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*Believe in ourselves, be the best we can be*

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## 27.11.18– Newsletter

### Staffing

As you are aware, Mrs Rawlins will be retiring from teaching at the end of the term. We have been busy looking for someone to take over this role from January. We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Emily Webber until the end of this academic year. Emily has previously been a teacher at the school in Discoverers and left us to go travelling around the world with her husband Doug. Welcome back Emily!

From January, there will also be a change in our school office. Ms Lyn Shackleton will be reducing her hours and changing to the Admin Assistant role. After a thorough interview process, Mrs Julia Fuell has been appointed as our new School Business Manager. Ms Shackleton will offer her expertise to support Mrs Fuell during a period of transition.

### KS2 Christmas Choir

On Saturday, our KS2 Christmas Choir performed at the Bishopsteignton Village Festival Christmas Market. The children performed really well at this community event in front of a big crowd and there was some lovely feedback from those watching.



### Christmas Carousel and Christmas Dinner

As you will see by the dates at the bottom of the newsletter, on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December we will be having our annual Christmas Carousel. This is where the children are in House Teams for the morning doing Christmas Craft activities. We invite them all to wear Christmas Jumpers with their normal school trousers or skirts to add to the festive atmosphere! We will then be moving back to classes before going into the hall in Key Stage Groups for Christmas Dinner. More information will be sent home in reference to the dinner soon. This always ends up being a lovely day in school and something the children look forward to at the end of term.

### **School Mobile Phone App**

As we have previously mentioned, the new mobile app has been a huge success and we have had some great feedback. We want to continue to explore how it can help us further engage parents in what we are doing as a school in line with our School Development Plan. The app has a survey feature much the same as Facebook or Twitter, which will allow us to gauge your opinions and thoughts on things we are looking to develop or review. Look out for these surveys and please take the opportunity to engage in a new way with us as a school.

### **Children in Need**

As a result of your donations on our spotty Children in Need day, we raised a very positive **£248.93**. Thank you for all of your donations and supporting the event with some great costumes and make up!

### **Positive Mental Health**

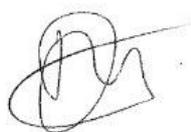
As you are aware, one area of our School Development Plan has been developing our understanding of what it means to be mentally healthy. After reflecting on assemblies across the school, the children are starting to think about actions they can take to support this. We will share the final outcome of this with you before the end of term, but here is a flavour of their thinking so far:

**‘To keep mentally healthy you could ask for help when you are stuck so you will all have some learning and it is good to ask for help when you need it. You could talk to somebody so you can share your feelings and emotions and socialise.’ Bethany- Y4**

**‘You could feel proud of something that you’ve done and it would improve your mental health by increasing your confidence. Share your problems with others: a problem shared is a problem halved. Get exercise and have a social life as it will help you be a nicer person.’ Oliver- Y6**

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



**Dave Killoran**  
**(Headteacher)**

### **FUTURE DATES**

<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Curriculum Celebration- Time Travellers 2.30PM
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS1 Christmas Performance- 2PM and 6PM
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	FOBS Christmasmas Fair- 5-7PM
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Explorers, Adventurers & Investigstors Christmas Show in Teignmouth
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 Phoenix Theatre Trip
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert- 2PM and 6PM
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Carousel and Christmas Dinner
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Last Day of the Autumn Term