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Believe in ourselves, be the best we can be

8.11.18– Newsletter

Parent Meetings

It has been extremely positive to see so many of you coming into school and having the first formal meeting of the year with teachers. As you are aware, Parental Engagement is a part of our School Development Plan this year and one of the most important methods of communicating is through parents and teachers talking about the children's learning and how they interact with others both inside and outside of the classroom. Thank you for supporting these meetings.

Absence Request Forms

There is a new format of this form which is available on request from the office. As you are aware, the Education Welfare Officer closely monitors attendance and any actions that are taken are not within our control. To support your understanding of the importance of good attendance, I would ask that you carefully read the new wording on this form should you decide to use one in the future.

School Jotter App - Notifications.

We have been made aware that sometimes notifications for News, Notices & Newsletters are not appearing on the locked screen of phones, and/or the badge icon on the app. Please can you ensure that any updates for the app have been installed, and if that doesn't resolve the problem that you try deleting the app and re-installing it, giving permission for push notifications. If you are still having problems, please let Julia know.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is National Anti-Bullying week with a theme of 'Choose Respect'. In school, each Key Stage will have an assembly looking at this theme and every class will have specific lessons looking at the subject of anti-bullying. For more information, the school's policy on this subject can be found on the school website.

Community Champions

Our latest Pupil Leadership group are the Community Champions; 14 pupils from Y2 and Y5 who are working alongside residents from Moors Park Care Home. Research has shown that time interacting with children can have a really positive impact on people with dementia. However, there are also benefits for children as these interactions build self-esteem and develop social and emotional skills. On Wednesday, the Community Champions visited for a second time and this new arrangement continues to be a resounding success. Mrs Gardner supports the children during their visits and was so proud of our children- **'They painted pictures, chatted, shared traditional stories and finished with the Hokey Cokey. Staff commented that many of the residents come to life during our visits and are the happiest that they see them.'** Our community is very important to us and we look forward to this group continuing to visit throughout the year.



Spotlight

Did you know we now have 5 famous pupils after they appeared on BBC Spotlight on Wednesday? Led by Mrs Dunn, our Y5 and 6 pupils have been involved in the project organised by the Bishopsteignton Heritage Group who have been knitting poppies for the Remembrance Day service. BBC Spotlight then came to report on the project and 5 of our children were on the TV talking knowledgeably with such confidence about the poppies and the reasons behind them. Caroline, who organised the project, was again full of compliments for our children- **'Your school children were the stars! I'm so pleased they were involved and did so well. You should be proud of those children and the way they contributed! Thanks for your help with this project!'** Well done to those involved and all of Y5/6 for helping to decorate the village for this important occasion.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Dave Killoran
(Headteacher)

FUTURE DATES

Friday 16th November	Children in Need – Spotacular Spotty Day
Friday 30th November	Curriculum Celebration - Time Travellers - 2.30PM
Tuesday 4th December	KS1 Christmas Performance - 2PM and 6PM
Friday 7th December	FOBS Christmas Fair – 5PM
Friday 14th December	Explorers, Adventurers & Investigstors Christmas Show in Teignmouth
Tuesday 18th December	Explorers Christmas Craft Morning - 9.15AM
Tuesday 18th December	KS2 Phoenix Theatre Trip
Wednesday 19th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert - 2PM and 6PM
Thursday 20th December	Christmas Carousel & Christmas Lunch
Friday 21st December	Last Day of the Autumn Term