



Newsletter

February 2018

We hope everyone enjoyed their half term not long now to Easter! Although it has been a short month we have achieved a lot!

Indoor Athletic Festival Y3 /4

Well done to everyone who took part including a very brave Year 2 child who helped make up our numbers! We were against much larger schools but being small and mighty we did very well.

Bird Watch

In the last week of term, we had a visit from Gemma at the RSPB, which was a free schools session as part of their outreach programme. Wonwell class got to explore outside using their senses and tried to find as many different colours as they could within the natural environment. Mothecombe class had a session focused on habitats. Gemma was really impressed with the habitats that we are able to offer wildlife and the only one missing was a pond. This sparked an interesting discussion between the children about where the best place to put one would be! Following on from this, Mr Rundle kindly gave up his time on Wednesday afternoon this week to talk to Mothecombe class about the sort of birds we might expect to see in our grounds. The children went out to see what kind of birds they could spot as part of the RSPB Schools Big Bird Watch. The information will now be uploaded to help create a picture of bird life across the country.

Holbeton certainly are embracing the outdoors at the moment!

1752830317We're Going on a Bear Hunt...

Just two days in to our second half of the spring term and we were off!

The home of the hit film 'We Bought A Zoo' was our target. We started early and finished late in what was a day full of research and learning.

Our new science topic focuses on habitats and the classification of animals, among other things, for our KS2 class. We wasted no time in getting hold of some less than appealing characters in the eyes of some - we held and cared for rats, snakes, lizards and a few creepy crawlies!

Our study was meticulous in observing how the zoo had prepared their habitats to suit the animals. We noted a variety of structures and could see how each one was particular to a species.

Look at some of the photos on the website from our recent visit to Dartmoor Zoo where we conquered fears, learnt facts and had a great time at the home of 'We Bought A Zoo'!

PE Kit

Please can you make sure your child has their PE Kit in school **all** week. Often they will wear their kits home after an event and forget to bring back into school.

Water Bottles

Please send your child into school with a named water bottle, with a sports lid. It is important that we all keep rehydrated

Thermos Cups

It has come to our notice that some children are arriving with thermos cups. They are very welcome to bring them in, but we are unable to refill them.



Flap Jack Wednesdays.

We propose to sell Flapjack, especially since the children will be using lots of energy with premier sports at lunch time and during PE, we are delighted to announce that as from next week the children will be able to buy a healthy portion of flapjack for 30p at playtime./ any spare Flap Jack will be available for sale after school.

Spring Swing

This will be an end of term event. Families will be invited to attend just before "home2 time (time TBC). All children are being offered an opportunity to audition for the show, which could be for any performance piece ie singing, poetry, dance, drama etc. If chosen they will then perform at the Spring Swing. Good luck everyone.

Easter Extravaganza

Be prepared for our Easter Extravaganza, an easter bonnet, decorated hard boiled egg and egg roll

100 Club February

The winners of February's Draw were:

£25 - No. 21 Purkis Family
£10 - No. 67 Jim Pengelly

This is the last draw in the current 100 club membership year. A decision will be made whether to run another year at the next HSA meeting which will take place in the Mildmay Colours at 7pm on Thursday 15th March - to which all parents and friends are warmly invited.

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2018	
1 st March	World Book Day – All welcome to lunch
5 th March	Forest School KS1 / Parents Evening
6 th March	Parents Evening
7 th March	Pre School visit
12 th March	Forest School KS2

15 th March	Family's invited for Roast lunch.
19 th March	Bikeability Y5
20 th March	Bikeability Y5
21 st March	Pre school visit
23 rd March	2.30pm Spring Swing
26 th March	Forest School KS1
28 th March	9.30 Easter service with Donkey Pre School visit
29 th March	Easter Extravaganza
	End of Term

Keeping our children Safe

NSPCC Assemblies

At school, we are currently working with the NSPCC learning about how to keep ourselves safe. Following a very child friendly assembly discussing how we keep our bodies safe, the children learned the 'PANTS' rule . Parents often worry how to best answer any questions that arise from such discussion. This link below will be of great help to you, and you can also see what the PANTS rule actually is.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/pants-how-to-answer-questions/>

Mini Ivies

£3 Per session - Pay as you train
Or contact us on Facebook
ATTENTION ALL SCHOOL YEAR 1's PLAYERS NEEDED
Ivybridge FC are seeking additional players to join our Mini Ivies sessions on Saturday mornings 9:00-10:15am. These players will form an U7's team from September 2018. A number of friendly matches will be arranged in the coming months in preparation for the season. All our coaches are fully DBS checked and have achieved at least a Level One FA Coaching Qualification.
For more information call Mark on 07811101253

