



# Newsletter

January 2022 no 7

*A Love of Learning for Life*

*Dear All,*

The half- terms learning journey is Message in a Bottle. Throughout the half term, there is a focus on History for all year groups. The children are receiving “messages in a bottle” to help them learn from the past and to learn about the past.

Victorian Day started off the term, with the children traveling back in time to a Victorian School day. During the day, they learnt poems; did some copy writing; had drill lessons and sketching lessons. There was lots of learning maths by rote! One of the most contentious lessons was sewing for the girls and woodwork for the boys. There was much discussion around the unfairness of this. Most of the children were very pleased to return to 2023 on Thursday morning. Thank you for your help with providing costumes – they were wonderful.

Enjoy your weekend,  
Mrs Sarah Bennett



## Attendance

At the beginning of the year a general attendance letter was sent to all parents outlining the steps we take to support good attendance. Good attendance supports children to achieve well and enjoy school more.

One way in which we do this is to keep you informed at particular stages of absence:

You will receive a letter from the office when

- You have reached 12 sessions (6 days) of absence (morning and afternoon are 2 sessions)
- If levels become a concern - below 90%
- You have reached 5 sessions of lateness (before and/or after register close)

## ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

### ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

(Children are required by law (attending school) 180 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% + Below  
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95% - 90%  
Cause for concern

100% - 96%  
Excellent



# A Love of Learning...



## Kitchen Menu

Within our school Kitchen, we cook all of our meals from scratch and ensure that there is a good range of different foods available. We are reviewing our menus and would like to hear some of your views. A link to a survey has been sent out to you all.

We would also like to invite you to meet with our kitchen staff on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February between 3pm and 3:50pm**. Our kitchen staff can hear your ideas and will have some samples for you to taste and see how wonderful the meals are. The session will take place in the school hall. Please free to come in before you collect your children or afterward with your children.

## School Governor Position

We have a vacancy for a parent governor at the school. School Governors support and challenge the school to help support and deliver excellent education to all. If you would be interested in becoming a governor, you should have received information by email at the start of term. Paper copies can be collected from the office.

If you would like to stand for election, please complete and sign the nomination form and return to the school office no later than 12 noon on 20th January 2023



## Welcome to Mr Dean



Welcome to Mr Will Dean, who is our new Sports Coach.

## Earrings in PE

For the children's safety, all earrings should be removed for PE lessons.



# Online Safety Newsletter

# January 2023

Please find attached the January Online Safety newsletter for parents: Minecraft, Whats App



# A Love of Learning...

## Spring 2023 Dates for the Diary...

### January

Date	Time	Who	Event	Information
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Yr 3	"We Present Our Learning"	9:00- 9:20am in the Hall. Parents are welcome to join us.
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	pm	Yr 1	Liverton Wood Walk	
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>		Yr 5	Music Concert in Exeter	Year 5 are joining other schools to listening to Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in a special children's concert.
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Yr 6	" We Present our Learning"	9:00- 9:20am in the Hall. Parents are welcome to join us.
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	am	Yr 2 Yr 5	Fire Safety Talk	Fire service visiting

### February

Date	Time	Who	Event	Information
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:40	Parents	Parent Information workshop	Looking After our mental Health
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00	Yr 5	" We Present our Learning"	9:00- 9:20am in the Hall. Parents are welcome to join us.
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm – 3:50pm	Parents and children	Food sampling and kitchen staff meet.	Pop in and sample some of the dishes we serve in the kitchen. This will be in hall.
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>		Yr 4	Performance 2pm & 6pm	
13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>			Half term	
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Yr 2	" We Present our Learning"	9:00- 9:20am in the Hall. Parents are welcome to join us.

### March

Date	Time	Who	Event	Information
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>		Yr 5/6	Hannah Foley Author visit	
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>		All	World Book Day	
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00	Yr 1	"We Present our Learning"	9:00- 9:20am in the Hall. Parents are welcome to join us.
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am- 9:50am	Sunflowers and Poppies	Craft Session	Parents are welcome to join us in the hall from 9:00 for some crafts with their children.
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2:40	parents	Parent Information workshop	Developing Listening Skills

# A Love of Learning...

## Poppies and Sunflowers

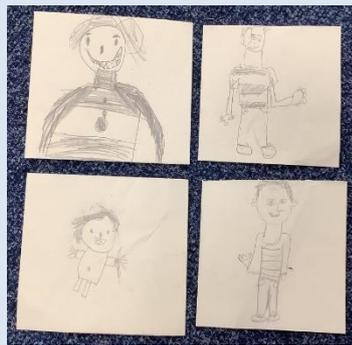
This week, Poppies and Sunflowers have revisited and recapped ordering numbers to 10 with digits and numicon, before going onto adding 2 numbers together.



We also have been talking about the Artist Andy Warhol and created a shape display in our conservatory

## Year One

In Art, Year One have started to look at the human form. The sketches on the left were drawn in our first session independently. The sketches on the right were drawn with the help of a step by step video. Can you spot the differences?



## Year Two



Year 2 have been learning the value of each coin and note as well as adding money. Perhaps you could have a try at adding 3 amounts at home?



# Year Three

Year 3 took part in an OWL Science session. They explored what plants need to grow successfully. The children made predictions and set up an experiment to test their own ideas on how much light and water they need.



# Year Four



During PE this week, Year 4 has been practising and improving their throwing and catching skills with our new teacher, Mr Dean.



# Year Five

Year 5 have begun to learn about the ancient Maya, discovering when and where they lived and who they were.



# Year Six

Year 6 have been learning about the key events of WW2. They used their chronology skills to plot them onto a timeline. During the next few weeks they will be adding to their timelines when they learn more about the events of the war.

