



Dear Families,

I'm delighted to share that we have heard back from Asda regarding the Cashpot fundraising we were doing and the school has been awarded £437.12; thank you to all parents/carers who supported this through using the Asda App.

We were delighted to welcome colleagues from the Cheshnut Outreach service into school this week; these are specialist teachers in behaviour support and have been helping us implement our new behaviour approach. Some of the feedback from this included: the classrooms were calm and purposeful with high engagement in pupils' learning.

Thank you to those parents who joined us for our PINS coffee afternoon to learn more about how we are supporting children, and their parents, who may have an ASD diagnosis or traits. There will be more opportunities coming up in Spring 2 related to this so please join us for future events.

Regards, Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher

February

Wednesday 12th February	School Ethos Group Trip to Dartmoor
Thursday 13th February	Tiny Travels' workshop for children in EYFS, yr 1 and yr 2
Friday 14th February	Last day of the half term
Monday 24th February	All children back to school
Wednesday 26th February	International afternoon
Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th February	Year4 Residential to Dartmoor

March

Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
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April

Wednesday 2nd April	Year 5/6 theatre trip—The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe
Tuesday 1st & Thursday 3rd April	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 22nd April	Extra non pupil day—school closed for children

Dates for your diary ...



Attendance Awards

We are working really hard to make sure all our pupils are in school, every day and on time. Obviously we all get sick, every now and then, but if we are well, we need to be in school!

Well done to **Little Bears, Eagles and Herdsmen** classes for excellent attendance this week.



CLASS ATTENDANCE		HOUSE ATTENDANCE	
Little Bears	100%	Christie House	95.54%
Little Lions	92.78%		
Little Foxes	89.52%		
Little Tigers	94.5%	Darwin House	93.41%
Unicorns	95%		
Dolphins	96.05%		
Little Horses	94.42%	Kingsley House	95.19%
Eagles	99%		
Swans	95.67%		
Herdsmen	98.33%	Singer House	96.45%
Heroes	92.86%		
Hunters	91.74%		
Warriors	95.22%		
The winner is ... LITTLE BEARS		The winner is ... SINGER HOUSE	



STARS OF THE WEEK



	Little Stars	Damon- for trying very hard to follow the rules and joining in so well at carpet time
	Little Bears	Ayaan, for working hard in Phonics and always helping in class!
	Little Lions	Isaac T for always being such a kind friend.
	Little Foxes	Aayan for his engagement and enthusiasm with his learning this week.
	Little Tigers	KJ - for showing all our school values and improvement in his learning attitude. Everyone is
	Unicorns	Rosa for her perseverance and determination in everything she does!
	Dolphins	Arlo or his perseverance and improvement in his Number Sense learning!
	Little Horses	Joshua for working incredibly hard in every lesson and supporting his peers with their
	Eagles	Shayna for pushing herself to meet every challenge I threw at her when extending her
	Swans	Lakelan for working really hard on your focus in lessons. Keep it up!
	Herdsmen	Victoria for always showing our school values and being a role model for others.
	Heroes	Ariana for always showing our school values and being a role model
	Hunters	Poppy C for the perseverance she has shown this week in the practice SATS papers.
	Warriors	Frazier - for his excellent efforts in SATs practice this week.

Concerns related to cannabis use

As previously shared in the newsletter, the school has been working closely with the local police due to concerns related to the smell of cannabis coming from one of the houses backing onto the back lane. There is an ongoing investigation happening regarding this and the school is being kept updated.

It is important to share that the school will continue to share with the police (and any other relevant services) if we have concerns related to any drug use.; either from parents or neighbours around the school. Cannabis is an illegal substance and therefore, as a duty of care to children and our staff, we will be reporting any concerns directly to the police moving forward.



YEAR 6 TRIP TO THE GREAT HALL, EXETER

Year 6 had a great time visiting Exeter, Great Hall to watch the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, last Friday.

We were one of the few schools playing recorders alongside the orchestra, our children were so brave, we are very proud of them. Our Year 6's singing and playing sounded amazing and they loved the chance to hear this fantastic orchestra.

It was a wonderful experience.

Practising before the performance



During the Performance



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7th February 2025



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S WELLBEING AND EMOTIONS

A 4 WEEK WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND CARERS

At 1:00-2:55 on Wednesday on 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th.

A relaxed and informal workshop to support parents thinking about:

- ◆ what we mean by 'mental health'
- ◆ how we can recognise good mental health in children
- ◆ how to support children/ourselves when things are more difficult
- ◆ playful ways to engage with children

The facilitators will introduce topics each week with an informal discussion over tea/coffee and biscuits – alongside this, there will be the opportunity for parents to share ideas together about what they find helpful and unhelpful in supporting their children's emotional health, although there is no pressure to talk about personal experiences!

We will also encourage parents to try out some fun, playful and creative activities to further explore the topic of mental health and to hopefully offer some ideas about different activities that can be helpful in fostering a positive and playful relationship with children.

There will be plenty of opportunities to ask any questions, including services available to support families.

For more information please contact Ellacombe's Family Support Team or Mrs P-R on 01803 219253 OR 01803 293040



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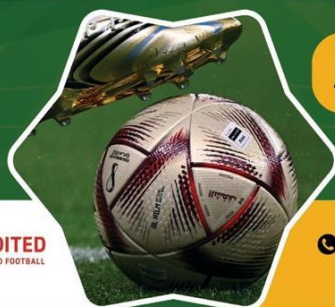
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