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Learn to love;
love to learn.



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AWARDS



Awesome Achievers

Class 1: Maci for amazing progress in reading.

Class 2: Freyja for her use of ambitious vocabulary.

Class 3: Taylor for an excellent attitude to learning.

Class 4: Chadrick for persevering in maths.

Witnesses of the Week

Class 1: Rupert for always being cheerful, friendly and kind to others.

Class 2: Beatrice for always listening to others.

Class 3: Bonnie for using her talents to help others.

Class 4: Amelia for supporting others in music lessons.

Star Reader Awards

Class 1: Lily for reading at home.

Class 2: Nevaeh for reading regularly at home.

Class 3: Morgana for her passion for reading and reading regularly at home.

Class 4: Lani for her passion and love of reading.

Attendance

Best Class this week is Class 2!



Whole School 95.39%↑

Class 1: 95.01% ↑

Class 2: 96.33%↑

Class 3: 94.43% ↑

Class 4: 95.96%↑

STILL RISING - WELL DONE!!!

If your child is absent please ring the school before 9:30 am.



Have you missed anything?

The following information was shared this week. If you feel you may have missed anything, please see Mrs Gibson who will be more than happy to help. Please be aware that the school office will not be manned from 12:45 to 1:15 pm each day. Please ensure you leave a message on the answer phone and we will return your call as soon as we can. Should you need to collect children during the day, please tell us in advance. Thank you.



Stationery Letter



Kents Cavern Trip (Dolphins)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21st Jan Dolphins to Kents Cavern

7th Feb: Plastic Pollution Workshops

11th Feb: Safer Internet Day

Parent Workshop 2.15-3.15pm

Letter to follow.

14th Feb: Non-Pupil Day

Half Term 17th-24th Inclusive

Children back to school Tuesday

25th February.



Sports Festivals tbc

Swimming every Wednesday for Y2

PE: Sharks and Seahorses - Tues pm

Dolphins - Thurs pm

School PE kits needed for PE.



Acts of Worship

Friday 24th Jan: Sharks

Friday 31st Jan: Dolphins

Friday 7th Feb: Seahorses

All welcome

This week we start our **Star Reader Awards**. The children have engaged marvellously with Accelerated Reader and it is clear that regular reading and quizzing is helping them to become better, more fluent and more intuitive readers. This is in turn helping them to become better writers as they 'maggie' exciting words and ideas from their favourite authors and books to make their own writing more exciting and ambitious. They are also developing a love for reading; a seed which once planted and cared for will grow and blossom so that, as adults, they will enjoy reading to their children! It is also clear that those who read regularly at home and have the opportunity to share books with their adults, find reading more enjoyable and so read more which in turn leads to them become better readers. In order to share our love of reading, we would like to revamp our school library displays and we invite all our families to send in a photograph of your family reading/sharing a book together. Please be aware that by sending in the photo, you give us permission to display it. We would also welcome any spare bean bags that you feel able to part with and that are in good and clean condition. We will also be starting a book swap box so keep your eyes open. More information on this will follow shortly. Thank you for all you do to support our school.

Mrs Gill (Headteacher)

Our Catholic Life

Next week, the Gospel shares this message: **Signpost to God**

Next week we continue to explore the Baptism of Jesus. John the Baptist tells everyone that Jesus is *The Lamb of God*, the one who will take away the sins of the world. For many years, John has been telling people about a special person who is coming to save them - *the Messiah, the Saviour*. Now John tells them that the *Chosen One* is Jesus. John knows that Jesus is the one who will save everyone because he was a witness to his baptism. John saw the Holy Spirit come down from heaven and rest on Jesus. John the Baptist is like a *signpost* pointing to Jesus.

We will be exploring ways to be like John and be *signposts to Jesus* by how we treat others, how we speak to others and how we make time for God in our busy lives.

This week is also the start of CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK.

From the 18th January to the 25th January, Christians all over the world pray that we can grow even closer to one another.



Dear Jesus, your baptism was the start of your new life doing God the Father's work. Help me to make each day a new start with you.

Amen

JUMP Assembly Tuesday 14th January 2020

We were delighted to welcome Reverend Nathan and his group of students from St Cuthbert Mayne School on Tuesday. They lead a lively, inspiring and joyful act of worship which everyone, staff and pupils, enjoyed fully. The amazing singing by one of our visiting students left many of us with our mouths open in amazement. Thank you so much for your enthusiasm and joy.

Dolphins trip to Kents Cavern - Please ensure Year 3 and 4 children dress warmly and sensibly for their trip to Kents Cavern on Tuesday. They should all have rain coats and sensible, comfy walking shoes as the ground may be wet and uneven. Permission slips should all now be returned. I am sure they will have a great day and learn a huge amount. Thank you to Mrs Bowles for organising the trip.

Year 3 and 4 Residential June 2020

We are very excited about a one night residential trip to the **Forest and Sand School Camp** near Beesands for the Dolphins class. This will take place on the 15th -16th June 2020. Letter to follow next week.

LET'S DIG!! On Monday, Dolphins had a visit from Mandy, a member of Devon Archaeological Society and



the Bigbury Archaeological Dig Team. We found out all about how archaeologists decide where to dig in the first place, how they get started, what tools and approach they use, how they find out the use of what they have found; and all this in relation to the archaeological dig at Bigbury, which is under 30 miles from our school. We learnt that at Bigbury they have discovered artefacts from the Iron Age to Roman times including pieces of pots and flint arrow heads and tools. Some of these we were then able to explore and handle ourselves.

500 Word Challenge Yesterday Class 3 took part in the BBC Radio 2, 500 word live lesson; a story writing lesson with advice from top authors Charlie Higson, Francesca Simon and Frank Cottrell-Boyce to launch their 500 word story competition. 500 words is the UK's most successful short story-writing competition for children aged between 5 and 13. As well as entering the children's stories to the 500 word competition they will be entered into our class competition. Good luck to all our Class 3 budding authors!