

Friday 17th January 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

We had three classes in non-uniform today celebrating their 500 class merits. Well done to Tarka, Saunton and Exmoor. Here's to the next 500!

Pre-school Build: We are continuing to work hard in order to complete the build, the interior walls are now plastered and the plumbing/electrics will be tackled next. Please let us know if you have any skills/time to spare in order to help us complete the challenge.

New intake for Reception: Don't forget to tell your friends and family about our school, it is not too late to apply for a space and we do have some spaces in other year groups.

Reading for enjoyment class rewards: This week the percentage scores on the doors are: Tarka 56% Saunton 78% Exmoor 72% Lundy 83% and well done to this week's winning class Barum 90%.

We are continuing to encourage reading for enjoyment and hope that you can do the same at home. Remind your child to read as often as possible, encourage them to choose different types of text and maybe take them to the <u>library</u> to borrow some books... **Safer Internet Day -** #freetobe...

Each year we use Safer Internet Day to explore a new area or theme that is important to the children we work with every day. We will explore how young people manage their online identity, and how the internet shapes how they think of themselves and others. We will be looking at how to stay safe online over this half term leading up to Safer Internet Day on February 11th.

By opening up conversations around online identity, we aim to inspire young people to support each other in being who they want to be. We want Safer Internet Day 2020 to celebrate difference and help us work towards creating a truly inclusive internet. Our school <u>website</u> also has some useful links with information for parents, please also look at the links below for further information.

<u>Online Safety Tips for Children</u> <u>What parents need to know about tik tok</u> <u>How to manage what your children watch on TV</u> PTFA

The PTFA disco is on Friday 14th February KS1 530-630pm KS2 645-745pm £2 includes entry and refreshments. Please pay online on <u>eduspot</u> by Feb 7th. (Reception children will need an adult to stay with them)

Pre-school news

This week we have been tasting Chinese noodles, egg fried rice and prawn crackers. The children have enjoyed the different foods.

We have been painting to make a Chinese dragon and talking about Chinese New Year.



We have noticed an increasing amount of toys from home coming into preschool. Please do not send these in it can cause upset if a toy is lost/broken/played with by others. If your child needs a transitional object to help settle them, please speak to a member of staff.

Reminders...

<u>Uniform</u>: We are proud of our high standards in school, this includes the uniform code. Please make sure your child has the correct uniform and shoes. If they do not you must write a note of explanation. Also, please make sure **all** items of clothing are named so they can be returned easily.

Lateness: Register closes at 8.45am, your child must be in school by this time. If they are late you will have to sign them in at the main office.

Please note your child is not supervised after 3.15pm or before 8.35am

Dates (Term dates are on the website)

Valentine Disco: Friday 14th February

Half Term: Monday 17th - Friday 21st February

<u>On site After School Child Care -'CABIN CLUB'</u> Mon-Friday 3.15-5.30pm £4.00 per hour including a snack Please book your child's place using the online <u>system</u> *Pre-booked places only due to staff ratio* Please make sure you child knows where they should be at the end of the day, every day, before they come to school.

If you need early morning care (from 7.45am) please contact Helen Robinson: 07789488080 or email helenrobinson@rocketmail.com With very best wishes Melanie Smallwood

<u>After school clubs next week</u> Monday: Music (Yr2 upwards) Tuesday: French (Yr2 upwards) Construction/Boards games (All age groups) Friday: Irish dancing - Young ones (beginners) 3:15-4:15 Older group 4:15-5:00 *Please check the clubs info for details and make sure your child knows where they should be every day after school, it is not possible for office staff to take last minute calls and organise your children