



Dear Parent/Guardian,

What a busy week we had in school to end September; we even managed to have a few days when it did not rain all day! If you visit the school website, you will see our school twitter feed and see many photos showing all the great things that have been going on in school. You do not need to sign up to twitter...although I notice we are now up to 261 followers! I am sure there will be more postings next week, particularly from Year Six in Heatree, if the signal is strong enough!

Theatre Alibi

We were expecting this fantastic theatre company in school last week, but we had an early morning phone call to say one of the actors was too ill to perform. Such a shame for the children, but the good news is that they have rearranged to come in April.

Year Six

Most of the children are off to Heatree this week to spend time on Dartmoor, learning new skills, making new friendships and trying to keep their rooms tidy! The children who are not going will be taught by the Year Six teachers who have some nice activities planned for them.

Year One

The children started the week with a fantastic trip to Lyme Regis. The trip was based around their history work at the moment about the life of Mary Anning. The children have loved learning about this famous local woman and her incredible life. They came back to school with handfuls of fossils and exciting tales to tell about their day. Thank you so much to all the parent volunteers who came along for the day. Without you giving your time, trips would be hard to manage.

Year Three

The children are off to Dartmoor on Thursday to learn more about the Iron Age. We are lucky to have so many natural resources and local places to visit in Devon, which supports what the children are learning in the classroom. Make sure you come with sensible shoes or boots and a waterproof coat!

Visiting Athlete

On Wednesday, we have a famous athlete visiting school through the Sport for School programme. All of the children will have the chance to take part in a short workshop session with their class with the athlete and then they will give an assembly about their experiences and their training and the children can ask questions. The children can then participate in a sponsored activity to raise funds which are shared between the athlete and the school. Last time we did this, we had a gymnast doing very impressive back flips through the hall!

Parents' Evening

On Friday, you should have had a letter to book an appointment for parents' evening. These evenings will take place on Tuesday and Thursday of week commencing 14th October. It is a chance to talk about how your child is settling in to their new year group, look at their books and ask any questions. Appointments are scheduled for 10-minute slots and we ask that you try to stick to that time. Children are welcome to come with you but please make sure they stay with you and are supervised by you at all times. I will be in the community room with Mr Pearson and Mrs Ellor, where tea and coffee will be available. I look forward to seeing you there.

Clubs

There will be no after-school activity clubs run during the week of parents' evening, as staff will already have two late nights that week. The After School club will still be on and will be in the Learning Hub classroom.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 9th October	Sport for Schools event: an athlete is visiting Willowbrook
Thursday 10 th October	Year 3 trip to Postbridge
Monday 7 th -Friday 11 th October	Year 6 Residential to Heatree
Monday 14 th October	Year 4 trip to Escot
Monday 14 th October	Whole school Dodgeball event
Tuesday 15 th October	Year 1 trip to Farmwise
Tuesday 15 th & Thursday 17 th October	Parents evening
Wednesday 16 th October	Times Table Rockstars dress up day
Friday 18 th October	Flu vaccinations
Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th October	Half Term
Tuesday 5 th & Wednesday 6 th November	Skip to be Fit event
Friday 8 th November	Music assemblies for Years 1, 2, 3 & 6
Friday 15 th November	Music assemblies for Reception, Year 4 & 5
Monday 2 nd December	Non-pupil day
Wednesday 11 th December	Reception Nativity time TBC
Thursday 12 th December	KS1 Carol Concert time TBC
Tuesday 17 th December	Nursery Nativity time TBC
Thursday 19 th December	KS2 Carol Concert time TBC
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term