



WELCOME BACK

Welcome to the new half term, hope you had a nice break. With the weather still set cold please could we remind families to prepare their children for the conditions.

STAFFING

You may be aware that Mrs Hancock is currently unwell and we wish her a speedy recovery. We are delighted to welcome Miss Horrell to the Class 1 team in her absence. Miss Jones continues her teaching with Ms Alderman and Mrs Howes also supporting in the class. Mr Scandrett remains on paternity leave-we hope to see him back very soon. Mrs Sluman has sadly left the pre-school for pastures new and we send her our best wishes for the future. Mrs Humphreys is currently leading our pre-school team.

PTA BINGO

The PTA would like to invite you to Bingo on 23rd March at the Bishops Nympton Parish Hall from 7pm.

EXMOOR CHALLENGE

We will soon begin preparations for the annual Exmoor Challenge for our older children. This year the challenge is on Saturday 5th May, so we will be aiming to hold practice walks 24th March, 21st April and 28th April. Further details will be sent home when we return after the half term break

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor within the federation board of governors. Letters explaining more about the election process are being sent home today, together with nomination forms for anybody wishing to stand. Further information on the role of a governor can be found on the school website, or do pop in to school to speak to Mr Gurney.

WORLD BOOK DAY



World Book Day is next Thursday, 1st March. Children are invited to attend school dressed as their favourite book character and we will be sharing our favourite stories. Mrs Kennealy has also designed a lovely World Book Day themed menu for the day which we hope the children will enjoy.

COME & SING

Our Junior children have been invited to take part in the Come & Sing music festival at Wellington School again this year, where the theme is Disney songs. Practices will begin next week; please look out for further details as they are published.

2018-19 TERM DATES

Autumn 2018

Wednesday 5th September to Wednesday 19th December

Half-term: Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October

Non-pupil days: Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September

Spring 2019

Tuesday 8th January to Friday 5th April

Half-term: Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February

Non-pupil day: Monday 7th January

Summer 2019

Tuesday 23rd April to Wednesday 24th July

May Day Holiday: Monday 6th May

Half-term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Non-pupil days: Monday 22nd April and Thursday 26th July

TAIKO Please see overleaf for a flyer regarding Taiko starting in Barnstaple next Friday. There will be 4 sessions this half term with further sessions throughout the year if bidding for funding is successful. Taiko is great for girls and boys - it is strong and powerful, technical, very rhythmic, a great team builder and most of all fun.

SMART A letter regarding the South Molton Art Music Centre is attached to this newsletter. Sessions are on Thursdays from 4.30 – 6.00 for budding musicians and their families.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS As we approach the end of the financial year, please can everyone make sure all of their school accounts are brought up to date as soon as possible?

Week Ending: 23rd February 2018

Spring Term Achievers

Weekly Achievers

Class 1 Achiever: Zoe
Class 2 Achiever: Lucy
Class 3 Achiever: Kira

House Points

Totals so far this term

Ruby	74
Emerald	47
Amber	40
Sapphire	44

FUTURE DATES AND EVENTS SPRING 2018

Spring Term 4th January -29th March

Swimming - Thurs 11th Jan to Thurs -Thurs 29th March

(not including 15th March, Heatree Trip Week)

Mon 26th Feb - Class 3 Trip to Morwellham Quay

Thurs 1st Mar - Parents Evening

Thurs 1st Mar - World Book Day

Fri 2nd Mar - Class 2 Trip to Rosemoor

Wed 14th - Fri 16th March - Heatree Trip

Mon 12th March - Yr 1 Multi-skills

Friday 23rd March - Wellington School 'Come & Sing'

Friday 23rd March - PTA Bingo

Thursday 29th March - Easter activities and assembly

Friday 29th March-Monday 16th April, Easter Holidays



Want to try something new for 2018?
Come and sing or learn an orchestral instrument

SMART

South Molton Art - Music Centre

At South Molton United C of E Primary School

Starting this Thursday from 4.30pm to 6pm for existing and aspiring players— come along and learn a new instrument, singing as part of a fun choir, or develop your playing as part of an ensemble; and parents/carers can join in too! Under 11s only £10 per term!

Email csms2s@outlook.com for further details

North Devon TAIKO PROJECT



Do you have rhythm?
Do you have stamina?
Do you like performing?
Would you like to be part of an exciting project?

A Taiko club starting **Friday, 2nd March** in Barnstaple for Yr5/6 and Secondary pupils

4.15 – 5.15pm
£2 per session

Email: ndtaiko@gmail.com
for more details if you would like to come along
Places on a first come, first served basis.

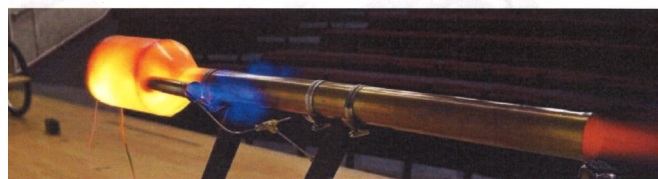
WONDERSTRUCK PRESENTS...

THE WONDERSTRUCK ROCKET SHOW

SUITABILITY: KS1 TO ADULT

THE SHOW The Wonderstruck Rocket Show is a rip-roaring scientific romp through the history of rockets and reaction engines in general. The show is crammed with physics and history and laced with a liberal dose of history.

We're pretty sure that this is one of the most spectacular shows you're going to see in school. It includes a sizeable working Rocket Car, gun powder, the incredibly messy Krispie Rocket, a working jet engine (see the video below), the Wonderstruck Bed of Doom, more gunpowder, some very loud explosions and a 3 metre tall. We guarantee that your children will be talking about this show for a long time to come!



SPACE REQUIREMENTS We usually perform our shows in halls or sports halls as we need at least 3 metres floor to ceiling height. The performance space should be approximately 5 metres wide and 4 metres deep with a 2 metre safety space between that and the audience. **Any smoke alarms or heat detectors in the hall or adjoining areas into which smoke or flame must be disabled for the duration of the show.**

THE SCIENCE The STEM content of the show is wide ranging, but the main topics covered are:

- Forces
- Pressure
- Combustion

We can differentiate content according to age group and the show is frequently presented to KS1 pupils as to KS3 students. We do it now and again for post-16 groups, in which case we can discuss more advanced concepts such as impulse etc.

CONTACT US If you've got a question or would like to make a booking you can contact us on:

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The Adventures of the Exmoor Link Kitchen.....

Thursday 1st March 2018

Mains

Boggis's Chicken and dumplings
With Peter Rabbits Carrots and Broccoli
Or
Gruffalo Pie
(Roasted Mediterranean Vegetable Parcel)

Or
The Enormous Potato with Jack's Magic Beans
(Jacket Potato with Beans)

Or
Little Red Hens Bread with The Stinky Cheese Man
(Cheese Baguette)

Desserts

A selection of...
Willy Wonka's Chocolate Cake
Queen of Hearts Tarts
Cat in the Hat Fruit Stacks



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