

Friday 19th January 2018

Hare and Tortoise, Endeavour Challenge, School Meals, Governor School Improvement Work, Gifted and Talented Mathematicians, Curriculum, No Friday Cake Sale and Winter Weather

Hare and Tortoise

Our website has expanded to include a section for the Hare and Tortoise event. Thanks to Louise Passarelli we will soon have various active social media links and a Just Giving page. Keep an eye on the website. Also, look out in the press as more news and promotions will be landing there very soon.

Endeavour Challenge

As you might have heard from your children, I've set them a challenge to discover the names and stories behind the faces on our Endeavour board in the foyer. If you get the chance, pop in and have a look for yourself to see if you can help them.

School Meals

As we continue to trial our new system for ordering school meals, please bear with us. We are ultimately looking to make it much easier in the longer term. In the meantime, **please can you write exactly what your child is ordering for each day of the week** as teachers will no longer be asking children each morning in register time. We will however remind them of what has been chosen. **Please remember to get your order and money in by Thursday at the latest for the following week.** We will send home two copies so you can keep one at home to remind your child of their choice. We are also looking at having a single sheet with all three weeks on it which might come to you in a week's time.

Governor School Improvement Work

Thank you to the governors who worked in school on Monday and Friday this week to ensure the school continues to move forward. On Monday, the Action Planning Committee met to review progress and today the Teaching and Learning Committee met to review policies, the website and to ensure 1:1 governor subject challenges are taking place and having an impact.

Gifted and Talented Mathematicians

On Wednesday, three of our top Year 4 mathematicians attended Coombeshead to work with other children on an exciting Japanese puzzle that is rarely solved. They also took part in Carol Vorderman style challenges and came back buzzing with excitement.

Curriculum

On Wednesday Mrs Gill worked with our school improvement partner to develop our whole school curriculum. This project is on-going and we look forward to sharing it with you on our website once completed.



No Friday Cake Sale

The PTFA weekly Friday cake sale is temporarily halted due to the inclement weather. The plan currently is to have it up and running again in February. We will keep you posted.

Winter Weather

With more cold weather expected, parents are being urged to sign up to Devon's school closure email alert. Once registered you will receive an email if the school has been closed due to winter weather. To sign up, follow the below link and enter your preferred email address and then click on the drop down, ticking the schools you want information on, then submit. The service is just one way Devon County Council is keeping the public up to date this winter.

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDEVONCC/subscriber/new?qsp=UKDEVONCC_4

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 23.1.18	7.30pm PTFA committee meeting at Clair Tucker's house
Tuesday 6.2.18	National Safer Internet Day (<i>reminder: we have a parent help sheet at the office and on the web</i>)
Friday 9.2.18	Afternoon reward activities in school for all who follow our behaviour values
12-16.2.18	Half Term
Wednesday 21.2.18	7.30pm PTFA AGM at Court Farm
Monday 26.2.18	Day 1 H&T Endeavour (<i>John O'Groats start</i>)
Tuesday 27.2.18	Day 2 H&T Endeavour
Wednesday 28.2.18	Day 3 H&T Endeavour
Thursday 1.3.18	Day 4 H&T Endeavour World Book Day – dress up as a story character who shows endeavour
Friday 2.3.18	Day 5 H&T Endeavour
Saturday 3.3.18	Day 6 H&T Endeavour
Sunday 4.3.18	Day 7 H&T Endeavour
Monday 5.3.18	Day 8 H&T Endeavour
Tuesday 6.3.18	Day 9 H&T Endeavour Parents Evening
Wednesday 7.3.18	Day 10 H&T Endeavour Parents Evening
Thursday 8.3.18	Day 11 H&T Endeavour Parents Evening
Friday 9.3.18	Day 12 H&T Endeavour (<i>Land's End finish</i>)
Wednesday 14.3.18	The Endeavour Event Fair (replacing the Science Fair)
Thursday 29.3.18	Last day of term Special reward day

