



**Newsletter** – Friday 26th April 2019

# Aim Aspire Achieve

Theme – under consultation this week



Dear Parents and Carers

## **Welcome back**

Welcome back after the Easter Holiday. I hope you were all able to relax and enjoy the beautiful Spring sunshine. We have started our final term in a calm and settled manner, and I must say all the pupils are looking very smart too. A four-day week did not stop many parents and carers from joining us to share work on the last Friday of the month as usual. The children really enjoy sharing their learning in their books and in the classrooms, so please join us if you can.

## **Mrs Underwood**

Mrs Underwood, our new Executive Headteacher, joined us on Wednesday. She met with all the staff and children and spent time in every class. It was lovely to get to know her. She is keen to make regular visits and to become a very familiar face in the school before she starts her role fully in September. As Executive Head she works across the Three Hares schools (North Tawton, South Tawton and Chagford). Please do come and say hello!

## **Open Assembly**



Those of you who were lucky enough to be able to join our end of the month assembly on Friday had an extra special little treat. We are hoping to have a look at our 'Themes' each week. In preparation for the change we will be

asking the children about what makes a good learner. It would be great if you could spend time with them listing the qualities needed to make a good learner. The children can bring the lists to school to share with their class teacher next week.



### **Avid April Readers**

Avid April Readers ends on TUESDAY. The winning class will be announced in a special assembly for the children. Here are the current rankings for the top three classes.

Sycamore – 504 points

Willow – 442 points

Chestnut – 387 points

Use the remaining few days to finish your grids and make a visit to the library if possible. You may still be able to close the gap!

Good luck readers – I wait on tenterhooks!

**ENDS TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

### **Swimming Pool**

I would like to extend a very warm THANK YOU to FONTS who once again are busy making sure the swimming pool is prepared and ready for the whole school. The pool is maintained by a dedicated FONTS team who look after cleaning and the chemicals, as well as offering support in the swimming sessions. Without their support, we would not be able to have a swimming pool at all. If you would like to help, please let us know.

Each class will have an allocated swimming time slot which will be shared with all of you soon. Look out for the letter which asks about your child's swimming ability and permission slip to wear goggles.

We are very lucky to have our own pool. Our children thoroughly enjoy and look forward to this Summer fun activity which last year lasted all the way into October.

### **Criminal Damage, Vandalism and Intimidation**

As residents of North Tawton you will no doubt be well aware of the disgraceful behaviour of a minority of individuals in the town. I urge you to report all incidents directly to the police. We had trespassers on the school premises during Easter break who have caused problems. This week two PCSOs dealing with the cases visited the school to obtain further details. Out of school hours, your help and extra vigilance is most appreciated as all damage/theft from the school directly impacts on our children and the resources we can provide for them.

### **Finally...**

Our Kitchen Manager, Serena Fewings, is unwell and unable to work. Thanks to Mandy Ellis and P.J. who are currently managing the kitchen. They are providing delicious meals and an excellent service. All the children and staff are missing Serena and we wish her a speedy recovery. We really hope that she can visit to the school when she is well enough.

Have a lovely weekend  
Miss Chauhan

**FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> May – Drumming Workshops all classes with Allan Kerr  
OPEN MORNING 8:45–9:15am  
OPEN CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 2:45pm  
to include a taste from the Drumming Workshops**

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Little Seedlings 9–11am in school hall