

Landscope C of E Primary School

Landscape

Nr Ashburton

Devon

TQ13 7LY

Tel: 01803 762656

Email: adminlandscape@thelink.devon.sch.uk

Link
Academy
Trust
Stronger Together



NEWSLETTER Friday 6th December 2019

Dear Parents,

As I write this I can hear the buzz of parents setting up for the annual Christmas fair. It promises to be another great evening which I hope you all enjoy.

As ever at this time of year, we have a packed programme of fun and festivities~ read on to find out more!

DEVON FIRE SERVICE

Classes 2&4 were visited by John from Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service. They learnt about what the fire and rescue service do, how to test smoke alarms, which number to call in an emergency and how to "stop, drop and roll." Class 2 particularly enjoyed a hot and cold game about things in the home that are safe/not safe to touch.



PE GYMNASTICS CLUB THIS TERM~ PREMIER SPORT

Our children really have enjoyed this club!



SCHOOL VALUES

We are currently exploring Advent which is the first season in the church year. It is the period of time immediately before Christmas when Christians get ready to celebrate Jesus' birth and reflect on God's coming to earth. The children have been enjoying stories and sharing their knowledge with us.





SONG MACHINE PERFORMS

I think Song Machine made Una feel proud as they performed a variety of Christmas songs at Ashburton late night shopping. Thanks again to Una for leading them so brilliantly!

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL BEING: 5 Ways to Wellbeing Number 4~ Help your child to foster a love of learning

It is important that children don't just associate 'learning' with school. At Landscope we hope that we instil a love of learning in the children that means they become 'life long learners'. As parents and carers you have an important role to play too! Passing on skills like cooking, sewing, gardening and photography show your child that learning can be fun and they provide opportunities to 'connect' (one of our earlier 5 ways to wellbeing).

Reading with your child and encouraging them to read 'just for fun' is so important. There is research that suggests children who read for pleasure have increased attainment, it is actually a more influential factor than their family's socio~ economic status!



CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES: DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

MONDAY 9TH DRESS REHEARSAL DAY – KS2 2PM

If you have any additional things to add to the costume or prop dept please make sure that it is in school today. If you are unable to make the evening performances please feel free to attend the dress rehearsal.

TUESDAY 10TH DRESS REHEARSAL DAY – KS1 2PM

As mentioned above, if you have any additional things to add to the costume or prop dept please make sure that it is in school today. If you are unable to make the performance on Wednesday please feel free to attend the dress rehearsal.

Dress rehearsals are ideal to attend with little ones, keeping distractions in the 'real thing' to a minimum.

TUESDAY 10TH: KS2 PERFORMANCE 1 FOR CLASS 3 FAMILIES & PARENTS 6:00PM

The idea is to avoid too much of a crush on either day so we invite parents of children in Class 3 to try to attend this one along with any other guests who may wish to attend. Please try to comply but if your circumstances make this impossible don't worry. Could you deliver the children to classrooms 3 and 4 at 5:30 & then take your places in Church. If you are not attending this performance please return to collect your child at 6:50ish from the church. Parking can be a bit difficult so it might be a good idea to bring a torch and be prepared to park further away than normal. Take particular care not to stick out into the road too far because tractors with



massive trailers continue to use the roads long after the sun has gone down! This advice should be followed when attending for any of our festive events. Please be aware that if you have younger children in the audience we would ask that they are as quiet as possible~ it can be very distracting and disappointing for our performers to have their moment lost to noise from the audience.

WEDNESDAY 11TH: KS1 CHRISTMAS NATIVITY – 2:00PM IN CHURCH

This is bound to be brilliant as usual. Definitely an “Aaahhhh factor 10” occasion! Please be aware that, the younger the children, the smaller the voices so be prepared to use all your best tricks to keep any pre-school children as quiet as possible during the performances. It can be very distracting for everyone if little ones are allowed to run about and spoil the big moment for others.

WEDNESDAY 11TH KS2 PERFORMANCE 2, FOR CLASS 4 FAMILIES & PARENTS 6:00PM

Please follow the guidance as in Performance 1.

THURSDAY 12TH Mrs Jessep’s funeral, St Matthew’s 11a.m. Head’s from across the Trust will be supporting teaching in our school on this day to ensure all staff who wish to can attend Paula’s funeral. Thank you, in advance, for welcoming them to our school.

MONDAY 16th CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY Classes 3 and 4

Details to follow nearer the time (when the teachers have finalised their plans!).

TUESDAY 17th CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY Classes 1 and 2

Details to follow nearer the time (when the teachers have finalised their plans!).

WEDNESDAY 18th: CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

I’m sure the staff are looking forward to this as much as the children!

THURSDAY 19TH: END OF TERM CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE IN ST

MATTHEW’S We will be firing up the church organ once more for a 1.00 start. The service will end by 2:00 ready for our traditional early finish for the end of term. Join us if you can – but be prepared for a bit of a squash and also be ready to join in! Best singing voices please!

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

This year, in memory of Paula, we would like the retiring collections at all our Christmas events to be in support of Rowcroft Hospice, where Paula received warmth, a sense of dignity and care. Thank you for supporting this charity.



SAFEGUARDING AND ATTENDANCE

A reminder about photos taken during the nativity season: please do not put these on social media as you do not have permission from other parents. Thank you.

Attendance: 25/11/19-06/12/19 (Our school target is 96.8%)		Number of sessions missed per class: (session = a whole morning or afternoon)
Whole school	89.61%	
Class 1	92.33%	23
Class 2	93.85%	32
Class 3	86.15%	72
Class 4	86.96%	60
Well done to class 3		sessions

Landscape Littlies



Spring Term 2020

Fridays 9:00-11:00 Toddlers & Parents group ~ run by parents for parents in the schoolhouse. First session Friday 18th January. Meet other parents, enjoy a cuppa and let your children play and have fun!

£2:00 a session

Teacher led sessions for parents and their toddlers~ aged 3+:

Thursday 23rd January **Winter Craft** with Mrs Woods: 2:00-3:25

Tuesday 4th February **Music Making** with Mrs Woods 2:00-3:25

Tuesday 3rd March **Fitness Fun** with Mrs Field 2:00-3:25 (trainers and comfy clothes please)

Thursday 19th March **Outdoor Explorers** with Mrs Field (wellies and waterproofs please)

All sessions as above include snack & drink as well as a story time.

Parents be prepared to join in!

£2.50 per session

Please book to avoid disappointment: 01803 76265

And Finally

Please look out for news about the success of FOLS Christmas Fair ~ it certainly sounds successful!

That's all for now! I hope everyone enjoys the Christmas festivities on offer during the next couple of weeks.

Jill Ryder.