



Newsletter – Friday 22nd March 2019

Aim Aspire Achieve

Theme of the Week – Responsibility



Dear Parents and Carers

Willow Class Reading Competition Winners



Miss Ruby and Willow Class finally got to enjoy some lovely sunshine for their prize. They were suitably dressed for the occasion and spent their time navigating through an obstacle course, and racing around the field on their bikes and scooters. Some had more stamina than others! What a super treat after winning the reading competition. Keep your eyes peeled for the April Reading Challenge. The winning class will be choosing a new treat to enjoy!

Reports to Parents

On Monday 25th March all pupils, except those in Oak Class, will be coming home with a brown envelope. This envelope will contain your child's written school report and an attendance sheet. This report has been written mid-year in order to set challenging targets for the pupils. The comments will report on progress and attainment, and will identify areas requiring focus and attention for the rest of the year. In the envelope you will also find a parent/carer and child comment sheet. Please read the report with your child, paying careful attention to the targets set by the class teacher. The comments sheet is a great opportunity for you and your child to give us valuable feedback. Please complete the form with your child and return it to us by **March 29th**.

You can make an appointment to see the class teacher to clarify anything in the report. We will all be in the hall from 3:30pm on Wednesday 27th March. Please make this appointment directly with your class teacher. Please also remember that

your children's books are available every month. Friday 29th March is the next Open Morning.

Environmental Area Clearance

The photo does not do it justice!! The parents and children who gave up their time to help have worked so hard to get it to this stage. It is a fantastic space, but it still needs more clearing. Can you help over the weekend? Or during the week? An hour or two would make a tremendous difference. Message the school if you can. Thank you in advance.



Class Dojo

Please note that the School DOJO is **NOT** to be used to notify the school of pupil absence. This must only be done through the school office. There has been a drop in our attendance figures across the school and it is of some concern. For this reason, it is imperative that parents/carers contact the school office **before 9:05**, when registers close, to notify them of pupil absences. As you will appreciate, this needs to be systematically completed so as to not make errors. National average attendance is 95.8%. Ours dropped to 94.78%, and although it looks like a small drop it has an impact and is monitored closely externally. Thank you for your support on this matter.

Finally...

We wish our 1st Year BEd. students, Mr Stocker and Miss Johnson in Chestnut Class, and Miss Gwyther and Miss Brooking in Hazel Class, all the very best as they finish their placement with us to continue their studies. Thank you!

We also say goodbye to Katie Hillier, a playworker in the Foundation Stage Unit. She is leaving to join her husband's expanding business, but we hope she will still be a familiar face around the school. Good Luck and thank you!

Monday 25 th March	West Devon Football Finals (11 pupils)
Tuesday 26 th March	.
Wednesday 27 th March	Open Evening to discuss report queries. Contact your class teacher to make an appointment directly. Miss Chauhan will also be available.
Thursday 28 th March	
Friday 29 th March	Little Seedlings 9–11am in school hall
	Open Morning Open celebration assembly

FRIDAY 29th MARCH
OPEN MORNING 8:45-9:15am
OPEN CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 2:45pm

Don't forget this event! Can you go? Please book your place if you can.

Outdoor Learning!
TWILIGHT
SESSIONS

**Free training for teachers, T.A.'s
and school volunteers**

Growing Devon Schools

- 3 practical workshops through the seasons
- Integrating food growing and wildlife into the school year
- Curriculum links



Sessions run from 4pm to 6pm. Booking essential. Email: info@growingdevonschools.org

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Mondays
15th March; 20th May; 30th September