

Friday 22nd March 2024

It has been so wonderful to have the school full of parents this week – thank you all for coming to parents' evening, it really does make a huge difference to the children when they can see parents and teachers working together for their futures.

Our Reception and Year 1 children have been out and about this week at the library, we have had a football company in and expert tennis coaches working with some children. As a staff we all went to St Thomas Primary for a twilight staff meeting along with the rest of the Exeter Learning Academy Trust – we have most definitely been busy!

Please do watch the video this week as it contains some very important information about next week – thank you!

Anna Lopez
Headteacher

Key dates:

Last day of Spring Term – Thursday 28th March

First day of Summer Term – Monday 15th April

Friday 26th April – PTFA Bingo night

Saturday 27th April – Site Spruce-up day

Thursday 2nd May – School Closed

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th May – Year 4 Residential

Year 6 SATS Week – Week commencing Monday 13th May

School Discos – Friday 17th May

Reminders from the office:

Vision Screening for Reception Children:

Information was sent home earlier this week in paper form as well as via School Gateway. You do not need to do anything unless you do not want your child to be seen in which case return the completed slip to the office.

Easter Raffle – please bring your donations into class for the Easter Raffle. Tickets are £1.00 per strip and can be purchased from the classroom.

Year 4 Okehampton Residential – the final payment is due by Friday 1st May.

Thursday 2nd May – unfortunately school will be closed this day due to use as a Polling Station

Finally - don't forget to let us know if you have any change of details – mobile phone, new work number, address etc so we can keep our records up to date. Thank you.

Start of the day:

After further consultation with staff, and in response to the parent survey feedback, we are going to trial a new start to the day for the duration of next week. Rather than lining up, we are going to ask children to go straight into the building from **8.40 am** – just like they do when it's raining. The doors will open at 8.40 am and close at 8.50 am – so please make sure your child is in school within this 10 minute window.

Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 children can go in through their external doors (Squirrels will go through the side door next to the Reception classrooms).

Year 4/5 can use either the side door (next to the Reception classrooms) or the side door closest to the Year 6 building. Year 6 children will go straight into the canteen and up the stairs.

Thank you for all the interest in the Spruce Up Day. In answer to your questions: the day will run from 9:00 am to 17:00 pm (ish).

There's no pressure to stay all day though, just come when you can.

The jobs will depend on the weather but include things such as painting, cleaning, weeding and trips to the tip.

There are no special skills required, just the ability to wield a brush or duster, or serve drinks and snacks.

It's a great opportunity to help improve our school environment and to get to know other families.

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