



Chittlehampton C of E Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter

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Our Vision

A caring, learning community, fulfilling potential and achieving excellence together guided by our Christian Values.



Celebrations

Taw Class

The following children were celebrated last week:

Ella - for her great work in sounds and for taking part in assembly so nicely.

Autumn, Maisy, Rebecca & Willow - for working really well and for independent learning

Torridge Class

Tom - for his enthusiasm and participation in sports day practice

4th July Concert - for all those who attended the concert, their singing was a credit to the school especially Eve for her enthusiasm and effort

Whole school - for persevering in the warm weather

Silver sticker badges - **Abigail, Charlie, Henry, Jodie, Lenny, Matilda, Mercy, Noah, Rose & Tom**

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Taw Class

Whole class - they were described as a 'delightful group of children' on their trip to Northam Burrows. They also had great energy and enthusiasm, a real credit to the school

Year 2 - for their positive attitude during their transition day in Torridge Class

Torridge Class

Lucy L - for her effort at sports day and for putting others before herself by volunteering to support another house

Tom - for his 'can to attitude', increased confidence and determination in all aspects of his learning

Charlie - for his great maturity and super leadership skills in preparation for the leavers assembly

Whole school - for their behaviour and enthusiasm



We welcomed Mrs Stacey Rogers for the day today. Mrs Rogers will be joining us in September sharing the teaching of Taw Class with Mr Parsons. As this is the last newsletter before the end of term next Friday, we would like to wish our Year 6's all the best for their transition to secondary school and hope that you all have a safe and enjoyable summer holiday. All the staff would like to thank The FOCS for their continued hard work and successful fundraising, and to all who support them.



Red, White Blue and Music Too! 4th July

A huge well done to the children that took part in the concert on Wednesday! They sang brilliantly joining with other schools to make a choir of 250 children singing the British and American National Anthems and This is Me from the Greatest Showman! I am really proud of the children that took part they were a great advert for Chittlehampton Primary School.



Sports Day

Thank you to FOCS for providing ice pops for the children during Sports Day last Friday and to parents for their gazebos. Well done to **Parrots** who won the winners cup and to all the children who took part. Please can the coloured t-shirts children wore be returned to school before the end of term, thank you.





Taw Class Trip

Yesterday Taw Class went to Northam Burrows Country Park, where they had a great day exploring the beach with park rangers. Their behaviour and enthusiasm was superb, well done. We would like to say a big thank you to the FOCS who funded this trip.



Teddy Bear Picnic

The playgroup had a lovely time when they visited us on Tuesday for a teddy bears picnic. They enjoyed finding teddy bears that were hidden in the garden!

Year 6 Leavers Trip

A reminder that our Year 6's have their trip to Cascades on **Monday**. Please remember they need swim wear, a towel, sun hats/cream and a water-proof coat, thank you.

Dinner/Breakfast Club Money

Please can we ask that all outstanding monies are paid before the end of term. If you need to check how much you owe please ask Sarah in the office, thank you.

After-School Clubs - Autumn Term

Letters for clubs will go out the first week back in September.

End of Term Assembly

We shall be holding our end of term assembly next **Friday at 2.15pm** in the church. Coffee/tea will be available from **2pm**. Please note your children must return to school after the assembly in church and then they can leave from there as soon as they are ready. Thank you.

Parents' Open Consultation – Tuesday 17th July

On **Tuesday** the teachers will be available to see any parents who would like to discuss any issues they may have following their child's school report which were issued today. There is no need to book a slot as we do not expect large numbers to attend, just drop in if you would like to talk to the teachers, they will be available between **3.40-4.45pm** on that day.

Forest Schools

On **Monday 16th July** all of Torridge Class (excluding Year 6 as they are on their trip) will have a Forest Schools session together. Please can all children have weather appropriate clothing and footwear in school on this day, thank you.

School Menu

Please be aware that next week Helena may need to change certain items on the menu due to running stock down for the end of term. Helena will aim to keep the main meal the same, the changes are likely to be for dessert and drinks for the packed lunch option.

Market Day Update

Overall the children raised a fantastic **£930.20**, with each team raising the following for their chosen charities:

Lenny & Max - **£50.50 donated to Cancer Research UK**

Francesca, Jodie & Lucy L - **£85.75 donated to British Diabetic Association**

Henry & Noah - **£31.10 donated to Friend of The Earth**

Eve & Rose - **£64.40 donated to Save the Elephants**

Chloe & Lucy W - **£171.40 donated to Devon Air Ambulance**

Charlie, Louis & Tom - **£200.00 donated to Cancer Research UK**

Finnley & Anthony - **£54.20 donated to Teenage Cancer Trust**

Abigail, Cordelia & Mercy - **£212.50 donated to British Hen Welfare Trust**

Matilda & Zia - **£60.35 donated to British Heart Foundation**

We would like to congratulate all the children for their tremendous effort and enthusiasm during this task. Also a huge thank you to parents for your support during this project and to all those who came and supported the children.

Diary Dates

16th July - Year 6 Leavers Trip to Cascades

17th July - Parents' Open Consultation 3.40-4.45pm

18th July - South Molton Summer Reading Challenge Assembly

19th July - Afternoon of Sports & Year 6 Leavers BBQ

20th July - End of term service in church 2.30pm

4th September - Start of Autumn Term

Afternoon of Sports

We look forward to welcoming you for an afternoon of sports on **Thursday at 2pm** at the cricket field. This will be followed by the FOCS Year 6 BBQ.

Library Books

Please can all books be returned before the end of term, thank you.

FOCS

We look forward to seeing you all at the bbq on Thursday for an afternoon of fun. Hot dogs, burgers, tea/coffee and squash will be provided. Please remember to bring a blanket and some nibbles and drink to share. Thanks to everyone for their support over the year, we wish you all a very happy summer

End of Year Governing Board Review

Over this academic year the Governors have been busy with many topics. We have been using a risk register to evaluate developments across the Federation. We decided that a risk register would lead to a greater awareness of issues that would, in turn, result in improvements in all the schools. For example, we were monitoring the effect of adding a pre-school to Spreyton and Chittlehampton upon teaching and learning in Key Stage 1, this being something parents had expressed concerns about. Both Spreyton and Chittlehampton have recently had Ofsted inspections where teaching and learning overall was deemed to be "Good" and described the initiative of adding pre-schools as having been successful and that "*children get off to a flying start*". This confirmed the opinion of the Governing Board and has enabled us to remove this as a risk from the register.

Autumn Term

In order to monitor the progress of each school more closely, we appointed specific Governors to act as a School Champion for a particular school. The introduction of School Champions and their termly reports to the Board has been a very positive improvement and has ensured that the Governors have a full picture of children's progress across the Federation.

In this term we also took the decision to join the Co-operative Trust known as the United Schools Learning Partnership. This leaves the Federation as a separate entity but enables it to work on standards and improvement as part of an eleven-school partnership. This facilitates continual professional development of staff through inter-school monitoring and development with a focus on raising standards of education in all of the partnership's schools. An additional benefit to Chittlehampton will be the opportunity to liaise and work with 4 other Christian schools.

With regard to improving safeguarding we introduced designated coloured lanyards that are issued to everyone visiting or working within the schools. Children now know to challenge anyone in school not wearing a lanyard. In fact one Governor reported that she was asked by a pupil where her lanyard was as she had forgotten to put it on!

Spring Term

It was decided that the Federation would appoint its own Data Protection Officer (DPO) to oversee data held by the school in line with the requirements of the new General Data Protection Regulation. This puts the Federation in a stronger position than most schools as we have access to a full time DPO within the Federation.

We had three external reviews covering Safeguarding, Special Educational Needs and Governance. These were all of a high standard. Governors felt that the reports received painted a very positive picture of improvement which could only result in improved outcomes for the children of all of the Devon Moors Federation's schools and asked that the relevant staff were commended for their hard work.

Summer Term

The Board have continued to follow best value procedures in line with Devon County Council guidelines and have carefully monitored spend throughout the year to ensure that we were able to maintain our high levels of staff for the last academic year. However, with rising costs and reduced income the Governing Board has had to make some difficult decisions in relation to staffing across the Federation and will continue to have to do so for the next academic year.

Governors set a new vision reflecting the ambition the Board has for the pupils of Devon Moors Federation's four schools.

"Our vision is for the schools of the Devon Moors Federation to be the local schools of choice; promoting a lifelong desire to learn at school and at home, through exploration, experience and challenge, within and beyond the curriculum, in a safe and engaging environment. To achieve this we will recruit, develop and retain inspirational staff of the highest calibre and challenge school leaders to meet the highest academic standards possible for all children in our schools regardless of their starting points."

The Heads of School Reports, linked with the School Champions reports and the feedback from Ofsted verify that things are moving forward for the benefit of all the children in our schools.

This term, due to the Head of School having been appointed to a Headship in South Devon, we have appointed a new Head of School, Alison Mackey, together with other high-ability staff at Copplestone which will maintain quality-first teaching standards for the pupils attending the school.

The Governing Board would like to thank parents, pupils, all staff and volunteers in its schools for their continued support and commitment to the Devon Moors Federation of schools.

Finally, don't forget that you can visit the Devon Moors Federation's website to find out who the Governors are and to learn a little about them.

Chittlehampton Village Fete Saturday 11th August - 2pm - 5pm

Come along to this year's fete on the playing field. Lots of fun, games & competitions for people of all ages. Refreshments & BBQ. Only £1 adults, children free. We are looking for help running some of our games - can YOU give us a hand for a couple of hours? Have some fun whilst helping raise funds for our hall. Offers of help, raffle donations or for more information contact Peter on 540036, bradshaw.thecroft@btinternet.com or Dot at dot.grimshire@gmail.com We look forward to seeing you there!