



## Autumn 2019 Newsletter 2

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### Climate March

Pupils from South Tawton Primary School took part in the Climate Strike on Friday. The day started with a whole school assembly discussing the importance of the march, then we watched the Newsround footage from around the world which the children then discussed and shared their views on. The key points for change that came up were to stop using plastic, stop buying cling film, stop single use plastics, to save the oceans, stop cutting down the Rainforest and to car share or walk to work/school when possible.

It was clear that all pupils were very aware of what needs to be done and there was a superb buzz about the village when we took to the road armed with our high viz jackets and powerful banners!

All paper used in the march will be used as a display in the hall to keep the message strong and remind us what we can do to make an impact.

### Be the change you wish to see in the world!

'We did the most exciting thing that we ever did at school.' Hazel. 'It was epic!' Eve.



### PTA AGM

This will take place in the School Hall on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. We are very grateful to the PTA for all that they do to support the school.

### Primary Enrichment Programme

Please see the attached leaflet for the Primacy Enrichment Programme which will be running at Exeter University this term. If you are successful in booking your child a place on one of the courses, please fill in a request for absence form so that we can authorise the absence.

### Flu Immunisation

Immunisation for all children will be on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October in school. Please remember to register your child at <https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu2019/devon>. The deadline to register your consent is 29.09.19. The link will not be available after this date.

## Adventure Morning

On Wednesday, Year 6 attended the OCRA adventure morning. The children all had the opportunity to have a go at orienteering, fencing, cricket and aerobics. It was a fantastic morning and the children all worked brilliantly together, particularly during the orienteering activities. The children all thoroughly enjoyed the activities and learnt some new skills.



## After-School Clubs

	Club	Teacher	Year group
Monday	Football	Terry Bertram	4/5/6
Tuesday	Yr1 Cookery	Mrs Culverhouse & Mrs Glover	Year 1
	Hockey	Mrs Marvin	Year 5/6
Wednesday	Football	SAINTS	Whole School
	Cross Country	Mrs Everett	Yr 4/5/6 (max 25)
Thursday	Spanish	Miss Chalcraft	Yr 2,3,4(max14)
	Dobble (card game club)	Mrs Snell	Yr 3/4 (max8)
	Creative writing	Miss Pearce	Yr 4, 5, 6
	Netball	Mrs Dennis	Yr 5/6
Friday	Circuits	Mrs Donovan	Yr 5 & Yr 6

All clubs are now available to book through your school gateway accounts. The exceptions are cookery club which Mrs Culverhouse will organise on a rota basis and the SAINTS football club which is booked through their website <https://www.saintssouthwest.co.uk/map>

### Free School Meals – Do you think you could be entitled?

Parents/carers in receipt of certain benefits are entitled to Free School Meals for their children. Please go to the Devon Citizens Portal:

[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal\\_live](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live) to register and apply. It only takes a couple of minutes and you will get an instant decision. If you have any difficulty in applying, please contact the admin office and we will be happy to help you. Every child entitled to Free School Meals attracts additional funding for our school.

**NEWS: We will give every child who successfully registers for free school meals this term a Kindle! Please let us know if you are successful!**

## Eggcellent news!

Year R have 8 eggs that are incubating the class at the moment. We are looking forward to watching them hatch, then handling them and giving our chicks names. Anyone is welcome to visit Year R and take a look.



## New peripatetic music teachers

I have heard today that Sarah Small will not be teaching at South Tawton this term. Apologies to those families who were expecting to continue lessons with her. Please look at the teachers below to see if you wish to change to one of them. If the instrument your child was learning is not included, please let me know and we will see if we can find a replacement teacher.

### Tor Loram:

Victoria Loram has been teaching clarinet, piano and recorder in schools and privately for 30 years to children and adults of all ages. She has degrees from the Royal Northern College of Music and the University of Manchester. She has played with some of the top orchestras in the country, been a member of several successful chamber groups and given many concerto performances. She also enjoys dabbling in other musical styles e.g. jazz and folk. In her teaching, she incorporates games and improvisation as well as instrumental technique and music theory. She believes passionately that music should be fun and that it stimulates the brain in a way which can improve our capacity for learning thus having a positive impact on all aspects of life.

### Nick Bryant:

Nick is an experienced teacher of violin, piano and singing. Some of you may know him from running the 'Music Mayhem' club last year aimed at KS1. Nick has been a professional pianist and violinist with the Collaborative Orchestra, best known for reaching the semi-finals of Britain's Got Talent in 2016!

### Matt Petherbridge:

Matt has been teaching the guitar in Exeter and around Devon since 2003. He has extensive experience teaching a broad age range of students, from primary and secondary schools, to colleges and independents. He has had, on average, between 40-50 pupils a week during this time. He teaches both classical and plectrum guitar styles and uses, among many other resources, the Trinity syllabuses for exams if and when needed. He also uses the Rockschooll syllabus and examinations.

## Belstone Church Harvest Festival Service

Will be held in the church this Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 09.30. This is a family service and there will be a fun activity for the young people to make bird feeders. A collection of tinned/packet foods for The Okehampton Food Bank and packets of (vegetable) seeds for the Farms for City Children will be made.

## Dates for your diaries

October half term – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Last day of Autumn Term – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December