



Newsletter 4

Friday 22nd October 2021

Happy Half Term!

I cannot believe how quickly this half term has gone! It feels like only yesterday we were welcoming everyone back after the Summer holidays and here we are having reached half term.

I would like to state how immensely proud I am of each and every child for their hard work and efforts over the past 7 weeks. Although there are still Covid measures in place, the school has managed to run in a relatively 'normal' fashion (whatever normal looks like!). The children never cease to amaze me with their resilience and ability to bounce back after such a challenging few years.

I have also been proud of our staff and their work ethic and dedication in enabling our children to have a happy, safe and exciting school life. All our new staff members have hit the ground running and have been a real asset to the school. I truly believe we have the best staff in the world!

As you know, we are sadly saying goodbye to Miss Saunders and Mrs Moon. We wish them all the very best of luck for the future and you will be sorely missed. Please keep in touch and you will be welcomed back any time.

I would like to wish you and your families a happy and healthy half term. I hope the children are able to rest, recuperate and recharge those batteries, ready to tackle yet more learning, sport and fun in the second half term on the lead up to Christmas (I promise I won't mention this again in October!)

Countries Day!

As you will be aware, we celebrated China as part of our Countries Day yesterday and what a day it was! Every class had the opportunity to partake in a hands-on *Dragon Dancing Workshop*, which involved dancing with a real dragon, dancing with fans, and using authentic Chinese parasols. The children also had the opportunity to sample a range of Chinese delicacies, from lychees to spring rolls, whilst also producing some amazing art and DT work. Please see below for some photographs of the day.

Every child commented on how enriching and fun the day was. Thank you to all those of you who helped your child to celebrate the day and supported your child wearing red for the day.

I would like to specifically thank Mrs Wright who planned the day. There was so much to organise, from ordering food to timetabling, and without this work, the day simply would not have gone ahead so a very big thank you on behalf of the school. A special mention also for all staff members who through themselves (some quite literally!) into the day and created some memories that will last a long time.



House Points

Culm
800

Otter
731

Exe
714

Lowman
808

Secondary School Applications - Reminder for Year 6 Parents

The application window for Year 7 secondary school admission in 2022 is coming to a close. Parents of Year 6 pupils have received a letter from the Local Authority giving details about applications for secondary schools. It is important that all Year 6 parents make their applications either on-line or send a paper copy to the Admissions Team at Devon County Council by **31st October 2021**. It is important that the application is made on time so that parents can secure a place for their child at the secondary school of their choice. If you have any difficulties accessing this online, please ask school for assistance and we will happily support your application (All children who currently attend this school will automatically get a place at Uffculme School regardless of whether they live in the catchment area or not, ***but you will still need to go through the Devon County Council application process***).

Reminder - Admission for Primary School Places for September 2022

Applications for primary school places for 2021/2022 are co-ordinated by the School Admissions Team at Devon County Council. Devon schools offer admission to primary school as a single offer point if the child was born between 01.09.2017 and 31.08.2018. Parents are encouraged to make their application online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline from **15th November 2021 to 15th January 2022**. If you cannot apply online, you will be able to apply using a hard copy of the common application form. If you require a hard copy of the application form, please contact the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 from the 15th November. Please note that it will not be possible to make an application by email.

The deadline for primary school places for 2022/2023 is 15th January 2022 and unfortunately applying late could mean that your child does not get a place at your preferred school. The school's prospectus is online on the website and we are currently planning some open mornings on the 3rd, 5th and 11th November.

Sporting success

Congratulations to all those who ran in the Culm Valley association X-Country event at Killerton. All runners in each year group accumulated points for the team score. Incredibly, the team did so well that they currently lead the standings with the second event due in March. Please see each individual result below:

Year 3 Boys	1st Freddy H	4th Eddie M	12th Arthur T	13 Daniel J
Year 3 Girls	3rd Josie F	11th Lizzie R-E	12th Eloise C	
Year 4 Boys	4th Lucas C	13th Olaf K	15th Harry S	34th Tyler B
Year 4 Girls	2nd Jess S	13th Jess C	14th Eliza W	
Year 5 Boys	7th Freddie S	11th Alfie C	13th Louis T	18th Maddox W
Year 5 Girls	1st Alyssia H	7th Phoebe E	8th Beth S	15th Isla T
Year 6 Boys	6th Connor P	14th Luke M	15th Jack B	25th Ryan J
Year 6 Girls	5th Emily M	12th Molly E-S	14th Katie L	15th Mia B

For the first year ever, all of our team have qualified to move onto the next round (East Devon) at Bicton on the 12th November. Well done to everyone involved!

Yours sincerely,
Fraser Wallace
HEADTEACHER



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