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NEWSLETTER Friday 27th April 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely break and everyone is well rested for the start of another busy term!

CURRICULUM FOR THIS TERM

The most up to date topic webs for this term have been uploaded onto the website and you can see what exciting things the teachers have planned for your children here.

VALUES

We have been thinking about the value of Perseverance and have noted many children living out this value~ well done to our year sixes who are working hard and trying their very best as they revise their English and Maths! We will continue with our value of Perseverance next week~ if you haven't already done so, please take a look at what you can do at home by following this link:

<http://landscape.thelink.academy/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/PERSEVERANCE.pdf>

Do please remember to support us by sharing when your children are living out these values at home too.

Something to think about...We have noticed a number of prayers have been written this week about global issues (we share children's prayers in our collective worship). Perhaps you can share some conversations about this with your children.

MINI CRICKET



A team from class 3 enjoyed a morning of cricket fun and games earlier this week!

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MAYDAY: School May Day event at Woolston Green on Friday 4th May

Another traditional Landscope event where the children perform a number of country and Maypole dances as well as singing a few seasonal songs. We are (weather permitting) aiming to be on the village green for a 2:00 start, giving us plenty of time to complete everything before returning to school by 3:30. The BBC weather is predicting a bright day with a bit of a cool breeze so I would suggest that the children bring a warm outer layer with them to put on and off as required during the event. You are, of course, cordially invited to join us. You can park down around the Green or leave your car at school and enjoy a stroll down and up the pathway that runs along the edge of the farm land. I hope to see lots of you there.

If you arrive a little earlier you will be able to treat yourself to a cake, a cup of tea or some posh squash. This will be available from Christine Pascoe's house ~ just follow the signs on the green.

KS2 SATs

Just a reminder to the parents of children in Year 6 that the annual SATs tests are being held during the Week beginning 14th May. I'm sure that all the children will be fine and do their best, in the traditional Landscope way, but I can assure them that it won't be anywhere nearly as bad as they might think it is going to be!

KS1 also do SATS but we keep this low key and have quiz days! All children across the school have some form of formal assessment in the summer term, but rather than have a high profile we prefer to do this the 'Landscape way' and keep it as low key as possible.

SPORT UPDATE:

All classes have begun the new term practising for our May Day event next Friday

- Our Dartmoor 3ball club is successfully running on Tuesdays from 3.40-4.40 (spaces still available for Y2-6).
- Next week sees lots of our KS2 children participating in the termly cross country event, organised by the School Sports Partnership. This event is held at Halden Forest and all competitors should be very proud of their commitment to represent the school in such an exciting event.
- Our next central venue soccer match is coming up on Monday May 14th.

FOLS ~ a message from Kate

Those who have children in classes 3 and 4 have probably heard about the new smart boards which have been installed into the classrooms. These are a great resource for the staff and children and have been funded entirely by FOLS. The aim is for FOLS to buy 2 more for the other 2 classrooms in the near future.

FOLS will also be assisting in funding new sports kits for children to wear when they are taking part in inter school activities.

The school would very much like to have a minibus and at the FOLS meeting this week it was agreed that we would focus our fund raising on supporting this. Obviously this is a big fundraising target so the more support you are able to give to FOLS events the better. If anyone knows of any companies or organisations who might sponsor a minibus please let us know.

GREAT GATSBY NIGHT

Tickets for this are selling well. We have already sold over 100 tickets which is great but obviously the more we sell the more we will raise for school funds. This isn't an event for Landscope parents only so please try and bring along family and friends. It is going to be a great evening. Let Kate Burch know if you would like any tickets.

We also have some great prizes for the prize draw which will be drawn on the night, including £100 Amazon voucher, £50 Boden voucher, gin hamper and a family photo shoot plus one free print. For those who aren't able to come please buy some raffle tickets and sell as many as

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possible to family, friends, work colleagues etc. 3 books of raffle tickets will come home in book bags today but if you are able to sell more please collect some from Mrs Jessep. Sold and unsold books and money should also be returned to Mrs Jessep.

MUFTI DAY 25/5/18

The last day before the half term holiday will be a mufti day. Children can wear what they like to school for £1. Kate will collect the money in class on Friday morning.

A MESSAGE FROM THE OPEN THE BOOK TEAM

Volunteers required

Over the last 3 years there have been team of about 20 volunteers in the Totnes area who have been delivering a school assembly programme called "Open the Book" based on acting out various Bible stories. This is a national programme and with each story there is a short introduction and epilogue to help put the story into context. The assemblies last for about 20 minutes and 3-4 volunteers, with active support of the children, deliver five assemblies on Wednesday mornings each term.

Over the years we have established small teams from the local parishes to the school. Currently the programme at Landscope is done by the Totnes team. It would be great to have a local Landscope team. The children love the assemblies, the adults really enjoy telling and acting out the stories. All the volunteers meet on alternate Mondays in Totnes during the term to practice for the current story. We currently run the assemblies in the following Primary Schools: - Diptford, Landscope, Dartington, St John's Bridgetown, Harbertonford, Berry Pomeroy, and Stoke Gabriel. Your time commitment is roughly approximately two 1 hour sessions every fortnight during term time. Come and join us. For details contact Chris Grimshaw 01803732032

ICE CREAMS

We have a rota of people to sell ice creams on Friday afternoons (subject to weather!) until half term but need some more volunteers for after half term so please let Kate know if you are able to help.

SUMMER FAIR 6/7/18

We are going to have a summer fair planning meeting at school at 9am on Friday 8th June which is the first week back after half term. This is a big fund raising event and we really need volunteers to help out with this. If you can't come to the meeting but are able to help with the fair please let Kate know. New ideas for stalls are always welcome.

FOLS AGM 27/9/18

Our AGM will take place at school at 7pm on 27th September. More information to come later.

BAGS 2 SCHOOL ~ a message from Christine Pascoe

We all have clothing in our wardrobes that we haven't worn in ages, but when it comes to a clear out what do you do to make sure the environment comes off best?

Bag2School has the answer – Collect all your unwanted items and drop off at school on Thursday morning and Christine will organise the 'pick up'. The more the bags weigh the more they will pay!

ECO NEWS

Now we are having some nicer weather we are having a bit of a 'push' with the gardens at school and it is time to do some planting!

You may remember some time ago I asked if anyone had any donations of fruit or vegetable plants, herbs or flower seeds for the BBB gardens near the greenhouse. If you do have a donation then it would be great if you could bring it into school on Wednesday next week ready for the children to do some planting with Josie!

Having chatted to Josie, suggestions of things she would really like include: Vegetables~ salad, carrot, chard, purple sprouting, and radishes.

Herbs~ parsley, fever few ~ already had donations of dill and coriander, thank you!

Flower plants~ verbena bonariensis, honeysuckle, echinacea, perennial sunflower.

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Flower seeds~ borage, cosmos, Sweet Williams, nasturtiums, calendula, French marigolds, evening primrose, and sorrel.

We are also hoping to plant some hardy, low maintenance shrubs in the flowerbeds in the playground (the newly fenced side). If you have any donations or could help in terms of giving a bit of time to prepare (dig over and weed) these beds that would be fab!

Many thanks for your continued support.

Lucy Field, Josie Wright and the Eco Committee

BOOK FAIR

A massive thank you from Mrs Woods for your wonderful support for the Book Fair. We sold over £500 worth of books, raising an amazing £328 in rewards for the school. Thank you so much!

DEVELOPING INDEPENDENCE

We are really pleased to see so many of our younger children in class 2 coming in independently, putting book bags away and going out to play. Please help us by encouraging this. This also allows class teachers and TAs to organise the day, ready for the children. Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN OUR SCHOOL

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visit our website: <http://landscove.thelink.academy/safeguarding/>

ATTENDANCE

Attendance: our target is 96.8%		Number of sessions missed per class: (session = a whole morning or afternoon)
17 th – 27 th April 2018		
Whole school	95.75%	65
Class 1	98.41%	2
Class 2	94.91%	22
Class 3	93.24%	28
Class 4	97.67%	13
Well done to Class Class 1		

I would like to remind all parents that holidays are significantly impacting on attendance and we are not yet meeting our target for the year. Please avoid term time holidays. Full attendance is encouraged at all times. Thank you for your support with this.

COMING UP

1 ST MAY	KS2 Cross Country at Haldon Forest
4 th MAY	School May Day event at Woolston Green 2pm
7 th MAY	May bank holiday, no school
14 TH MAY	KS2 SATS begin
14 TH MAY	CV Soccer at KEVICCs
16 TH MAY	Class 1 to Stover~ New life and pond dipping
18 TH MAY	Class 4 3 Ball Festival
25 TH MAY	Class 1 assembly 3pm in hall, parents invited to attend
25 TH MAY	Mufti Day & Break up for half term 3:30

ADVANCED WARNING: SPORTS DAY DATE: WED 27TH JUNE (BAD WEATHER BACK UP FRI 29TH JUNE)

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No doubt there will be a few other things to add to this list as the weeks go by but this gives you a good idea of what's ahead for this half term.

Have a good weekend.
Jill Ryder