

Autumn Term Newsletter No.5 (11.10.19)

This week we have been thinking about our mental health. Thank you to Mrs Wall who launched this on Monday morning's assembly. You can see throughout this newsletter how we are thinking about some of the five-a-day: connect with others, volunteer / help others, keep learning, stay active and keep fit. On Thursday we had a yellow day in support of World Mental Health Day. Thank you for all the donations. £220 was raised for the mental health charity, *MIND*. Have a look at some of the Year 1s parading their yellow flags and doing relaxation in our [Mental Health and Well-being blog](#).

This half term, teachers and teaching assistants have been working on our policy for Teaching, Learning and Assessment to clearly capture the best practice and experience for children in the classroom that we all adhere to. An important feature of this is the link with home. Working in partnership with home and school has the biggest impact. The expectations for homework were sent out in the start of term's curriculum information letter which you can find on the website. For useful advice on how to help your child with their homework read Miss Wooldridge's top tips on [how to create a homework haven](#).

Listening to your child read and sharing a good book with them at home is the best thing you can do to help your child be successful in their wider learning and later life. This week our teachers in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 took part in two days of training for a new phonics teaching programme (*Read, Write Inc*) that we started this year. Parents in these years will be invited in to find out more in the near future and you will start to see books coming home from this scheme. We will also be involving some children from older years. This scheme is to make sure we teach in a consistent way across the school and ensure continued high standards in reading.

Local History Project Competition - 27.11.19

While your children will be working on their reading, spellings and times tables at home, we would also like to offer a voluntary homework project to those who are interested. This is to help inspire a love and interest in learning, just for the sake of learning. It is open to all children of all ages. Each term there will be a different theme. This term the theme is *Local History*. Children can choose any medium to produce any type of project e.g. through art work, models, poems, stories, interactive, IT, craft, webpage, facts and figures. Anything goes. Final projects will be judged for child-input, effort and creativity. There will be prizes for the winners and a special 'tea-party' for all the children who take part. We are using this opportunity to help make links with the older generation. We will be joined by residents from Dunboyne Court, the local retirement home, who will be the judges and hold the 'tea-party'. Making connections, doing things for others and an enjoyment of learning are three important aspects to keeping our brain's healthy. Completed projects should be brought into school on the morning of Wednesday 27th November (not before please). After school on this day, you will have a chance to have a look at the entries and see the winners on display in the Woodland Den.

Message from Miss Wooldridge: *A huge well done to the children who solved the maths puzzles at home this week! You showed excellent recording of your working out and strategies!*

Check out our [music blog](#) to find out the latest activities for children and families being offered across the bay.

Harvest Festival 14.10.19

On Monday we are having our Harvest festival assembly led by the Reverend Nathan from Cuthbert Mayne. We are collecting donations for *Humanity Torbay* which is based in Union Street. Humanity Torbay are currently receiving 50-55 visitors a day who are in need of clothing, food, advice, support for getting a job and even to have their clothes washed and access a free shower. They expect this number to increase to over 70 in the winter months. Volunteers from Humanity Torbay will join us for our assembly on Monday. They would welcome any donations of long-life food (tins, packets, cereal, sugar, sauces, biscuits etc.) toiletries (shampoo, toilet roll etc.) and other house-hold items (nappies, bedding, clothing in a good condition). We would be very grateful if you could bring any of these donations to school on Monday morning.

School Values

Teachers finished this week by sharing a reward with all the children in their class who have consistently followed our school values over the course of the week. This is a small thank you to all those who have done the right thing and made positive contributions to school life. Well done and thank you.

Parking

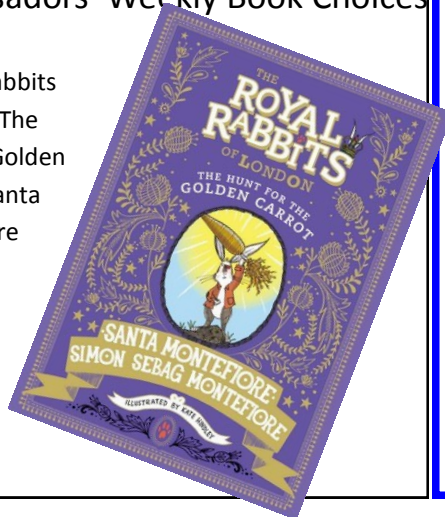
Please can I again ask for your help with parking around school. Local residents regularly write to me with concerns about their drives being blocked and access for emergency vehicles being restricted. It must be very frustrating for them. Please can I appeal to you again for your consideration about this. Thank you.

Miss Palfrey and the Reading Ambassadors' Weekly Book Choices



KS1: Julian is a Mermaid by Jessica Love

KS2: Royal Rabbits
of London: The
Hunt for the Golden
Carrot by Santa
Montefiore



Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations to
Holly Class AGAIN
for winning the School
Attendance Award with
99.3% attendance.
School target: 96%
The whole school achieved
94.9% last week



Stars of the Week

Beech	Genevieve for trying so hard to write all of the letters in your name correctly. Your letter 'e' is now perfect!
Pine	Harry, for his dedication and great ideas towards his writing this week, well done Harry!
Oak	Emilia- for showing responsibility by listening to others, focusing on her learning and acting upon feedback in her writing about Mr Twit. Well done Emilia!
Apple	Darcey - for always trying her best and being willing to share her thoughts with everyone. I was impressed with her confidence when she showed how to work questions out on the class board!
Birch	Holly - For being really aspirational in maths this week and for also completing lots of extra maths work at home! Wow!
Rowan	Noah - for doing his best writing and maths yet in Y3! We are so proud of you.
Cherry	Olivia for her improved determination and focus in maths this week! Excellent effort - well done!
Maple	Euan for working incredibly hard in every task given to him. It is great to see your enthusiasm and how this has even had a positive impact on other children around you.
Willow	Thomas has made a noticeable improvement in the way that he has been focussing on and contributing to lessons this week. Great to see!
Holly	Finley has tried really hard with his writing this week. He has taken great care to include all of our current toolkit, applying it creatively and powerfully. Well done!
Hazel	Elizabeth has a fabulous, sunny outlook and is a pleasure to teach! She has made excellent progress in reading and shows such enthusiasm and confidence with her work.
Hawthorn	Anusha has shown great effort with her wonderful contributions in class and her fantastic presentation in her writing.

Diary Dates

Mon 14.10.19	Harvest Festival—please bring donations for <i>Humanity Torbay</i> to the hall in the morning
Tue 15.10.19	PTA AGM and meeting 7.00pm at the Prince of Orange
Wk beg 4.11.19	Parents Evenings this week—sign-up times coming out very soon
Wed 30.10.19	PTA pick and carve a pumpkin—on the field after school
Mon 11.11.19	Cyber Safety workshop for parents 3.10—4.10pm (let the office know if you would like to book a place)
Wed 27.11.19	Local History homework project competition —please bring entries in on this day. More information can be found under 'homework' under 'curriculum information' on the website.
Fri 13.12.19	Christmas school dinner day—yum!
Tue 17.12.19 6.00pm	KS2 Carol Concert at Upton Vale Baptist Church

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