Dear Families,

We've had a wonderful first week back after half-term, and it's been such a pleasure to see the children settling back into routines and engaging enthusiastically with their learning and play.

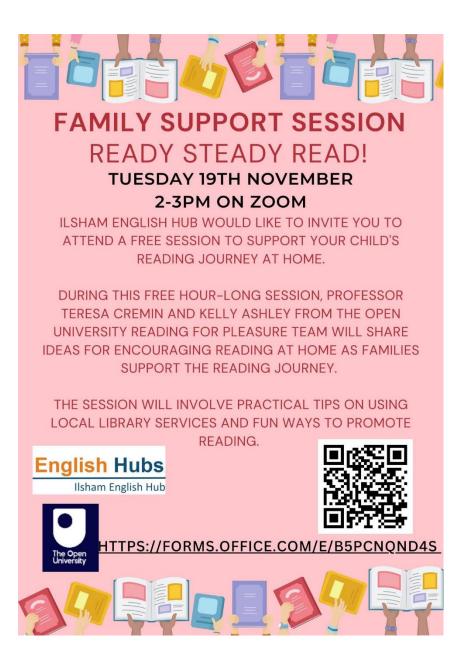
Excitingly, our new play equipment is arriving soon! Our School Council has been hard at work, planning a special opening ceremony to celebrate this addition. They're also busy organising rotas to ensure everyone gets a fair turn with the new equipment, as we know it's going to be a big hit!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more updates with you as the term progresses.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Coombe

Ps - Please see below for information on how to sign up for a useful parent reading workshop.



School Nursing service for parents/carers and primary aged children

If you're a parent/carer you can contact the public health nursing team (health visitors and school nurses) for information and advice via our parent texting service on **07520631721**.

You can also call or email via your local PHN hub:

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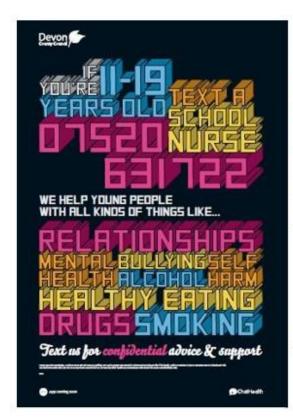
Tavistock area

southernphnhub@devon.gov.uk

T: <u>0333</u> 234 1901

You can request support from us online via a short form. Find out more about how to do this and what information we need https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/devon/school-nurses/

We also have a https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/devon/ that's split into a kids zone and a parent's zone with information about a range of health and wellbeing needs and sources of support if you need it.





Some important information for next week-

- PE for all classes every Wednesday (children may come to school in PE kit and stay in It all day)
- Forest and Beach sessions will resume next week, and this half term Butter Cove will be taking part in the morning session and Bantham will be taking part in the afternoon session.

Forest and Beach Dates Autumn 2

Tuesday 12th November

Tuesday 19th November

Tuesday 26th November

Key Dates Autumn Term

Event	Date / Venue
Children in Need non school uniform /	15 th November
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Disco	14 th November
FTS meeting (all welcome)	20 th November 2:00pm
Christmas Crafternoon	6th December
Christmas Dinner	6th December
Christmas Jumper Day	12th December
FTS Christmas Event	13th December
KS2 Carols	17th December 9am
(Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Parents Welcome to attend)	All Saints Thurlestone Church
KS1 Nativity (am & pm)	18th December
Last day of Autumn Term	19th December

All Saints Thurlestone Academy Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our weekly bulletin. Below you will find lots of useful information and lovely news from your child's classroom.



Steeple Cove Nursery

This week our focus has been.... firework safety

This week Steeple Cove have been learning about how to keep safe when around fireworks and a bonfire. We watched videos on how to act around fire and what to do if we find a fire while we are out and about.

Steeple Cove have become artists and made abstract firework pictures using, crayons, paint a and lot of glitter!

The children used the pattern tiles and chickpeas to recreate firework patterns, using the tweezers to balance the chickpeas on to the tiles.

Poco Loco-

On Thursday we were joined by Mrs Brownjohn for a Poco Loco session, the children were emersed into a Spanish lesson, learning different nursery rhymes and how to name our facial features in Spanish. We can't weit to learn more next week!

This week's phonics sounds have been...

K k k kangaroo B b b boot



Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

Esme

Esme has been blowing us away this last term with her phonics knowledge, each phonics session she is one of the first to repeat or recognise the sound on the card.

Well Done, Esme!



Yarmer Reception / Year One

Home Learning

We have been so impressed with how the children have returned after the half term break. They all seem to have matured somehow and have come back with outstanding attitudes towards their learning, exemplary listening, and such positive behaviour. We have witnessed so much kindness and thoughtfulness too, which has been wonderful to see. Well done and thank you Yarmer. Within our maths learning, we have become superheroes and have used our powers to practise the + and = symbols. We delved a little deeper into subtraction and have used different methods to help us with our calculations. The children were very excited to celebrate bonfire night. The playground was filled with colourful chalk fireworks and bonfires. They were fascinated to hear the story of Guy Fawkes and made some beautiful mixed media bonfire collages and printed some gorgeous firework paintings.



Reception – Handwriting: 'u' and 'b'

Year 1 - Maths – Subtraction on a number line worksheet.

Reading in Yarmer: Reading is key to everything your little one will do in school and we want every child to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading at home is key to this. Your child will bring home their reading record along with their RWInc books. It is really important that they read their book at least three times a week with a grown up. Please make a note of any comments in their reading record and we will follow them up in class.

Please note, Reception children will not be receiving a reading book until their newly taught phonic knowledge in fully embedded. Instead, they will be choosing library books for you to share with them. We will endeavour to visit the library each Friday.

RWInc reading books due in: Thursday Library reading books due in: Thursday

New reading books: Friday

Star of the Week!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98% Last week's attendance was 99% Brilliant work Yarmer!

Star of the Week

Nina has come back after the half term break with such incredible enthusiasm and confidence. She tries her best at everything, but has shown a particular keenness for RWI. Her listening and attitude to learning has been fantastic and we can't stop her practising her blending and writing. Well done Nina, we are so proud of you



Leas Foot Year One / Two

Home Learning

This week in Lea's Foot, we've had a fantastic time exploring new skills and ideas across subjects! As mathematicians, we tackled missing number problems, subtraction, and finding the difference. In Geography, we learned about climate change and brainstormed possible solutions. We started our ukulele lessons, which were a big hit! As artists, we explored primary, secondary, and tertiary colours, and in English, we enjoyed reading *The Scarecrows' Wedding*. In Science, we conducted an exciting experiment on opaque and transparent materials to determine the best curtains for astronauts. Finally, in RHE, we focused on understanding emotions, recognising behaviours, and learning how to respond to them thoughtfully. It's been a busy and enriching week!

Year 1 - Autumn 2 Maths Mat (1) + Spelling /s/ and /f/, spelt /ss/ and /ff/
Year 2 - Autumn 2 Maths Mat (1) + Spelling /n/ spelt /kn/ and less often /gn/ at the beginning of words

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RWInc reading books due in: Thursday Library reading books due in: Thursday Home learning due in: Thursday

Spelling test: Friday

For our upcoming art lessons, it would be great if each child can have an apron or old shirt to help protect their clothing. If possible, please send one in with your child that they can keep it at school for our creative projects—thank you!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Last week's attendance was 96%

Great start but let's try and improve next week!

Star of the Week

Maggie!

Maggie demonstrates a mature approach to learning, taking responsibility for her education and asking questions to fully understand new concepts. She's becoming a strong problem solver and in maths has been fab at proving and explaining her calculations.



This Week

Sedgewell Cove have returned to school brilliantly and with a thirst for their learning.

As writers we have started a new unit where we are learning about the techniques of persuasive writing to write a brochure for a destination. We have been learning about Sicily as a destination and have learnt lots of amazing facts about the island which includes the features of the landscape, the food, culture, activities and a selection of other wonderful knowledge. Collectively, we feel that Mount Etna would be top of our lists if we were to visit!

As mathematicians we are continuing to develop our addition skills and are now beginning to use column addition with the inclusion of some 'exchanging'. This can be tricky at first but we are already getting better by doing lots of practice.

As geographers we continue to learn about the water cycle and rivers and our focus this week was on the River Dart and many of the features, places and activities that you will find from it's source up on Dartmoor to the point it joins the sea in Dartmouth. We discovered that there are so many different things to do and see all along this wonderful river.

Home Learning

Home learning this year will consist of reading, spellings, maths, times tables and curriculum themed projects.

Reading

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Home Learning

For home learning this week, I would like you to complete a Maths activity demonstrating your learning on column addition.

Spellings

The children will have a sheet of look, cover, write, check spellings to complete ready for a test on Friday 15th November

Star of the Week	Star of the Week	
To the State of th	Poppie! Poppie has been amazing me with her writing recently. She	
	wrote a fantastic alternative traditional tale before half term which included loads of the features she had been learning about and this week she has written some	
	beautifully persuasive sentences as we begin our writing about Sicily. Keep it up Poppie &	
EVERY day counts attendance matters		
Attendance		
Our attendance target is 98%		

Last week's attendance was 93% Let's try and improve next week!



This week

This week in Butter Cove we have had a fantastic week! The children had a brilliant time at forest school on Tuesday with Pete, exploring the forest school grounds, lighting fires, collecting leaves and flowers to make artwork, creating models out of clay, building dens and digging the new pond area. We even started to think about how we could create shelter over the firepit too!

We also had our first music lesson with Mrs Bickle this week too! The children had so much fun learning about how sound is made and got the chance to learn some cords on the ukulele's too! I am really looking forward to seeing the progress over the following weeks!

I just wanted to say a huge well done to all those that completed their home learning over half term. It was incredible to see the artwork, models,

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Home Learning

This week I have set a maths task!

Spellings

Each week I will be setting the children spellings for them to learn. These will either be set from the Year 3/4 or Year 5/6 spelling lists. The children will be tested on these spellings every Friday.

Star of the Week!
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the week!

Star of the Week

Hetty!

Over the last few weeks Hetty has been shining in class and becoming more and more confident to raise her hand and share her ideas and learning with her friends!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98% Last week's attendance was 85% Let's try and improve next week!

Bantham Year Six

Welcome back Bantham! We have had a great week with our first Forest School session on Tuesday which was fantastic, and it stayed dry for us! We have started our new English unit this week and are all feeling very inspired after watching lots of persuasive speeches in preparation for writing our own
I have been so impressed by the amazing writing everyone has been producing!

We have been starting to tackle Fractions in Maths and are starting to get our heads round quite a tricky

topic - I look forward to seeing us all progress and fight the fraction fear!!

Thank you to everyone in Bantham who has been so welcoming to our new class member this week - thank you everyone for making her feel so welcome!

Home Learning

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Reading

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Home Learning

Complete the mental arithmetic mini test that has come home with you! There is an optional Science homework too - I'd love some of these for display!

<u>Spellings</u>

Each week I will be setting the children 10 spellings for them to learn. These will come from the statutory Year 5/6 spelling lists. The children will be tested on these spellings every <u>Friday</u>.

Star of the Week!



Star of the Week

Maya!

Maya has settled so wonderfully into her new class! She has taken everything in her stride, already trying her absolute best with all her learning and even offering to help out with lunch duty despite only just getting to grips with her new school! What a wonderful attitude!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98% Last week's attendance was 97% Nearly there Bantham!