

School Newsletter



September 2020

Heads Message

Welcome to our first newsletter this term. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for welcoming me so warmly into school. The children have returned incredibly. Their joy, energy and smiles have made me feel right at home. I am so pleased to be part of this family and I cannot wait to see what the future brings. Despite our current pandemic, I am still bouncing into work and have already established a lovely routine of cycling in three days a week; it never fails to add a smile to my face as I enter the valley surrounded by our glorious countryside views!

Behind the scenes, much is still going on. Our Foundation unit is continuing to take shape and I cannot believe how calm, active and engaged the children are. Every day I can hear the fun and excitement from my classroom and office from the many wonderful activities being setup for them. Wonwell Class have continued to amaze and delight me. Daily yoga inspires and their commitment to their learning is faultless. Mothecombe Class have settled back without stammer; seeing them take their computing learning on the playground was brilliant – who would have thought that was possible?!

The newsletter is designed to inform you of our latest news and updates. My aim is to provide one each month. As always (currently), should you wish to speak to me, at a safe, social distance, please catch me in the playground.

Best wishes,

Chris Rickard



DIARY

Upcoming dates for your diary.

Week Beginning	Event
14 th Sept	
21 st Sept	Clubs start 24 th : HSA AGM 1800
28 th Sept	
5 th Oct	Bike Ability for Y5/6
12 th Oct	
19 th Oct	Last week of term Non Pupil Day Friday 23rd October 2020

CLASS INFORMATION

Please note, class information letters will be sent out this week. These will contain all of the information about the term ahead, topics, subjects and class general information.

FOREST SCHOOL REMINDER

Please make sure your child has long sleeves and long trousers for these sessions – this is for their safety.



What a scorching start to our Forest Schools! On the hottest day of September (so far), our children walked down for their first session of term. They were amazing! I haven't seen such politeness, care and caution whilst walking before.

Whilst there, they sat around the camp fire, had hot chocolate, played on the equipment, made pictures and images using nature and had A LOT OF FUN!



Since term has started the children have enjoyed their learning in many different ways. Our wonderful foundation children have spent as much time (if not more!) outside as they have in. The learning environment which the staff have worked so hard on developing has engrossed their imagination and creativity.

Wonwell class have been outside every day. Daily exercise and yoga has kept them enthused and they took their maths and phonics outside too.

Mothecombe class had an inspired computing lesson where they drew their algorithms using chalk and calculated the sequences using each other!




FLAPJACK WEDNESDAY



Back by popular demand! We are looking to operate Flapjack Wednesday again. To avoid multiple visits dropping off money, if you would like your child to have a flapjack snack on a Wednesday could you purchase the whole half term's worth? £1.50 will allow your child to have a flapjack each week until October half term. Please send the money in a **named envelope** and Mr Rickard will collect it at the school gate.

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Free online group tuition sessions available for primary students in Years 5 and 6, and now also students in Year 7 this autumn term.

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Free Online Orchestra Workshops
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Wednesdays on Microsoft Teams from 9 September 2020.

3.45pm: Primary Orchestra
4.30pm: Secondary Orchestra

Email musiccentre@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk to be added to our Microsoft Teams group.

*Please note that we are able to provide brass instruments on free loan. All other instruments will need to be hired by the parent/carer for a small fee from Devon Music Education Hub:

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Holbeton School Association - HSA



Claire Northmore has very kindly setup a Facebook Group for our school community. Please feel free to join this incredibly successful group to support our school.

I created this group as I thought it might be a useful way to share ideas for fundraising, support each other with fundraising for HSA and keep up to date with virtual meetings etc during these restricted times where we can't all get together easily. It's so lovely to see so many new families at the school gate and it's such a shame we can't get together for our start of term BBQ at Mothecombe to get to know each other a little better. Please feel free to invite other parents etc to this group as I don't know all the parents and carers in school especially now both boys are in KS2 - how did that happen! Happy start of term to all Claire