



Newsletter – Friday 8th March 2019

Aim Aspire Achieve

Theme of the Week – Respect



Dear Parents and Carers



World Book Day

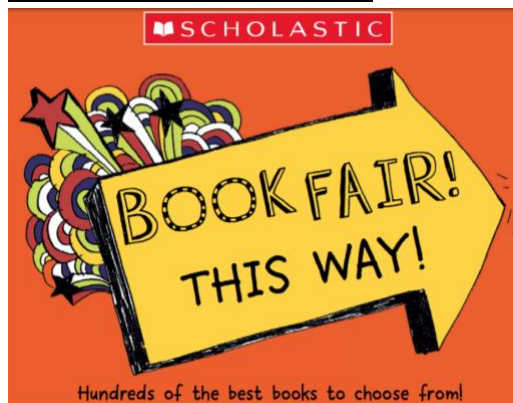
What a splendid effort by all!! We all looked amazing and are now suitably inspired to continue with our concerted efforts to read more. Mrs Ware is busy planning our April Reading Challenge. I

was very impressed that so many children made an effort to join in with this celebration. Thank you to each and every parent and carer who took the time and trouble to ensure their children had costumes. Your efforts were incredible and I am so proud. In the meantime please be inspired to use the characters you've seen today and find out about their adventures. The local library is keen that we keep up the half-term rush! This fantastic FREE resource is on our doorstep and could so easily be part of the weekly routine on the way to the shops maybe?



Let's all get reading more! 

SCHOLASTIC Book Fair



BOOKS managed to sell £840 worth of books and goodies! This is an incredible achievement. Thank you to all who supported the Scholastic Book Fair this year. The school gets a proportion of the sales and guess what we will be buying!



School Councillors

School Councillors were busy this week representing the school at two different events. Two pupils went to the FAIRTRADE Conference held at Okehampton Primary. As a result of this the school council is now exploring ways in which we can make a difference. Thank you Mrs Weldon for transporting Emily and Ted. We look forward to hearing more about this shortly.

On Monday two other councillors went to meet with the candidates for the Executive Head position. They enjoyed a scrumptious lunch at Chagford Primary school and were able to share their opinions about the candidates to the panel. Thank you to Tiggy and Stanley for representing the school and thank you Mrs Ware for driving.

Environmental Area Clearance Begins

The neglected area behind the Willow and Hazel classes has started its transformation. Daniel, Sam and Jade worked incredibly hard to cut away the dead wood to expose a potentially super outdoor learning space for us to use.

THANK YOU!

We are pleading for more volunteers to help with the clearance before we can plan a way forward. On Saturday 9th March 9am, do come and join us. Only three volunteers so far! (oh and don't hang your washing out!).

Finally...

Executive Head appointment – Announcement by Mrs Hazel Fox

We are pleased to announce that, subject to finalising paperwork, the Joint Governing Body have been successful this week in recruiting a permanent Executive Headteacher across our schools, Mrs Elizabeth Underwood.

Mrs Underwood's previous role was as headteacher of a large Church of England Ofsted 'Outstanding' Academy school in Buckinghamshire. She moved down to Devon recently and now she is settled she says she is very eager to take on a new professional challenge. Mrs Underwood impressed the recruitment panel in that, although she recognised the strength of each school, she could also see their huge potential. Whilst in her previous role, Mrs Underwood could describe the exciting IT programs she had brought into school she is obviously equally happy writing and producing musicals with the children. In addition to impressing us through the rigorous recruitment activities Mrs Underwood was also the favourite of the school council, made up from pupils across all three schools. Mrs Underwood is keen to come into the schools to say hello and get to know the schools as quickly as possible in order to hit the ground running in September.

During this year some of our schools have had temporary leadership positions. We are looking to resolve all of these to permanent solutions for September in the coming weeks and we will of course keep you informed as things progress.

Beech Class Assembly on Wednesday morning please do join us!

Monday 11 th March	
Tuesday 12 th March	Willow Class Bike/Scooter afternoon Okehampton College Transition visit to Y6 2:30pm
Wednesday 13 th March	Beech Class Assembly 9:15–9:45
Thursday 14 th March	
Friday 15 th March	Little Seedlings 9–11am in school hall

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