

Weekly

Parent Bulletin



Monday 14th March 2022

Busy times!

After the huge excitement and success of book week last week, the children have this week been throwing themselves into even more energetic learning!

The many trips and sporting events that have happened this week include gymnastics, handball, a Y4 event at Tarka Tennis, swimming in Y5, golf, a Y2 trip to Cold Harbour Mill, recorders and a whole school track challenge - Phew! It is just wonderful to offer a full range of activities for our children across the school to enjoy and learn from, but we also want to say a huge thank you to the many adults, both staff and volunteers who make this all possible. We salute you all!

The unsettled weather continues to remind us that it is vital that children come to school with a coat. We know some children can be reluctant to wear a coat, but please can all parents and carers make sure that their child brings one to school.

Hopefully sunnier and warmer days are not far away!

We wish everyone a safe and happy weekend

Mr Blunt and Ms Warner

Growth Mindset Winners

Congrats to our Growth Mindset Winners this week:

Nursery – Rory Carpenter

MPA – Dotty Jenkins

TRG – Kiara Birchall

EFI – Toby John

LLO – Skyla Hurley

SAB – Charlie Clements

DSM – Indi Hynd

BPH – Leeland Wheeldon

AWE – Elsa Mann

LWA – Ava Santos-Almeida

HCA – Corey Johnson

JGO – Seth Hook

RPR – Ted Hill & Ella Delaney

RSO – Danni West

DMO – Aisha Lehan



Year 4 Tennis Festival

What a fabulous morning at the Tarka Tennis centre with our Yr4s. There were over 200 children taking part over lots of different tennis skills bases delivered by the Park School Sports Leaders. It was great to see some of our ex-pupils working hard to support the children. Great fun was had by all!



Year 2 Trip to Coldharbour Mill

Our year 2 students really enjoyed their day at Coldharbour Mill in Cullompton this week. We all had to applaud the growth mindset of our coach driver, who despite getting stuck at the entrance to the mill, managed to return everyone to school on time!



This Week in Forest School

This week our theme was signs of spring and we read 'Tiny, Perfect Things' by M.H. Clark. We played scavenger hunt Bingo and were amazed by all the different natural things we found. We also used a Japanese cloth-dyeing technique called 'Hapa-Zome' to capture some of the abundant growing plants.



Choir

We now have KS2 Choirs up and running again after a long break.

Year 3/4 on Tuesdays, 12:45 in BPH with Mrs Bazzard.

Year 5/6 on Wednesdays, 1:20 in RSO with Mrs Ward.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Club Updates

Please note the following changes to lunchtime and after school clubs:

GYMNASTICS CLUB – JGO, RPR, DMO & RSO – **CHANGED TO TUESDAY 15TH MARCH**

FRIDAY 18TH MARCH – YEAR 3 LUNCHTIME CROSS COUNTRY **CANCELLED**

Discussing the news with children

The current conflict in Ukraine could be causing some children to feel anxious and unsettled. Therefore, it is essential that children are being effectively supported during these times. The resources below have been selected as offering key advice for parents, carers and school staff supporting children in understanding the current situation in Ukraine.

Advice for Parents/Guardians, Teachers and Other Caregivers

Useful Websites

- [Supporting children to manage anxiety over war, conflict and crises](#) – BPS
- [Talking to your children about scary world news](#) – Mental Health Foundation
- [War, Crisis, Tragedy: How to talk with kids when the news is scary](#) - KQED
- [Talking with Children About War and Violence in the World](#) – Family Education

Advice for children and young adults

These resources are aimed at children and young adults and discuss what they can do if they are feeling sad/ worried about what they've seen, heard or read.

Useful Websites

- [Advice if you're upset by the news](#) - Newsround
- [Worries About The World](#) – Childline

Timetable – Spring Term

PE

Monday: RPR, LLO, EFI, MPA, TRG, JGO

Tuesday: LLO, DSM, SAB, HCA, DMO

Wednesday: LWA, EFI, DMO, RSO, **RPR, JGO**

Thursday: DSM, SAB, BPH, AWE, HCA, LWA

Friday: BPH, AWE, RSO,



Children will be requested to wear their PE kits to school on PE days. This can include joggers and sweatshirts in the cooler weather.



Forest School

Monday: HCA

Tuesday: JGO, AWE

Wednesday: LLO,

Thursday: DSM, DMO

Friday: RPR

Please come to school in uniform and bring waterproofs and wellies in a named bag. They need to be taken home afterwards. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 24th March – Year 1 Trip to Coldharbour Mill

Thursday 24th March – Year 3 Trip to Bristol, We The Curious

Friday 25th March – Year 4 Trip to Bristol, We The Curious

Menu from Monday 14th March 2022

	School Meal 1	Vegetarian	Pudding
Monday	Westcountry sausages served with oven baked jacket wedges and baked beans or sweetcorn	Vegetarian sausages served with oven baked jacket wedges and baked beans or sweetcorn	Homemade crunchy flapjack
Tuesday	Yummy pork meatballs in tomato sauce served with pasta spirals and green salad	Homemade tomato pasta neapolitan served with green salad	Homemade chocolate date finger
Wednesday	Homemade chicken and vegetable pie with sauté potatoes and sliced carrots	Freshly baked mushroom and stilton wellington with sauté potatoes and sliced carrots	Strawberry iced fruit smoothie
Thursday	Homemade beef chilli topped with cheese and nachos	Homemade vegetarian chilli topped with cheese and nachos	Homemade lemon drizzle sponge
Friday	Oven baked coddie bites alongside golden fries and mushy peas	Oven baked quorn dippers alongside golden fries and mushy peas	Homemade custard biscuits

Payments for dinners (£2.30) are to be made online at 'www.mychildatschool.com' or via MCAS app.

Jacket potato with beans is available most days.

Fresh salad available every day

Fruit and yoghurt available every day as an alternative to pudding.

Some of our food contains allergens (which are closely monitored). If you have any concerns please speak to a member of staff.

Clubs Timetable – Spring Term 2 – SEE CHANGES

After School Clubs

Monday	Yr 4/5/6 Girls Football	28 th February 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th March 4 th April	4:15 Finish
	KS1 Gymnastics	See Below	
Tuesday	<u>Yr 5 & 6 Golf</u>	1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th March	4:15 Finish
Wednesday	<u>Yr 5 & 6 Handball</u>	2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th March	4:15 Finish
	KS2 Gymnastics	See Below	
Thursday	Yr 3 Handball	3 rd , 10 th , 17 th March	4:15 Finish
	Yr 4 Handball	24 th , 31 st March 7 th April	
	Drama	10 th , 17 th , 24 th , 31 st March 7 th April	4:30 Finish
Friday	Yr 2 Tennis	Group 1: 4 th , 11 th , 18 th March	<u>4:00 Finish</u>
		Group 2: 25 th March, 1 st , 8 th April	

Gymnastics

Mondays	LLO	14 th Mar, 16 th May, 20 th Jun
	EFI	21 st Mar, 23 rd May, 27 th Jun
	DSM	28 th Feb, 25 th Apr, 6 th Jun, 4 th Jul
	SAB	7 th Mar, 9 th May, 13 th Jun, 18 th Jul
Wednesdays	BPH & AWE	2 nd Mar, 22 nd Mar, 4 th May, 25 th May, 22 nd Jun
	LWA & HCA	9 th Mar, 30 th Mar, 11 th May, 8 th Jun, 29 th Jun
	JGO, RPR, DMO & RSO	15 th Mar, 6 th Apr, 18 th May, 15 th Jun, 6 th Jul

Lunch Time Cross Country Club

Tuesdays: Yr 2 Wednesdays: Yr 5 & 6 Thursdays: Yr 4 Fridays: Yr 3

Birthdays

Happy Birthday from everyone at Sticklepath!



Alaya Moule – 14th March

Lincoln Wheeldon – 14th March

Olivia Bedford – 14th March

Frederick Chapman – 17th March

Ellie-May Ellis – 19th March

Nathan Cane – 20th March

Theo Harvey – 20th March

**WANT TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY?**



Have you considered teaching?

We have helped people just like you start a successful career as a Primary School Teacher.

Find out more about the DPSCITT course by joining us for one of our open evenings:

12/01/22	Exeter	Trinity Primary School
31/01/22	Barnstaple	Roundswell Primary School
01/02/22	Ivybridge	Manor Primary School
30/03/22	Online	Join us via Zoom

Book your place now at: www.dpscitt.ac.uk



TRY TENNIS INVITATION!



**FOLLOWING OUR YEAR 4 TENNIS FESTIVAL -
WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL CHILDREN
AGED 8 & 9 TO COME AND TRY TENNIS FOR
FREE IN ONE OF OUR FUN COACHED LESSONS!**

WHEN?

4 Options - Choose either:

- **MONDAYS - 4pm or 5pm**
- **SATURDAYS - 11am or 12noon**

HOW DO WE SIGN UP?

**Email: tarkatennis@gmail.com NOW for your
child's FREE taster tennis lesson! Don't miss out!**