

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

SURVEY RESULTS

Before Christmas we asked the children to complete a survey about their views of school. We were very pleased with the results and it also gave us some food for thought. I have included some of the results below:

98.4% of children strongly agreed or agreed that Landsc@re was a good school.

98.3% of children strongly agreed or agreed that they were taught well at school.

100% of children strongly agreed or agreed that they like their teacher.

97% of children strongly agreed or agreed that they did lots of different things at school.

92% of children strongly agreed or agreed that they knew what to do to improve (we have reminded children in assembly about their target sheets as the front of their literacy books and the feedback given by teachers in response to their work).

98.3% of children strongly agreed or agreed that they knew how to behave in school.

98.3% of children strongly agreed or agreed that they knew they are doing their very best in school.

We scored less highly with regards to children knowing how to keep healthy. We have already discussed this as a staff and will be working on this with the children in lessons, making the link between work in PE and how this helps us keep fit.

87% of children strongly agreed or agreed that they were taught how to keep healthy and 90% of children strongly agreed or agreed that they were encouraged to keep fit.

Homework remained an issue – something which we have looked at this year but will explore in more depth next term.

80.5% of children strongly agreed or agreed that they knew that homework helps them improve or understand their work in class.

SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN

I received a message from Juliet Phillips to say that unfortunately, due to other work commitments, she will need to cancel the school nurse drop ins for the remainder of the year. Sue Dennis will be meeting with me to arrange alternative dates as soon as possible. I will let you know when they are decided.

KENT'S CAVERN

As part of our Stone age topic this term, year 3 and 4 took part in a great trip to Kents cavern in Torquay. We found out what life would have been like 40,000 years ago for the various inhabitants of the cave including bears, wolves and homo sapiens. We also found out how dark it got in the Bear's pit when all the lights were turned out!



The children are absorbing so much information about this fascinating time and are looking forward to getting their teeth stuck into their group projects after half term.



FUN FAMILY BARN DANCE

There will be a Fun Family Barn Dance in aid of the Crediton Parish Church Roof Appeal on Saturday 4th March 2017 from 7pm - 10pm. The event will be held in Landsc@re School Hall, featuring a live band 'A New Vintage' with caller 'Rosie Baines'. Tickets Adults £10 (£8 in advance), Children U16 £6 (£5 in adv) and Family Ticket £23 (two adults & 2 U16 adv only) available from <http://www.spinningpathmusic.co.uk/id68.html>. Call 01363 774426 and speak to Ed Rennie for more details.

NEWSLETTER

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COLD/WET WEATHER

Can I please ask that children come to school with appropriate coats for the weather. Unless it is really heavy rain or windy, we try to get the children out for fresh air over break time and lunchtime.

DISCO

The next PTA school disco will be held on Wednesday 8th February. The Key Stage One disco will run from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and the KS2 disco will run from 5:45 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale in the school office or can be bought on the door. Tickets cost £2 and snacks will be provided for the children. The children will need to be collected from the hall at end of their disco. Thank you to the PTA and staff who will be helping out on the evening.

WORMS

A number of parents have mentioned problems with threadworms recently. If the eggs get stuck on the person's fingertips when they scratch, they can be transferred to their mouth or on to surfaces and clothes. If other people touch an infected surface, they can then transfer the eggs to their mouth. Can I ask you, as we have done in school, to remind children about the importance of washing hands regularly.

For more information regarding threadworms and the best way to treat them can be found at:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Threadworms/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

JUNIOR SQUASH COACHING

Would your child like to play squash?

Squash is an amazing sport, it builds up your speed, agility and stamina: it is great for hand-eye coordination and for improving general fitness. But most of all, it is **fun!** Kirton Youth Squash Club welcomes children age 7 and upwards. You don't need to have had any previous experience, you just need to be keen to give it a go! It runs **every Saturday morning 10.00-11.30 at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre** in Crediton. We have two qualified coaches (DBS checked) and we can supply equipment – all you need are non-marking trainers and comfortable clothes. Try your first session for free! Any queries, or for further information contact Sarah (01363 866231) or Clive (01566 784662 or 07825701902)

WRITING

The attitude of the children in school this term has continued to be excellent. I have been fortunate enough to have seen high quality work on an almost daily basis. I was particularly impressed with some writing from two children in Year 5. I have included an extract below:

An extract from 'The quest for the elemental phoenix' by James Harmer

As the waterfall dived into the stream below, the vines curled around the tree, hugging it. The rain forest was like a vast hall, the trees were like pillars holding the roof of leaves up. The undergrowth was like thick carpeting surrounding the gargantuan trees. The rain forest inhabitants were dozing peacefully now, but at night it was a different story. The forest floor was littered with jewel-like flowers, competing for the dim light that filtered through the canopy.

An extract from 'The quest for the Pomjugeela' by Isaac Wright

As a wonderful, tropical day dawned, a symbolic warm beam of light flashed down signalling yet another sunny day. While the sun rose higher and higher in the light blue sky, a single solitary sloth unhurryingly plodded along singing a tune (in a typical sloth way). Surrounding him, the glorious leaves swayed happily in the warm wind. Beneath the wooden giants, the glowing understory filled with bushes huddled and waved to and fro. The tall monster-like trees waddled closer and then whispered between themselves.

Deep between the colossal trees beside the flowing stream stood a confident, gentle man by the name of Wayne. A few feet behind him was another man who was leaning back against a tree and moaning, "Oh! Why did I agree to come on one of your pointless quests for a non-existent beast?" "Alex oh Alex! This was never going to be easy, but on the other hand we will definitely and I mean definitely find it!" yelled Wayne. They were hunting for the Pomjugeela; a famous beast that is believed to be undefeatable. You would know if you had found it because you would here the scraping of his claws or the flapping of his wings.

If you would like to find out the ending of either story, please talk to the boys, who will be happy to share.

KEY DATES:

Some important dates for your diary:

Wednesday 8th February KS1 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. PTA Disco

Wednesday 8th February KS2 5:45 to 7:00 p.m. PTA Disco
13th to 17th February – Half Term

Monday 20th February – Non Pupil Day

Monday 13th March – Parents Evening

Wednesday 15th March – Parents Evening

Thursday 16th March @ 2p.m. TEAM 1 OPEN AFTERNOON

Wednesday 22nd March – Parents Evening

Thursday 23rd March @ 2 – 3:00 p.m. TEAM 2 OPEN AFTERNOON

28th March @ 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

TEAM 3 OPEN AFTERNOON (CHANGE OF DATE!)

Thursday 30th March @ 9:30 a.m. – Spring Concert

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