



Monday 15th November 2021

We are incredibly proud of how all our children observed the 2-minute silence this week in classes and asked thoughtful questions about the history behind poppy day. I was fortunate to be invited by Year 4 to attend their Forest School Remembrance Service, in which they laid handmade poppies of remembrance in our special memorial area on the field. They paused thoughtfully and respected the moment of calm.

Today, 5 children from our School Council at Sticklepath represented the school at the annual Children's Remembrance Service in Rock Park which is attended by all the schools in Barnstaple. We were also delighted to be joined by our former teacher and military man, Mr John Murray, who was on hand to talk to the children about the significance of the event. We met up with the school council from Eden Park and it was a real joint effort to produce two stunning wreaths to lay at the service. Sticklepath Forest School team helped the children create the wreaths and Eden Park children made the poppies that decorated them. The two schools then had their pictures taken with the dignitaries. A real collaborative team effort!

We sold out of all our poppies and gifts so we are hoping a large amount of money will be raised for this deserving cause and those affected by injury and loss of loved ones, which we know includes many of our own families.

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 – Joshua Jennings

MPA – Thomas Wilkie

SAB – Samuel Hill

TRG – Lochlan Paterson-Bell

DSM – Quinn Beck

EFI – Zane Thomas

BPH – Jaycee-Mae Sines

LLO – Jessica Jennings

AWE – Dougie Stirland

SAB – Samuel Hill

JGO – Oliver Cole

DSM – Quinn Beck



A Message from School Council

On Friday 19th, 2021, we are going to have a fundraiser event for Children In Need day.

For this occasion, children can wear something spotty such as face paint, spots in your hair, spotty clothes and much more. Any donation is acceptable as all of the money will go to the charity. This is for all years, so do your bit with a spotty kit!

Chair, Vice chair of school council,
Rosco and Ellie.



Year 1 Trip to The Bear Trail

We had a fabulous trip to The Bear Trail, where our growth mindsets were really tested! We were so impressed with the children's resilience, teamwork and how they really embraced the many challenges that were thrown at them. They were a real credit to our school and it was a very proud day for us all. Many thanks to the parent helpers who came along to support us - we couldn't have done it without you!



Cross Country



We had a fabulous morning at Bratton Fleming Cross Country event on what was a very difficult course, slippery, muddy and hilly! All children put in incredible effort, persevering over the difficult terrain with excellent results. Congratulations to our winners Sonny, Amelia and Ted, second place for Dougie and a third place for Samuel. Well done to all our students who raced.

Year 3 & 4 Trip to St Nicholas Priory

On Thursday and Friday, Year 3 and 4 had our long awaited trip to Exeter for our Tudor history enquiry. We were lucky enough to explore both primary and secondary sources of evidence from the Tudor period. The children used these to draw conclusions about what life was like. We then got to see what a Tudor house was like as it has been restored to as it was for the Hurst family 500 years ago. Travelling back in time 500 years ago was certainly an unforgettable experience. We are so proud of how fantastically behaved all the children were and they were a credit to Sticklepath.



This Week in Forest School

This week's theme has been sticks. We have read the books Not-a-stick written by Antoinette Portis and created something different using a stick.

We have also read Stickman by Julia Donaldson and constructed a shelter for stickman. As part of our environment COP26 challenge, we have planted strawberry plants for more fruit and sweetpeas sown to encourage more insects.

Finally, some children made their own poppies and placed in our remembrance area and we made a class poppy.



COP26

As part of our ongoing working environment and to engage the children in their school environment more, the classes that have forest school this term have decided upon the following pledges/changes/statements. Each class had several good ideas then voted on the one they could support the best in their Forest school time. This will all work alongside the Eco Warriors who have already started with the outside environment.



LLO- to grow more food for all wildlife, including ourselves.

SAB-to increase the wildlife habitat (ensuring a more balanced eco system).

DSM-To clear the litter and recycling improvements

BPH-To grow more fruiting bushes and fruit trees

HCA-To Upcycle and repurpose resources.

EFI- (still to be agreed)

Dates for December



Wednesday 15th December

9.30 - 10 - MPA Reception Nativity

5:30-6:30pm - Year 3 Carol Concert

Thursday 16th December

9.30 - 10 - TRG Reception Nativity

5:30-6:30pm - Year 4 Carol Concert

We are currently hoping to have parents/ carers to watch their child's performance but this is limited to only two adults per child. We will also be asking that you wear a face covering unless you are exempt. We will of course monitor the ever-changing COVID situation and may need to adapt arrangements nearer the time.

Year 1/2 will produce an Easter performance in the Spring term and Year 5/6 will produce an end of year performance in the Summer term.

Important Dates

Wednesday 1st & Friday 3rd December – Year 5/6 Trip to Bristol Museum

Tuesday 14th December – Flu Vaccinations

Timetable

PE

Monday: EFI, LLO, AWE, BPH

Tuesday: SAB, DSM, HCA, JGO, RPR

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

Thursday: DMO, DSM, SAB, MPA, TRG

Friday: LLO, AWE, BPH, LWA, 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

Tuesday: LLO, SAB

Wednesday: DSM, BPH

Thursday: HCA, EFI

Friday: Nursery (PM)

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

Headlice

HEADLICE HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASS

How to Spot Headlice

Detection combing is the best way of finding head lice. With the use of a special fine-toothed head lice comb the comb can trap even the smallest lice. It works better on wet hair but can be used on dry hair.

Treatment

Head lice can usually be effectively treated by wet combing, using a specially designed head lice comb (see above). Wet combing needs to be done regularly and can take a long time to do thoroughly. Lotions or sprays can be used as an alternative. However, to be totally effective they need to be applied correctly and thoroughly. Your pharmacist will be able to recommend a lotion or spray and give you advice about how to use it correctly.

Prevention

It's difficult to prevent a head lice infestation because head lice are spread by head-to-head contact. Regular combing on a weekly basis – is the best way to find new lice quickly. Lotions and sprays don't prevent head lice and should only be used if a live louse has been found on your, or your child's, head.



Menu from Monday 15th November 2021

	School Meal 1	School Meal 2	Vegetarian	Pudding
Monday	Westcountry sausages with oven baked jacket wedges and baked beans		Veggie sausages with oven baked jacket wedges and baked beans	Homemade golden flapjack
Tuesday	Homemade chicken fajitas served with fluffy potato puffs, sweetcorn or sliced carrots	Cheese wrap served with fluffy potato puffs, sweetcorn or sliced carrots	Veggie style chicken strips in sweet chilli sauce served in a wrap with fluffy potato puffs, sweetcorn or sliced carrots	Homemade apple crumble and custard
Wednesday	Homemade cottage pie with mixed vegetables	Breaded chicken fillet served with crunchy herby potatoes and sweet garden peas	Homemade veggie cottage pie with mixed vegetables	Strawberry iced fruit smoothie
Thursday	Homemade pasta bolognese with yummy homemade bread	Homemade tomato pasta with yummy homemade bread	Homemade macaroni cheese with yummy homemade bread	Homemade iced sponge & sprinkles
Friday	Battered small fry alongside golden fries and seasonal vegetables		Quorn dippers alongside golden fries and seasonal vegetables	Freshly baked white chocolate chip cookie

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

Please do not send cash in the office – we are trying to reduce cash handling.

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

After School Sports Clubs

We have been overwhelmed by the level of enthusiasm for the after school sports clubs and have received applications from over 250 children.

In order to give **all children** who applied an opportunity to take part we have had to split some clubs and dates. Please read the following information carefully:

Monday	Yr 4/5/6 Girls Football	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th November
	KS1 Gymnastics	See below
Tuesday	Yr 3 Dance	2nd, 9th, 16th November
	Yr 4 Dance	23rd, 30th November, 7th December
Wednesday	Yr 5/6 Netball	2rd, 10th, 17th, 24th November, 1st December
	KS2 Gymnastics	See below
Thursday	Yr 2 Multiskills (DSM)	4th, 18th November, 2nd December
	Yr 2 Multiskills (SAB)	11th, 25th November, 9th December
Friday	Yr 5/6 Hockey	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th November 3rd December

Gymnastics

Mondays	LLO EFI DSM SAB	8th November 15th November 22nd November 29th November
Wednesday	BPH & AWE LWA & HCA JGO, RPR, DMO & RSO	10th November 17th November 24th November

Gymnastic dates for 2022 will be sent out later in the term.

If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Gaunt.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday from everyone at Sticklepath!



Nathan Warrell – 17th November

Community News



It would be greatly appreciated if you could vote for '50th North Devon Scouts' by using the following link: www.asda.com/green-tokens the top prize is £500 and this will go towards a **new scout hut**, the old one is sadly falling apart. Fundraising has been put on hold due to COVID but this will go some way to catch up on lost time. This is essential for local kids (**Sticklepath Community School pupils!**) to socialise, have fun and learn new skills. Click on the link above, type 'Barnstaple' and click on '50th Scouts North Devon' to vote! Thank you!

Louise found out a couple of weeks ago that she has a charity place in next year's London Marathon for Homestart UK. www.home-start.org.uk

The charity really supported her family when her twin girls Emma & Sophie were young, at a time when she was really struggling with mental health.

As part of her fundraising, she's holding a Christmas Charity Raffle on Facebook Live on 1st December. There are currently over £700 worth of prizes to be won. Details can be found on our Facebook page.





STICKLEPATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY ACADEMY NURSERY

3 and 4 year old places available from September 2021 in our
teacher led Nursery.

Funded Hours are accepted.

If you would like more information or would like to book a
place, please contact the school office on 01271 342455.

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