

Dates for your diary:

13th April—Start of Summer Term.

1st May—English Touring Opera in school

1st May—Year 3 trip to Lyme Regis

7th May—Class Photos

11th May—Year 6 SATS week

19th May—KSI Mini Olympics

21st May—Governor Awareness day

21st May Full Governing Body meeting

21st May Class RT cake sale

22nd May Class GH/MR class assembly

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Mr Vaughan's Update:

Wow, what a busy term it has been, with so many exciting learning opportunities for the children (see details in this newsletter). The choir have excelled in the Rotary Club of Ottery 'Youth Music Presents.' competition coming away with two 1st places. As well as that we came joint 1st in the Devon waste free lunch campaign against all the other 300+ primary schools, which means we now have £180 in garden centre vouchers to spend.

Some new staff have joined the school with others due to join us after Easter. I am sure some of you will have met Mrs Dodd and Mr Ginman who have joined our office team. After Easter we welcome back Mr Bettridge in a new role as the school's 'Reading Champion' - he will be promoting reading and working with children across the school. We will also welcome Mr Russell, he will be replacing Miss Bell as our Sports and PE HLTA, plus we will be welcoming two new support staff, Mrs Hall and Mrs Kennelly. I hope you will join the rest of the staff in welcoming them to our staff team.

I hope you all have an enjoyable Easter and that the children all get a well earned rest after all their hard work this term.

Little Popples Pre-school

Another change for us next term, will be with pre-school. Following a consultation process the pre-school will now be under the management of the school governors. So we welcome their staff onto the school team and look forward to forging even stronger links and to create a bright future for all youngsters in our community.

Please look out on this newsletter for details of a competition to design a new logo for the pre-school.

Devon Waste free lunch—WINNERS!!!

Congratulations and a HUGE thank you to all who contributed to reducing their waste during 'Waste Free Packed Lunch week'. All the hard work of making our packed lunches waste free, some excellent report writing by Year 5s and great homework projects contributed to us being chosen as joint winners of the Devon wide "Waste Free Lunch" competition. The competition was set by the Devon Waste Education Programme delivered by Resource Futures on behalf of Devon County Council.

Children were presented with a certificate and a prize of garden centre vouchers worth £180, in an assembly presented by one of the competition judges from Resource Futures. Let us keep this fantastic work going by continuing to bring in waste free packed lunches. Well done!



Little Popples Pre-School Logo Competition

A competition is being run to design a logo for Little Popples Pre-School, the new name for Rainbow pre-school. The last logo was designed by a school child and we hope the new one can be too.

We would like the design to be drawn on a piece of A4 paper and to reflect something of the joy of children's early years and the community of Newton Poppleford. It may be that one design is used, or parts of different designs. Please write your child's name on the back of the paper and put it into the box in the entrance to the main school. The closing date is Friday April 17th, we look forward to seeing the ideas.

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