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<u>Summer Term Newsletter No.9</u>



Congratulations to our Tug of War team! They worked together brilliantly at the Babbacombe Fair and demonstrated great skills, coming home with the cup again! Our school choir also went to the fair and entertained the crowds. They showed great resilience, carrying on despite technical difficulties and sang beautifully together.

Sports Days

We are hopeful that these will all go ahead as the forecast looks good. We can provide some shade for the children but please do make sure you send in suncream, sunhats and water bottles. We also ask that if you are taking photographs you do not upload any to social media if they contain other children in the background as many parents choose not to have their children's image available on the internet. (Data protection includes images so you would need the parents' consent to share images) Dates and times of the different events are in the diary section and on our website.

Phonic Screening

The children in Year 1 are required to take a Phonic Screening Check to see how well they are able to decode real and 'alien' words. It was a pleasure to watch the children tackle this test with confidence last week and the strategies they have for reading unknown words are incredible. The pass mark is not known yet but we wanted to say "Well done, everyone!" for the brilliant way you tackled this test.

We are very proud of this week's Star Pupils!



- Ash—Kyan and Isaac have been real 'Tryatops' this week, making kind choices and supporting each other in the classroom, showing great teamwork.
- Elm— Sofia H for shows wonderful friendship, she always has kind words and good behaviour. Meral has been trying hard to listen carefully and use her English confidently.
- Beech Rocco shows amazing skills in our PE lessons and made a massive improvement in his listening skills.
- Pine Nathaniel has settled well into Pine and impressed us all with his knowledge of telling the time.
- Apple Olivia has made an outstanding effort in all her work and has beautiful handwriting.
- Oak Elsie has shown determination to edit and complete her writing to a high standard.
- Birch Kye has shown outstanding tolerance, behaviour and teamwork this week!
- Rowan Ella shows warmth, positivity and enthusiasm for her learning. Her smile brightens our day!
- Cherry Rufus has shown wonderful creativity, particularly towards our recycling project this week.
- Maple Toby M has worked hard to improve his handwriting and the presentation of his work.
- Holly Jasmine is an excellent, active learner and a good example to others.
- Willow Noah is consistently a fantastic pupil and role model to others.

Hawthorn — Will D has an exceptional attitude and has shown great responsibility.

Hazel — Chayden has beautiful manners and shows positivity and kindness. A great role for 'Respect'.

RESPONSIBILITY



Diary Date Reminders:

Wednesday 27th June—Reception Class Assembly for parents. Thursday 28th June – KS1 sports afternoon 1:15pm Friday 29th June – KS2 sports day 9:15am and 1:15 pm Monday 2nd July - Reception Sports afternoon 1:30pm Friday 6th July—PTA summer fair from 3:05pm Monday 23rd July- Y6 Leavers' Disco from 6:30pm to 8:00pm Thursday 19th—Y6 Leavers' Play for Parents (Afternoon performance 1:30pm and evening performance 6:00pm) Tuesday 24th July – Leavers Assembly 9:15am for Parents (BBQ for children to follow) Wednesday 25th July—Non Pupil Day



Attendance Award Congratulations to Pine Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 99.7% attendance.

The whole school achieved 96.4% attendance. Well done everyone! Keep it Up.

Family Support

Andrea Lewis, our Family Support Worker will most likely not be back in school for the rest of the term as she recuperates from an operation. We wish her a speedy recovery. If you have worries or concerns about your child then please let their class teacher know. Mrs Stell and Mrs Pike will be happy to meet you but it is best to make an appointment as they have busy diaries!

Parking on Yellow Lines

Thank you to all our families for not parking on the new double yellow lines at the junction of Barewell Road and Shelley Avenue. We do monitor the parking at the start and the end of the school day to help keep the roads safe for the children and there has been a noticeable improvement.

We also respectfully ask Blue Badge users to have due regard for the regulations around parking on double yellow lines. The regulations state you must not park within 15 metres of a junction. They also clearly state that you must not park where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users.

This includes:

- school entrances, bus stops, on a bend, near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- where it would make it difficult for others to see clearly, for example, close to or opposite a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- where the kerb has been lowered or the road raised to help wheelchair users Further information on this can be found here

https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/rights-and-responsibilities-blue-badge-holders

Please pass this information on to relatives who may be collecting your child on your behalf so we can ensure that all the children can cross safely at these busy times of the school day.

Lost Property

Please do come and check the lost property by the office—we have many un-named lunch boxes, drink bottles and clothes. They will soon be being recycled as they are taking up a lot of space. If you have a spare moment this weekend could you please check through your child's belongings and ensure their name is still clearly visible. We understand how frustrating it is for parents when their child constantly forgets jumpers or loses their coat or sunhat, etc. and we will always return belongings if we know who they belong to.

Year 5 Taster Days

Our children went to the Spires for an activity day on Tuesday and had a marvellous time experiencing life in a Secondary School. The staff at the Spires were very complimentary about the children's manners, their learning behaviours and the way they worked together. Well done, year 5!

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.