



Dear Parent/Guardian,

So hard to believe that half term is here already! I hope that you have a restful but fun-packed half term with your families. It will be great for the children to recharge their batteries after their hard work this year so far, now that we have reached the halfway point. It will also be good to see the days getting lighter and hopefully fewer coughs and cold around!

Local Authority Visit

This week we had visitors from the Local Authority who were coming in to school as part of routine monitoring between inspections. They were very impressed with the work we are doing and agreed with us about the areas we have identified for development. They were particularly impressed with our maths and the progress and enthusiasm of children. Other areas of strength were reading, safeguarding, the curriculum, behaviour and personal development. The challenge for us is to continue to improve the standard of writing so that it matches that of reading and maths.

Scooters

We have many scooters that have been in the bike shed for weeks; some since before Christmas! Mr High will be clearing out the bike sheds over the half term break so please make sure you have taken your scooters home.

Well Done

Congratulations to Lilli and Freddie who won a great prize of a day at Exeter Cookery School. They won in a draw of all the names of children who had read five times a week every week since September. Thank you to the Exeter Cookery School for their generous donation of a prize.

Website

We have refreshed our website and made some changes so that the information on it is easier to find. The twitter feed is more prominent as it is updated on an almost daily basis and the calendar will be kept up to date with any school events. It would be great to have any feedback on the changes...we won't mind if you say it is good!

Dates for the Diary

Spring Term

Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	Half Term
Wednesday 4 th March	Yr 5 visit by SpaceDome
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	Reception Height & Weight programme
Friday 13 th March	Year 6 Height & Weight programme
Friday 13 th March	Sport Relief day
Friday 13 th March	Exe Factor
Friday 20 th March	PTA Mother's Day presents & Cream Tea
Monday 23 rd March	Foundation Stage Disco
Tuesday 24 th March	Yr1, Yr2 & Yr3 Disco
Thursday 26 th March	Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6 Disco
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term

Summer Term

Tuesday 14 th April	First day of Summer term
Tuesday 14 th April	Theatre Alibi performance
Friday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May	Half term
Friday 19 th June	PTA Father's Day presents
Monday 13 th July	Non pupil day
Wednesday 15 th – Friday 17 th July	Yr 3 residential – Magdalen Farm
Friday 17 th July	Summer Fair
Wednesday 22 nd July	Last day of term

Change of date: Please note Monday 4th May is no longer a Bank Holiday and school will be open as usual. The Bank Holiday has been moved to Friday 8th May.