Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School

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News from your Headteacher

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break and that you and your children are suitably refreshed and ready for the busy few weeks ahead. With so many outdoor events planned, we really hope that June and July will be dry. I will take this opportunity to remind you to please send your child with sun cream on in the morning along with a sun hat, water bottle and with a waterproof coat!

Upcoming events

This week you should have received a letter detailing the arrangements for our Sports Day on 20th June. The information can also be found on our website Home Connect page.



Withyfest (our summer school fete) will be immediately after school on Friday 12th July. This is a wonderful fundraising event with lots of stalls and games for you and your children to take part in. The PTFA are looking for volunteers to help set up on the day, run stalls, and clear away at the end of the event. These wonderful events cannot take place without lots of volunteers willing to help out. Even if you can only spare 30 minutes, all support is gratefully received. Information about how to volunteer will be sent at a later date.

Year 6 have lots of events planned over the coming weeks to celebrate their time at Withycombe. The children will be performing 'Snow White' at Exmouth Pavilion on Tuesday 25th June at 6pm. They have their Activities Week between 4th and 9th July, where they will participate in lots of fun activities including an art day, Wild Tribe, a trip to the cinema, watersports and a beach day. The culmination of their time here will be a Leavers' Service on 22nd July and their Leavers' Party! Not only is this a very exciting time for our Year 6 but it can also be a very emotional one.

For all our children, this time of year can be a little tricky. There is lots of talk of moving on and new classrooms and new teachers. Although this can be exciting, we acknowledge that for some children transition causes anxiety. Over the coming weeks teachers will meet together to 'hand over' important information to each class' new teacher. We will have a 'Moving On' morning on Monday 1st July so all children can meet their new teachers and visit their new classroom. If there are children who require additional transition, we will arrange this too. This may involve additional visits to the classroom, or a transition book. Of course, if you wish to discuss your child's transition to their new class at any time, please feel free to contact your child's teacher, or a member of SLT to arrange an appointment.

Collective Worship:



This week in Collective worship we have focused on the Olympic Value of Friendship. We have heard stories from past Olympic games where athletes have shown great friendship towards one another. One story we heard was about two athletes who both came second in the 1936 Pole Vaulting Competition. Rather than having a 'jump off' one athlete took the silver and the other the bronze. When they returned to their homes in Japan, the medals were split in half and two new medals created-half bronze and half silver. These were called the medals of friendship.

Hearts

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs. E Jones



Safeguarding

Pupil's Perception about Safety and Wellbeing at School

Pupils have recently completed a survey (and many also completed a further questionnaire during our recent inspection) which provides us with important information about how they perceive their time at school.

The results have once again provided us with a reassuring overview that the vast majority of children:

- ✓ Feel safe while at school and when coming to / from school
- ✓ Know who they can talk to at school
- ✓ Feel listened to, and are treated equitably
- ✓ Enjoy their time at school
- ✓ Are confident that issues around bullying are dealt with by staff.

We continue to work on some key areas of safeguarding in school; including the following examples:

- Ensuring that all staff foster positive relationships with children in order that they all know who
 their trusted adults are
- Educating children so that they know what to do if they feel they are being bullied, or they think someone else is being bullied
- Improving opportunities for children to show their peers 'kindness'
- Helping children (particularly in EYFS / KS1) to understand how to keep safe online
- Optimising playground supervision and the strategies used to engage children in positive play.

Mr Smith
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Contact us:

You can email your child's teacher using the class email account which you can find on the school website under your Year Group page (via Home Connect page). Remember that teachers don't have an opportunity to check their emails during the school day as they're busy teaching, so if you have an urgent message please contact the school office. Tel: 01395 263397, email: admin@wrpschool.org

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As we kick off the last half term for this challenge, we still have a little way to go!



We've added up all the active travelling you've done so far and we've now covered almost 10,900 miles, travelling for around 3,420 hours in total. We still need your help though, as this means we have about 3,400 miles left to make the distance. This would take about 1,000 hours in total. Remember - if we achieve the overall target ALL children will receive a surprise MYSTERY DAY in school!

If we all add just 1.5 hours of active travel each before the end of term, we'll achieve the collective target!

Over the holidays Nevaeh collected some tadpoles, and the family watched them metamorphosise into frogs! Neveah's class have been studying life cycles so this was a really timely experience. Neveah really enjoyed watching them change, and she sent us in these great photos. They've now released the frogs back to where they were from.





It's now easier to keep up with school events!



NEW we're now able to share an events calendar on our school website. Please visit the Home Connect page to view the calendar. You can click into the entries for more information, and we'll still email/text you when your children have activities arranged.

Here are some of the exciting things we have coming up this month!

Year 5 Beach Clean Mon 10th June Tues 11th June **Y6 Transition Day** Wed 12th June Y6 Sideshore Project Sailing - Group 4 Fri 14th June Y1 Powderham Trip Tues 18th June Mon 24th June Y3 Cinema Trip Tues 25th June Y6 Main Performance 26th-28th June **Buddy Tours**

And we're looking forward to Sports Day on Thursday 20th June!

Sports and Achievements

If you have any news about sports or other achievements from outside of school that you'd like to share, please email a photo and brief explanation to admin@wrpschool.org.

We aim to include everything you send to us by Wednesday in the same week's newsletter.

On Thursday eight of our Year 5 children took part in a Dartmoor 3 ball event at Exmouth Community college. The event is an inclusive striking and fielding game - it's very fast and very fun!

Well done Ruby, Megan, Max, Ozzie, Ralph, Daisy, Martha and Oliver!





Olivia from Dolphins has completed stage 4 at swimming. Brilliant!

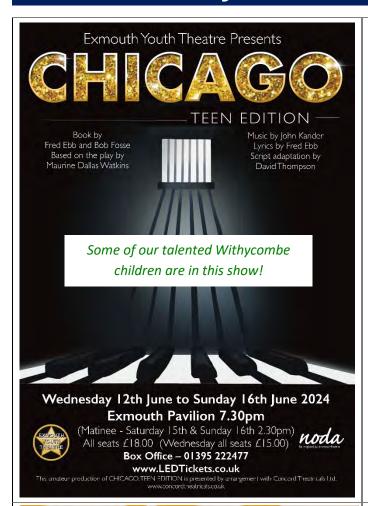


Rudy (sycamore) and Tilly (dragonfly) completed their first junior park run on Sunday.



Nicholas from Dolphin class has achieved the 5th Show Award grade at Exmouth Vikings Judo Club, demonstrating excellent discipline, physical skills and judo techniques!















PoleSand Youth Theatre 8-10yrs



PoleSand Youth Theatre is a fun and dynamic youth theatre in Exmouth. Its aim is to give young people an apportunity to participate in high quality, engaging and meaningful theatre experiences.

We provide an opportunity for budding young performers develop acting, improvisation and character creation skills



Focusing on collaborative working, PoleSand Youth Theatre for 8-10 year olds is about working together to develop their theatrical thinking by working with their peers and professional artist educators to develop a show that represents their ideas and interests.

We love to give 8-10 year olds in Exmouth an opportunity to learn more about themselve through playing drama games, preparing scripts, laughing with new friends - and having fun! They will perform their work at the

Blackmore Theatre at the end of the summer school.

- Is your child aged between 8 and 10 years old and in Y4-Y6?
- Join us for three day summer school at the Blackmore Theatre August 19th - 21st 2024, 9:30am 4:00pm each day
- There will be a small showcase performance for family and friends at 3:00 pm on Wednesday 21st August.
 • £165 Per Person, 10% discount for
- siblings



www.polesandyouththeatre.co.uk for more information and enrolment



Family & Community Sessions

Exeter, Mid & East Devon Family Hubs

Pop along for a cuppa and speak to Devon County Council about the new Family Hub offer and the buildings proposals - have your voice heard!

Just pop in!





2PM - 3PM Whipton HUB Hill Lane,Whipton EX1 3JP



2PM -4PM Chestnut HUB lagnolia Avenue EX2 6DJ 2.30PM TO 3.30PM Exmouth HUB Moorfield Road



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