



NEWSLETTER

ANOTHER ACADEMIC YEAR COMES TO A CLOSE!

The Year 6 cohort brought our academic year to a close with a wonderful leavers' production full of reflection and humour. It has been a joy to see the Y6 children grow into wonderful young people during their time at the school and whilst it is always a little emotional to say goodbye, it is great to see them ready to move on to secondary school. I was lucky enough to spend time with many of the children on their Y6 camping residential and I have included some pictures later in the newsletter (along with many other trips and visits the pupils have been on recently).

During our leavers' assembly we also said goodbye to two of our staff members. Hannah Cunningham supported children in the Y3/4 phase as a teaching assistant over the last couple of years and she will be taking up a teaching post at Marhamchurch Primary school in September – we wish her well.

We also said our goodbyes to Ant Pope, who has been a wonderful Deputy Head for our school and has made very significant contribution to school improvement during his 8 years at the school. We wish him well in headship at Newton Poppleford Primary School. Following these departures, we look forward to welcoming Amy Frost as our new Deputy Headteacher in September and Vicky Blake will also be joining our teaching staff.

CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY

After the 1st Autumn Half Term, I would like to extend the school day for pupils in Reception to Y6. From Monday 31st October, I would like to extend the school day for pupils in Reception until 3:10pm and for pupils in Y1-6 the school day would finish at 3:15pm. This will allow us just a little more time for our curriculum and also allow pupils from the Community College, who collect younger siblings, to do so in a timely manner. The school day would not change for Nursery. The tables below show the timings for the Autumn Half Term 1 and then Beyond. We have delayed making the changes until Oct/Nov to allow parents to adjust their plans (eg after school swimming lessons etc) and ask any questions about the new arrangements.

School Day for Aut 1 half term:

Year Group	Start	Finish
Nursery	9:00am	3:10pm
Reception	8:40am	3:00pm
Y1-6	8:40am	3:05pm

School Day from after Autumn half term (Oct 31st)

Year Group	Start	Finish
Nursery	9:00am	3:10pm
Reception	8:40am	3:10pm
Y1-6	8:40am	3:15pm

PURCHASING NEW UNIFORM

The school office will be open on Tuesday 30th Aug and Wednesday 31st August between 9:00am and 1:00pm for parents who wish to purchase new uniform for their children. Parents can order on parentmail and collect on the days above. Please check our website for details of the required uniform and links to purchasing uniform online, should you prefer:

<https://www.holsworthy-primary.devon.sch.uk/parents/uniform/>

NURSERY ALMOST FULL!

We have had unprecedented demand for Nursery places next year and we are virtually full for the next year. If you are yet to book your place or you know of someone who requires a place, please contact the office promptly when we return in September to avoid disappointment.

Attendance Update

Whilst we are still waiting for our official end of year attendance report, we believe we have finished the year with an overall attendance of 92.99%. Whilst this figure is low by normal standards, I would like to thank everyone's efforts to reduce persistent absence from 76 to 54 pupils in the Summer Term. Let's hope the impact of Covid lessens next year!

Y6 Camping Residential

The Y6 enjoyed a brilliant trip to Wimbleball Lake recently, where they had the opportunity to enjoy a range of adventurous activities and enjoy camping away from home. There are lots more photos on our facebook page. Many thanks to the staff team for helping to make the trip so enjoyable:



Court Leet Citizenship Awards

Many congratulations to Charlie Atkins and Jaime Knight for being awarded with Citizenship Awards at the recent Court Leet. They are wonderful pupils, of whom we are very proud!



SYCAMORE TAKE PART IN CHURCH ART TRAIL



Y5 sponsored walk raises over £1000 for Food Bank



K\$1 2 Minute Beach Clean trip

The children learnt lots about protecting our oceans and beaches from harmful plastics (including microplastics) through a range of activities, including: Scavenger Hunts, Treasure Hunts, Beach Cleans, Storytelling and Sand Sculptures. They also loved their relay races in the sea and just generally playing and exploring the beach.



Reception Beach Trip

We visited the Lifeboat station, did a beach clean, had an ice lolly and played on the beach! They were an absolute credit to the school and were praised by several members of the public on their excellent behaviour!



Year 3 & 4 Visit the Eden Project

