SCHOOL MATTERS

Friday 2nd July 2021

From the Headteacher

As I am sure you are all aware, it is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year. The government have announced that there is to be an extra Bank holiday for this on Thursday 2nd June, with the Spring Bank Holiday moving from Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June.

For the vast majority of schools this extra bank holiday falls in half-term, as it does for us. The government have now passed legislation for next year reducing the number of days children have to be in school from 190 days to 189 days. The governors therefore have decided to add the extra day's holiday onto that week, therefore **Monday 6th June 2022** will be an additional day's holiday.

Exmoor Challenge

Last weekend, 13 very intrepid Year 6 children took part in our version of the Exmoor Challenge. Having done 6 practice walks, we found out just before the last one that the organisers had to take the very sad decision to cancel this year's event. Thanks to the support of parents (5 of them walking themselves and others travelling to checkpoints) we were able to hold our own Exmoor Challenge. So, on Saturday in perfect walking weather, they followed the route, using their map and compass skills, in teams of 4 or 5. We weren't the only school with this idea, there were several others schools out walking as well. I am pleased to report they all finished the long trek and most of them with a smile too. My Thanks to all the parents for their support to enable us to hold the event and to the PTFA for funding the medals for the children. See further on in School Matters for some pictures from the walk. governor.

This week's word count is

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On Saturday 26th June, me and twelve other Year Six students walked the Exmoor Challenge. The weather was perfect (unlike some of our practice walks), and when we finished the 16-mile trek, I felt very proud. It was really good fun, and I will never forget it. Thank you to Mr Vaughan and all the parents that helped on the day and thanks to all the people who sponsored me in my effort to raise money for NHS Together and Sands. We smashed the target of £150, raising more than double (£301 (with gift aid that's £357.50!))! I really appreciated your donations and they went to a good cause. Thank you! Oskabah

Pre-School harvested some of the carrots that they grew in their allotment. The children tried them and said they were "crunchy", "nice" and "yum yum"!

From the PTFA

Pennies to Pounds!

The PTFA collected a whopping £107 from your loose change! Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Grand Summer Raffle!

Keep on selling those tickets! More available from your class teacher, the school office, or grab Teri on the school run. Please remember to return money and ticket stubs BEFORE FRIDAY 9TH JULY!

Bake Off Winners!

Thank you to all the amazing mini-bakers who entered the half term bake off competition! Our lovely school kitchen manager Sally has (anonymously) judged the fantastic Bake Off entries! She said 'it certainly wasn't an easy task! Not sure what I would have done if I had to taste them all!' All the entries were fantastic, but the winners are...

Oliva (PS), Claire (Y4) & Annie (PS), Seb O (YR), Isla (Y1), Otto (Y5) & Rowan (Y1),

Mary-Bess (Y2), Isabella (Y2), Eddie (Y3), Toby (Y3), Charlie (Y4), and Congratulations!

Diary Dates

Tuesday, 6th July	Year 4 Printing Workshop
	Taster Session for new September 2021 Reception Class
Friday, 9th July	Year 1 & 2 Beach Trip
	Grand Raffle
Monday 12th July	Y3/4 Sports Day
Tuesday, 13th July	Year 5 & 6 Sports Day at Sidmouth College
	Reception & Pre-School Picnic in the Park
Wednesday, 14th July	Y1/2 Sports Day
Tuesday, 20th July	Porridge production – 6pm
Friday, 23rd July	Leaver's Assembly 11am

Have you ever consider becoming a governor? Or intrigued to know more?
Do you care about improving children's learning and want to contribute to your local community? Do you want to work as part of a team and value contributions made by others? Are you willing to challenge and ask questions?

Could you volunteer and become a school governor?
We currently have vacancies on our governing board and we would like to welcome parents, carers, friends, families and members of the community to join us as a governor. Please contact our clerk Natalie Mann via the school office for further information.

Newton Poppleford Primary School PTFA
Grand Community Raffle!

£1 per ticket – Draw Date 9th July 2021

£50 Cash – Sponsored by Chris Haigh Estate Agent
Looby's Kitchen - £50 Voucher
Pride Hair Studio - £30 Voucher
Beauty Box - £25 Voucher
Woodbury Park – Spa treatment
The Coastal Beauty Co - £20 Voucher
Exeter City Football Club – Holiday club voucher
The Outdoors Group – Forest school holiday club voucher
Sidmouth Pets – £20 Voucher
DW Fisheries 'Southern Spirit' – Fresh fish platter for two
Wildwood Escot – Admission tickets
Seaton Tramway – Return tickets
Bicton Park – Admission tickets
Seaton Jurassic – Admission tickets
Pecorama – Admission tickets
Beer Quarry Caves – Admission tickets
Radway Cinema – Tickets
Jurassic Paddle Sports - Voucher
The Blue Ball, Sidford – Lucnch for two with wine
The Balfour – Family Sunday Roast
The Dairy Shop – Cream tea for two
Southern Cross – Cream tea for two
Otterton Mill – Cream tea for two
The Bagel Shop - £20 Voucher
French Tacos - £20 Voucher
Milsons Point Cafe - £20 Voucher
The Shawarma Stop - £20 Voucher
The Hideaway, Seaton - Voucher
Cafe Patisserie Glacerie – Michael Caines Cookbook (signed)