 to a gymnastics competition at KEVICC next week – we wish them good luck in their sequence and vaulting events.

Dance Show

Mrs Gibbs has been working hard with our dance club to create an exciting dance to James Arthur's 'Sun Comes Up' for next week's 'Let's Dance' celebration at South Dartmoor Community College. They will be involved in dance workshops and rehearsals before participating in 2 performances in front of large audiences. We wish them lots of luck.

MOTHERING FRIDAY

Thank you for joining us for this traditional Landscope event. It's always lovely to see St. Matthew's full for such joyous occasions. We hope it warmed your souls and was the start of a pampering weekend for all our mums!



Together we can reach new heights

SCHOOL COUNCIL

As next week is already 'jam-packed' for both children and staff we have decided that we will do 'our bit' for Sport Relief on

Monday 26th March with a fun run! The plan is the children will arrive in school in their PE kit, register as normal and then set off from school at approx 9.15am. The route of the run will be, down the path to the village green, around the green and returning up the path, finishing on the school field. Landscope staff will be marshalling the event

and a number of members of staff will accompany the children on the run. We could do with some volunteers to marshal at the village green, ensuring the safety of our children~ if you'd like to help please let Mrs Field know.

During the Collective Worship slot on that day the older members of the school council will lead a presentation about the work of Sport Relief, both in this country and abroad. This ties in nicely with our recent school value of compassion. We would ask that all children could bring in a **£1 donation** for the cause! During the lunch break time on that day the school council will be involved in organising some fun active events for the children.



Sue Howard (our academy administrator) has asked that we let you know that the cycle ride previously advertised to support Sports Relief has regrettably been cancelled.

SCHOOL VALUES

Our current value is Trust, it has been lovely to see examples of this being lived out in school. The children have clearly understood that building good friendships allows trust between people to build.

Next week we will begin the value of Forgiveness, which takes us through to Easter. Please use the following link to access home-school activities you can enjoy whilst supporting this value.

<http://landscove.thelink.academy/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/FORGIVENESS.pdf>

SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officers are Miss Pooler and Mrs Jessep.

Did you know...

It's National CSE Awareness day on 18th March 2018.

Please follow the link to find out more information

<http://www.stop-cse.org>



Attendance: 5 th -16 th March 2018 (Our school target is 96.8%)		Number of sessions missed per class: (session = a whole morning or afternoon)
Whole school	97.46 %	43
Class 1	91.43 %	12
Class 2	97.20 %	14
Class 3	97.29 %	13
Class 4	99.30 %	4
Well done to: Class 4		

COMING UP

THURSDAY 22ND MARCH: SCIENCE DAY.

The children will be working in vertical groupings (families will be together) across the day. They will complete four activities which include:

1. The Space Odyssey Dome
2. Making Galaxy Slime ~ with Mrs Lord
3. Making and launching rockets ~ with Miss Berry & Mrs Smart
4. Egg-o-nauts: exploring materials and forces ~ with Miss Pooler

We would like to invite parents to join us at 2:20 for the last lesson of the day ~ be prepared to join in! We will have posters in the hall to tell you where your children will be at this time. There will also be an opportunity to visit the space dome after school.

A MESSAGE FROM MRS WOODS

Thank you to those of you who have donated to the Book Aid International (helping to buy books in Africa). We have collected £41 so far, but donations can still be made.

BOOK FAIR

From 18th April- 24th April Mrs Woods has organised a Scholastic Book Fair ~ more information to follow nearer the time.

Community message: STAVERTON PARISH COUNCIL JOB VACANCY

Staverton Parish Council are looking for a Clerk and Financial Officer. If you are interested in this position and require further information please contact clerk.stavertonpc@gmail.com or call 01752 873446. Closing date 3rd April.

END OF TERM

Just to remind you that our last day of term is Thursday 29th March. We will be finishing the day at 2.30 p.m. so no After School Club will be run. However, Shear Soccer are still offering a session from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

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

Jill Ryder