



Thank you FOBS and the Co-op

We are very excited to say that we will be holding an Arts Week in the week starting 18th June. This has been made possible by the Co-op giving us funding to pay for professional artists to come and work with us. If any parents would like to get involved and support us with this, please contact the office.



The Co-op has also given us a grant to build a Reading Den/Shelter which we believe will look a bit like this.

It's thanks to FOBS applying for grants that we have had this support. Please support the School and choose us when you use your Co-op membership card. If you want know more about FOBS and fundraising, please contact **Ava and Dylan's Mum, Zoe.** You can leave a message for her at the Office.

Attendance

We have had fantastic attendance for the first week back after the Easter Break so thank you for your continued support in getting your children into school

For the week of 13th-20th April the schools total attendance was 98% - our best week of attendance all school year! Puffins, Kingfisher and Skylarks class all had 99% or more attendance.

Flamingos-94.28%

Puffins- 95.76%

Jays-95.28%

Kingfishers-99.04%

Parrots-96.02%

Swifts-95.94%

Skylarks-98.28%

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From EYFS and Mrs Paylor-Sykes

This term we have started with a theme chosen by the children. Our role-play middle room turned into a Vets, the children have been organising the waiting room, playing the role of worried pet owners, pets, vets and nurses. We have been wrapping legs, arms and heads, and injecting pets to make them better. We had the serious incident of a fish being bitten by a shark, and a crocodile with toothache! The block area has been used to build zoos, farms and aquariums. We have written about which pets we

would like to own, and about our very exciting visitor 'Silver' the rabbit who belongs to Melody. Silver is an indoor rabbit, who visited our classroom this week, we stroked and brushed her fur and asked questions about how to care for a rabbit.

Next week we hope to have a mystery pet coming to visit! We will be finding out about Frogs next week too! This term we will also be going on our very first trip, we will be going to The Miniature Pony Centre.

From Year 1 and Mrs Edwards

Our topic is 'Plants and Growth'. The seed planting has already started and we are looking forward to spotting the first shoots of life and learning about how plants and trees grow.

Our Spring walk to Hillah Woods helped us to become more familiar with our local area and showed us lots of signs of Spring- blossoms, lambs, buds, bird songs and more. We even had the opportunity to play the traditional game of 'Pooh sticks, lots of fun! Our challenge is to create a large class map of our walk.

The other day, we found a huge footprint, some beans and a hen in our classroom. We thought a giant had stepped in, it was very puzzling, so we decided to read the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' which will help us write some great stories of our own . . . we may even plant the beans we found!

In Maths, we are continuing to work on our reasoning and problem solving skills and explain and prove what we have found out. We are going to measure our plants as they grow, too.

So much to do this term!



Kingfisher Class , Mr Roberts & Ms Kellman
In Kingfishers we have had a very busy few weeks.

We've been making human clocks with the whole class to help us with our time work and creating drama and actions around our magical place writing topic (based on the book "Leon and the Place Between").

We have spent time working up in the garden classroom planting, sifting compost and we have even started to explore some yoga on Thursday afternoons too. The children have been working really hard and Mrs Nicholson and I are very proud of them!



Parrot Class and Mr Irons

Last term, Parrot class were invited to the year 4 music sharing festival at South Dartmoor Community College.

It was a fantastic day and the children gained lots of musical experiences.

We listened to choirs singing a range of songs, a funky jazz band with an ex pupil on bass guitar and we tapped our feet to the year 8 school band.

Each child got to play various musical instruments throughout the day, and to use their voices as an instrument.

Ben said, "It was good to see what my next school do in music."

'It was a great opportunity to learn how to play instruments if you didn't already know' said Molly and Belle.

Will said, "It was great to see children from Buckfastleigh at





Jay Class and Mr Hedger

Jay Class has had a very exciting start to the Summer term! When we first came back, something very mysterious had happened in the classroom and some toys were out of place.

Luckily, Mr Hedger had installed a special security camera in the classroom to capture the things that were happening over the break but someone had locked it! Using our amazing detective work, we uncovered the code to discover that one of the toys in the classroom had come alive and was causing mischief! They had sprayed paint all over the table and left crumbs everywhere as well.

We then wrote a letter to Mrs Hillman explaining what had happened and are currently writing wanted posters for our missing toys.

In Science we are starting to learn about plants and in PE we are creating a toy dance as well as learning some tennis skills. Our maths learning so far has seen us learn about the relationship between addition and subtraction and we will be learning about measuring very soon.

Swift Class and Mrs Dixon and Mrs Jones

We have had a great start to the new term in Swift class.

We have been looking at line graphs and finding angles of shapes in Maths and have started our new Literacy book called *The Chronicles of Harris Burdick*, working on writing with atmosphere and using a variety of genres.

The children have also really enjoyed beginning our new topic on the History of Buckfastleigh. We started this term off by getting all of the photos of the school through the years and in groups, put these into a timeline. We found images from Buckfastleigh starting all the way back in 1901 up to the present day. We have also been working on our map skills, plotting important landmarks of Buckfastleigh as well as road names. We have got a very exciting and trip filled half term planned, giving us a rich, in-depth understanding of the History of our local area.

The dates for our local visits can be found in the Dates for your Diary on the back page of this newsletter.



Skylark Class and Mr Evans

Skylarks have started their new topic of bread. This topic will be continuing for the rest of the term. As a part of this topic we have already made our first bread - a simple roll. It was mostly successful, hopefully some of you got to see or even taste the results. We will be baking several more versions - hopefully improving each time.



Governor News



Mrs Beverley Garland



Mr Malcolm Cowper

We are delighted to welcome Gill Gray to the Governing Body. To help with succession planning we now have two Chairs, Malcolm Cowper is joining Beverley Garland as Co-Chair, The functioning of the governing body relies on volunteers who give a great deal of time and energy to this important role. We are still keen to strengthen the skill set of our GB and would like to recruit new governors with time, enthusiasm and ideally with a background in education or business. Please do get in touch for further information.

We will be holding a Focus Group in the near future for all parents/carers. We are particularly interested in gathering views about what sort of curriculum would suit the children at Buckfastleigh Primary School to help them prepare for life in the 21st century.

If you would like further information on anything we can be reached via the school office.

Mrs Beverley Garland & Mr Malcolm Cowper

Around School

South Dartmoor Workshops

Since the beginning of the Spring term, some of our Year 4 and 5 children have been visiting South Dartmoor Community College to take part in various educational workshops.

Travelling over in small groups, the children meet up with pupils from the feeder primary schools to attend a variety of workshops including, hockey, English, maths and the Chelsea Football Academy.

These workshops are a gentle way of introducing the children not only to South Dartmoor but also to pupils from the other Academy Primary schools.

All the children who have attended so far have given us great feedback. They really enjoyed the experience and asked if they could go again!

Children who have gone Above and Beyond with their work or their behaviour in school enjoy a drink and a biscuit with Mrs Hillman.



Drumming Club

There are still places left in Drumming Club with Ms Kellman for any children in Key Stage 2.

Signing up slips are outside the

Dates for the diary

Mon 30th April	Swift Class visit to Valiant Soldier
Tue 1st May	Class photos
Thurs 10th May	Swift Class visit to Buckfast Abbey
Mon 14th May– Fri 18th May	KS2 SATS week
Mon 14th May	Swift Class visit to Buckfastleigh Station Museum
Fri 18th May	FOBS Discos 5:00– 6:00 & 6:15– 7:15
Mon 21st May	Swift Class visit to Pengelly Caves
Mon 21st –Wed 23rd May	Year 6 Residential Trip to Dartmouth
Thurs 24th May	Shopaholic Fundraising Fashion Show 7:00pm - 7:30pm
Fri 25th May	Swift Class visit to Holy Trinity(Burnt Out Church)
Thurs 7th June	Foundation Class trip to Miniature Pony Centre
Wed 13th June	Headteacher's Tea/Volunteers' Tea 2:30pm
Fri 15th June	Film Night Y1&Y2 3:30—4:30, KS2 4:45-6:15
w/c Mon 18th June	Arts Week
Thur 21st June	Whole School Sports Day 10:00am Duckspound (if cancelled due to wet weather it will be held on Thurs 28th June)
Tue 26th / Wed 27th June * change of date	Year 6 Show Evenings
Thurs 28th June	Date reserved for Sports Day (if cancelled due to wet weather on Thur 21st June)
Fri 29th June	FOBS Summer Fayre from 3:30pm
Thu 12th July	Year 6 Barbeque in the Garden (Supported by Y6 parents and FOBS)
Fri 20th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9:00– 10:10
Fri 20th July	Last day of Term

***Please note change of date.**

Requested by Mr Irons, who reminded us that England have a World Cup game on the 28th June!



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