



Autumn Term Newsletter No.4

Another week full of fun and learning! We joined in with National Fitness Day on Wednesday—the nation was encouraged to do ten minutes of extra activity at 10 o'clock so our children were dancing, hula hooping and generally getting active. A recent national survey reported that on average over the last three years, 27% of children in our school, start school overweight or obese, compared to 22% nationally and 22% in Torbay. We place a huge emphasis on the children's health and wellbeing in the school and encourage them to be active throughout the day, eat well and stay hydrated. We ensure that our school meals are nutritious and balanced—they all comply with the school food plan and over the course of the week there is a perfect balance of all that children need to grow and thrive.

On Thursday next week, it is Census Day. This is when the Government count the children in our school and allocate our budget accordingly. There are some ways you can help ensure the school receives its fair entitlement - and in times when school budgets are squeezed to the limit, every penny really does count! On Thursday, every Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 child who orders a school dinner is counted and the school receives over £400 per child towards the costs of providing these meals. If your child has a packed lunch on this day or is absent we do not receive the £400 for your child—even if they have a school dinner every other day of the year! So, if 5 children in each class have a packed lunch on that day that's £2,000 less per class in our budget—or £12,000 less over the infant classes to help us provide the dinners that the children are entitled to. Equally, if your Junior child is entitled to a **free school meal** but they don't eat one on that day then we do not receive the money. It seems unfair but that is the system!

To entice the children to have a school dinner that day we are holding a "Lucky Plate" - the children who find the lucky plate get to eat their lunch on the top table with their teachers. In case this is not enough of an incentive we are also having a not so healthy (but lots of fun) treat in the form of "make your own chocolate covered apples and sprinkles" for pudding for Y1– Y6. Reception children will have the chocolate and sprinkles but in cake form! Please, please encourage your child to have a school dinner on Thursday 5th October (Roast chicken day)—it is so important to the school's budget! Thank you.

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



Beech — Bethany is always eager to learn. She is in the right place at the right time—every time!

Pine — Archie has been trying his best in phonics and maths. Keep it up, Archie!

Apple — Amelia has made a fantastic effort and contributed well to class discussions in Y2.

Oak — Cherry shows great independence and confidence in her writing and maths. Excellent effort!

Birch — Laci shows great learning behaviours in class. We are very lucky to have Laci in Birch Class!

Rowan — Dylan has come out of his shell and been aspirational. His ukulele skills show great promise!

Cherry — Corey has shown great aspiration, particularly with his writing this week.

Maple — Syeef has worked hard to include all of his toolkit in his writing and gained his pen licence!

Holly — Kelcy has been applying the features of our toolkit independently in her learning. Well done!

Willow — Noah is an all round excellent role model within the class! A great pupil!

Hawthorn — Noah has an absolutely superb attitude and an excellent work ethic!

Hazel — Oliver has shown such maturity, concentration and excellent effort! Well done!

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 2nd October—Cherry Class swimming.
Book Fair in school until Wednesday 4th October.
Parents Evening Booking system going live on 2nd October.
Half Term— Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October
Parents Evenings— Tuesday 31st October to Thursday 2nd
November
Thursday 30th November—Y1 and Y2 Nativity at the Princess
Theatre from 2pm.
Tuesday 12th December— KS2 Christmas Service at Upton
Vale Baptist Church at 6pm.



Attendance Award
Congratulations to
Oak Class
for winning the School
Attendance Award with
99% attendance.

The whole school achieved 95.7% attendance. That's below our target. Please help us to improve next week.

Keeping Children Safe

On Monday our Assembly for Y1—Y6 will be led by the CAP team who also visit our school and run workshops sometimes. The Assembly is drama based, reflecting and reviewing the strategies taught in the workshops, for example:

- ⇒ Safe, Strong and Free
- ⇒ Saying NO
- ⇒ Peer Support
- ⇒ Safe distance/the Yell
- ⇒ Internet Safety



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If you require further information please contact the team.

Parents' Evenings for Y1—Y6

These are scheduled for the first week back after the October half term and booking will be through eSchools. You can book through the App on your mobile phone or by logging in through the school website (there is a link to the website at the top of our newsletter). The Booking system will go live on Monday 2nd October which will give you a month to book your slot as we know some of you have lost your passwords or experienced difficulties getting on to the App. If you call in to the school we will be able to help you with this. We also have a laptop by the office which you will be able to sign in on and book your slot.

Bikeability



It has been lovely to see the Lower Juniors learning about staying safe when out and about on their bikes. They have enjoyed practising different skills, such as braking without skidding, manoeuvring around obstacles. Their confidence has grown. There will be further Bikeability lessons for the Upper Juniors this year where they head out on to the roads!

We are looking for someone to join our team of Lunchtime Supervisors for our children. Ideally you should have some experience in working with children. However, what is more important, is the desire to work with, and look after, children.

Duties involve supervising the children during and after eating:

- Setting out tables and chairs
- Clearing them away
- Supervising and organising play
- Dealing with minor injuries and behaviour
- Making sure the children are safe



The pay is £7.78 per hour. The hours of work are 12 - 1.00pm daily. It is essential you are available to work during the term-times and holidays are taken within the school holiday periods. Please call the office for more information if you are interested in this post.

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.