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NEWSLETTER Thursday 12th May 2022

Dear Parents.

It's been a busy two weeks and we have lots of news...

MAY DAY

Thank you to everyone who supported our May Day event – the first since 2019. It was a lovely afternoon; the dancing and singing was a great end to our week ~ even with a few tangled ribbons! Doing this event on the village green really marks our place in the community and it was lovely to see residents watching us. Finally, I'd like to say a big thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to get the children ready for the big day!

Huge thanks to our favourite Grandad who has donated £250 towards a new sound system.... You will all know why we need one!





KS2 SATs

It has been a super calm week for the Year 6 children as they tackled the national tests with great maturity. Miss M ensured the children had periods of mindfulness and exercise in order to be calm and ready as well

as treats and light-hearted fun once done. They completed a total of six different papers across the week and worked extremely hard with good levels of confidence ~ well done!

Tomorrow Miss M has planned a Y6 picnic and then an afternoon of rounders and fun on the field to mark the end of the week.

CLASSES 1&2 Multi Sports festival

Classes 1&2 had a fantastic time at the EYFS/KS1 sports festival at Headlands last week. They participated in a variety of activities, run by Year 5/6 sports leaders across the academy. Class 1 particularly enjoyed a trip on the minibus!! ©A big thank you to Mr Tanner for organising such a fun day for the children.



CLASS 3

Reverend Gina visited class three last week to explain how members of the clergy follow Jesus' teaching. The children asked some fantastic, open-ended questions, jotted down key <u>points</u> and sampled unleavened bread.



SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Morning Drop Off: Can I please remind all parents that the school is open from 8:45 a.m. for drop off in the playground. Staff are not on duty until this time. Please do not leave your children early in the garden as they are unsupervised, and this clearly presents us with safeguarding concerns. Thank you

Attendance: (Our school target is 96.8%)	
Class 1	89.0%
Class 2	89.4%
Class 3	93.0%
Class 4	94.2%
Well done to class 4!	



FOLS:

Thank you to everyone who brought in Bags 2 School and particularly to Valda who organises the collection. This time we raised £148 which is a great achievement.

The highest bid for the Dartmoor Jubilee stone (pictured above) is currently £150...... The stone is outside the school house so please admire it as you pass by!

Many thanks to those who helped move the new bench into the spiritual garden this morning and to those who helped to obtain a good price for FOLS.

Don't forget Friday gardening from 2.30 in the spiritual garden! Any volunteers welcome!

ETHOS, VISION & VALUES:



Global Neighbours

Please join us on Friday 20th May for The Big Brekkie. FOLs and the children's Ethos Group will be selling croissants for a suggested donation of 50p each, from 8.30am. Please follow the link to learn more about this year's appeal.

https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week

We are very excited to finally announce a date for the Grand Opening of our Spiritual Garden...

Monday 20th June 2022, 2.30pm.

Further details to follow. A huge thank you to FOLs for their continued support with such a special project.





COMING UP

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – Street party lunch Friday 27th May. Mufti – red, white & blue day.

See menu below

- 20th May Class 3 Victorian experience
- 20th May 8:30am Big Brekkie FOLS & Ethos group will be serving
- 24th May Totnes Schools Dartmoor 3-ball/cricket festival for Year 3/4 with Mr Tanner
- Class 4 residential 7th& 8th June @ Pixies Holt
- SPORTS DAY Wednesday 29th June wet weather reserve date Thursday 30th June
- Friday 22nd July 10am Leavers Service in St Matthew's

That's all the news for now. Let's hope the sun continues to shine into next week.



