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NEWSLETTER Thursday 26th January 2023

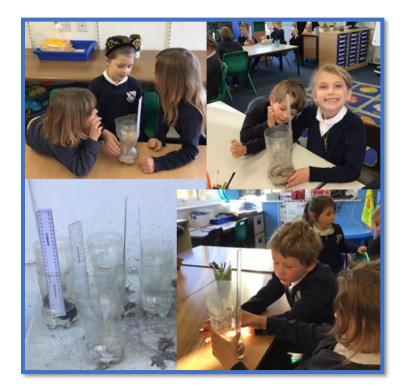
Dear Parents,

Well – it's been a busy time over the last two weeks with all the classes working hard as the term hits full speed. I have the pleasure of having children come to me to show off their work and it is always a joy to see the effort and progress they make – my gold stickers guarantee a smile!

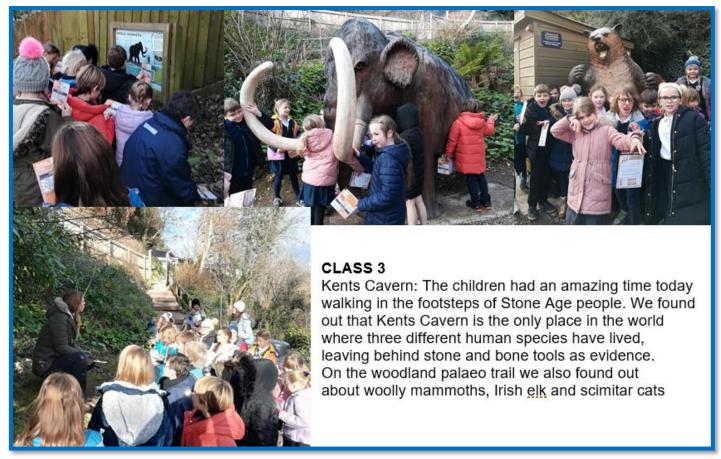
LANDSCOVE LEARNERS

This week in FaB **Class 1** have been learning about Christian baptism. After talking about how different faiths welcome babies, children and adults, the children watched a clip of a Christian baptism, and learned about the sign of the cross and the giving of a candle. As the children made beautiful crosses as a gift for Mary, they talked about how Mary might be feeling, and what happens during a christening.

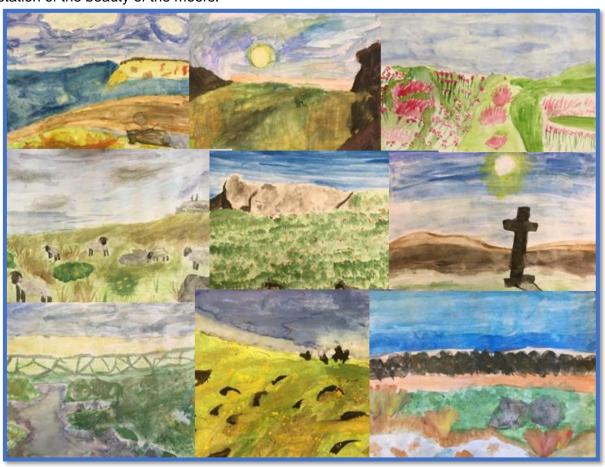




Class 2 have made rain gauges to monitor/measure the rainfall during the seasons winter, spring and summer. We will check them weekly and record how much rain they have collected. The children really enjoyed making the gauges out of a plastic bottle, ruler, stones and water. Very easy to make at home if you fancy a go yourself!



CLASS 4Dartmoor water colours – as part of our work in art we have been studying photos of Dartmoor. Here's our interpretation of the beauty of the moors.



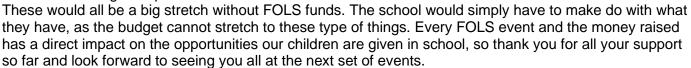
In PSHE, **Class 4** have been considering potential careers. In two groups, they had to rank the importance of various jobs to the community as a whole - by chance, each group selected the same top three - teachers, nurses and doctors, and the same bottom two, professional footballers and singers.

Matching salaries to these jobs made for an interesting discussion - job importance and salary rates didn't seem to coincide!

FOLS ~ a message from Michelle

It's good for everyone to be aware of the difference FOLS makes to our children's school days so this is what we have already funded this year and what we have agreed to fund in the coming terms:-

- Arts week ~ £616.93
- Musical instruments ~ £230
- Class trips (so far) ~ £130
- Crackers at Christmas dinner ~ £32
- Residential trip ~ £500
- Swimming transport ~ £460



And here is what we have coming up so please make a note in your diaries:-

- 10th February: 3.30pm 5.30pm Movie Night & mufti. The film will be Gnomeo & Juliet. £6 to include mufti, hotdog, popcorn & a drink. Please e-mail fols@outlook.com to reserve a place.
- 21st February (Shrove Tuesday): pancakes will be on sale before school from 8:30am in the hall.
- 24th February: Second hand uniform & book sale plus tuck shop
- 24th March: Second hand uniform & krispy kreme donut sale

Please do get involved with any FOLS events you can and make a difference for your children! We are hoping to improve the forest school area and have some more exciting events in the pipeline, but also welcome any fundraising ideas and indeed any ideas of ways you would like the FOLS monies spent. Do get in touch fols@outlook.com.

ETHOS & VALUES

This week in Collective Worship the children shared their hopes for the future. These included:

- Everyone showing kindness to each other
- Slowing down the effects of climate changes
- Protecting the oceans
- Finding ways to stop arguments and disagreements

NOW MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL
YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS
YOU BELIEVE IN HIM, SO THAT YOU
MAY OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY THE
POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- ROMANS 15:13

NUTS - WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please can I remind you that we are a nut free school. People who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin can trigger an allergic reaction which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties. First aid staff in the school are trained to use Epi-pens (an injection of adrenalin) which are required immediately if this happens.

We cannot have nuts in school in any form.

So please do not put any nut products in your child's lunch box.



SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Attendance (Our school target is 97%)	
Whole school	96.4%
Class 1	95.0%
Class 2	97.0%
Class 3	96.0%
Class 4	97.4%
Well done to Class 4!	

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact MASH on 0345 155 1071.

Our designated safeguarding officer is Mrs. Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officer is Mr. Ansermoz

Internet safety day is coming up on 7th February. Miss Barlow, our computing lead, has prepared assembly and learning material for the children. Links will be sent during this

week to enable you to support your children at home.

ATTENDANCE: Please can I remind you that holidays are unauthorised and really impact on your child's learning when taken in term time. It is vital that absence request forms are completed a minimum of 3 weeks before you consider taking your child out of school. We appreciate your honesty about the nature of absences – your children enjoy sharing their experiences with us.

STRIKE DAY 1st FEB

We will be open and normal service will be in operation!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7th Feb	Safer Internet Day
8 th Feb	Class 4 Humanist speaker visiting
10 th Feb	Break up for half term – normal time
20 th Feb	Term resumes
27 th Feb	Class 4 Class assembly 3pm school hall. Parents invited to attend.
28th Feb & 2nd March	Parent consultations – details & booking nearer the time
15 th March	Class 2 Class assembly 3pm school hall. Parents invited to attend.
21st March	Class 3 Class assembly 3pm school hall. Parents invited to attend.
22 nd March	Class 1 Class assembly 3pm school hall. Parents invited to attend.

That's all the news for now. Many thanks to you all for your continued support.