



St. Andrew's Primary

*'Deep Christian roots, nurturing
strong growth, flourishing
children'*

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Week

We've all enjoyed another jam-packed week. The Greek day for Years 4,5 and 6 was a huge success and has resulted in some very exciting writing opportunities. Tag rugby with the Exeter Chiefs continues to be tremendous fun for our Year 3s and 4s and the art project with Fee Bowie and Year 2 is really taking shape. You may have noticed some subtle changes to the front entrance area and the Year 2 art work will add a real wow factor to this space.

Next week the children look forward to an 'Open the Book' worship on Monday morning which you are welcome to join in with. Willow and Oak class will be participating in a drama workshop delivered by Action Track to further develop their creative minds and provide more writing opportunities.

Achievements

We are particularly proud of the following children who represented the school in our first football match of the Inter-schools League, played on Tuesday night. Matthew, Daniel, Chloe, Lily and Delilah from Oak class and Arthur, Owen, Jake from Willow class demonstrated great team work, tenacity and perseverance when they played against the Year 6 team from Mrs Ethleston's. The final score was St Andrew's 5 – Mrs Ethelston's 14. We look forward to going from strength to strength!

During celebration worship this morning we were treated to music from Jess and Jessica who showed off their talents at piano playing. I also presented Eva from Maple Class with a swimming award she has just gained. It's wonderful to be able to witness the skills and talents our children are developing both inside and out of school and we welcome children to bring in certificates, rosettes and trophies they have recently won or achieved.

Pre-School—this week they have been busy in their Police role play area, taking each other to jail. They have been painting fire engines., keeping in with their topic. Also they have been making shape biscuits and playing with chocolate play dough. Next week they are looking forward to a visit from the dentist and police!

Safeguarding

With the spring term in full swing now, everyone has settled back into their routines. Start and end of day routines have not changed, but you will have noticed we've tightened those procedures. The start of the school day (registration) is 9am and therefore the bell is rung at 8.55am to allow time for all the children to be settled and organised. The school gate is locked at 9am and any children arriving after this time will need to come through the main school entrance. At the end of the day, children are picked up from the classroom entrances (unless prior arrangements have been made with myself) and the school gate is shut again at 3.45pm. Children attending after school clubs should now be picked up from the relevant classroom entrance and not the front entrance. The gate will be reopened at 4.20pm.

I am also taking this opportunity to remind you that the school car park is not a drop off point unless you have a specific arrangement with myself. This area is becoming increasingly unsafe with the number of vehicles trying to manoeuvre in such a small space.

I thank you in advance for your co-operation with this. Not only will it help to ensure our safeguarding procedures remain rigorous, but will help to ease congestion at the front desk. To further relieve congestion if you have slips or money to return to school, this can easily be done by asking your child to hand them to the class teacher instead, (money in named envelopes please).

Portlock's pantry

Congratulations to Portlock's Pantry who had their annual review from

Environmental Health this week. They once again received the level 5 food hygiene rating.



Activities at Axminster Library

We will be celebrating Harry Potter Book Night on Thursday 2 February between 4pm and 5pm.

Children will be able to make a tiny keepsake box in the colours of the Hogwarts house that they choose to be in. There will be something special to put in the box.

We will also have a treasure hunt around the library.

We always provide crafts activities for children any time we are open during the school holidays and this February half term we are making owls from scrap material.

We hope the children will also help us make a huge owl display in the library.

We are open Monday 10-1, Tuesday 10-6, Thursday 10-5 and Saturday 10-1.

All our activities are free. They suit all ages, boys and girls. Everyone is very welcome.

Quote of the day

Success
is achieved and
maintained by those
who **TRY** and
keep **TRYING**.

- W. Clement Stone

Thank you for your ongoing support – it is always very much appreciated. Have a lovely weekend .

Mrs Gilmour-White

Chardstock Park Trust

This Saturday Chardstock Park Trust will be holding a spruce up morning in the park 10-1.

Everyone is welcome to attend (including children) Friends of School will be providing tea and coffee for those that are helping.

Family Service

At the start of next month we will be celebrating our next Family Service (Sunday 5th February, 10am) and I will be looking for volunteers to lead the prayers at this service next week.

The whole school attendance last week was 97.5%

The Trustees of
Chardstock Community Hall

invite you to a

*'Big Breakfast
& Table Top Sale'*

at the Community Hall

Sunday 29th Jan 9am-12

DO come and support this fund raising event (£5 a meal) & enjoy a good start to the day!

Registered Charity No. 272433

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 23rd January– Dental Nurse visit

Wednesday 25th January– Oak and Willow Class Action Track Day

Thursday 26th January– Oak and Willow Class Action Track Day

Wednesday 1st February– Holly Class Trip Fossil Hunting Day

Wednesday 1st February—Maple and Hazel Class Space Dome Day

Wednesday 1st February– RNLI visit to Pre-School

Monday 7th February– Football match Chardstock vs Marshwood 3.30pm more details to follow

Tuesday 7th February Parents Evening 4-7pm

Wednesday 8th February Additional Parents Evening or Hazel and Holly Class parents

Wednesday 8th February– Hazel Class Worship 9.10am

Thursday 9th February– Parents' Forum 6.30pm

Friday 10th February– Last day of school

Monday 13th-Friday 17th Half Term

Monday 20th February– Return to school

Monday 20th February– Oak Class swimming continues

Thursday 23rd February– Friends of School Meeting

Monday 27th February—Open the Book– All Welcome to attend

Wednesday 1st March– Cross Country Stockland

Thursday 2nd March– World Book Day

Tuesday 7th March– Friends of School Meeting

Friday 17th March– FoS Pamper Evening

Saturday 6th May– FoS May Fayre

Dates in red relate to the whole school including pre-school

Dates in blue relate to just school aged children

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