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love to learn.



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AWARDS



Awesome Achievers

Class 1: Kendae for her enthusiasm for Science and RE learning
Class 2: Freya R for applying herself to her Pobble writing and taking responsibility for her learning.
Class 3: Oscar for persevering with writing
Class 4: Millie for applying herself so well to her Maths learning

Witnesses of the Week

Class 1: Matilda for showing kindness towards others.
Class 2: Reuben for showing courage and integrity when choosing to do the right thing.
Class 3: Casey for showing compassion when helping others.
Class 4: Lani for showing kindness towards adults and her peers.

Star Reader Awards

Class 1: Maci for working so hard to improve her reading.
Class 2: Olivia for super effort and perseverance.
Class 3: Ella M and Devon for outstanding progress!
Class 4: Kailan for the quality of his written answers in guided reading.

Pobble Authors

Cameron W and Amy from Class 3

Attendance

Best Class this week is Class 4!



Whole School 95.35%↑

Class 1: 95.22% ↓

Class 2: 96.38% ↑

Class 3: 94.24% →

Class 4: 95.67% ↑

Well done for raising our figures ↑↑↑↑

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.

- Coronavirus Letter 2
- Book Day 2020
- Divine Chocolate (Y5)



2nd March Y5 to Brixham College for Fairtrade event

5th March Book Day 2020

Book Character Day

2.15pm Sharks E-safety Workshop for Parents/Carers

(Please return attendance slip)

3.30-6pm Parents Evening

Please check which day your child's teacher is offering a second Parents Evening and sign up at Reception.

6th March Y4/5 Bring Your Own Instrument Event at Paignton Place Theatre (morning)

18th March Live Music Now Concert

24th March Class Photographs

27th March Term Ends



Sports Festivals

12th March Problem Solving (Dolphins)

PE: Sharks and Seahorses - Tues pm
Dolphins - Thurs pm

School PE kits needed for PE.



Acts of Worship

13th March Dolphins

20th March Class 1

27th March Achievement Assembly

Welcome back to what will be quite a short half term - only 5 weeks until we break up for Easter. There is lots to do before then and the children have made an excellent start, coming back, ready to learn! We had a lovely visit yesterday afternoon from the Chair of our new Governing body, Mrs Brown, accompanied by Mrs Heale; both of whom have been with us on our journey as part of the IAB. They had a wonderful afternoon and really enjoyed spending time in classrooms, talking to the children and hearing about their learning. Yesterday, most of the children were engaging in Science learning and their enthusiasm was breath-taking! Both our visitors were struck by their growing confidence as learners, able to articulate their learning, make links with what they have learned before or in other subjects and ask probing and appropriate questions to deepen their knowledge and understanding even further. Well done to everyone!

FGill (Headteacher)

Our Catholic Life

Next week, the Gospel shares this message: **God Will Help**



Jesus goes to the wilderness where he is tempted three times. Firstly, he is tempted to turn the stones into bread because he is hungry from fasting. Next, Jesus is tempted to throw himself off the top of the temple to prove that God's power. Finally, he is tempted to worship the devil and so have power over all the kingdoms of the world. Each time Jesus does what is right. He remembers that God the Father loves him and does what he knows God is asking him to do. Jesus puts God first and God sends the angels to help him.

During Lent, the priest wears purple. This is a sign that we are sorry and we want to change so we are more like Jesus. Our classroom focal points are also purple during Lent to remind us of this special time.



Our Prayer Space

Dear Jesus, I want to put you first this Lent. Help me to keep my lenten promises so that I can grow closer to you.

Amen

ASH WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday we marked the beginning of LENT with a beautiful Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Father Sunny was able to be with us to distribute the ashes. The children sang so beautifully and afterwards we went into the playground and burned our sorry prayers as a symbol of God's forgiveness. We reflected on how we would **ACT**, **GIVE** and **PRAY** throughout Lent so that we are ready to celebrate a new life with Jesus at Easter.



Health Alert There is updated information regarding the Coronavirus available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We continue to remind children when at school, about washing their hands using soap and water. Please could you revisit this at home.



BOOK DAY 2020

Yes, it's that time of the year again! This year we will be celebrating World Book Day with lots of fun activities and challenges. This year's theme is 'Share a Million Stories' and we hope to get close!

Activities will include:

- 📖 Book Day Assembly
- 📖 'Decorate the Door' challenge - transform the classroom doors and enter new worlds of adventure and imagination. Library Door Design competition: details on the 5th March.
- 📖 Readathon Launch - read as many books/chapters as you can and win some new books!
- 📖 Reading Photo Wall - PLEASE send in pictures of you sharing books with your children - the more unusual the 'reading spot', the better!
- 📖 Book sharing - older children and younger children enjoying books together; Parents welcome to join us. See below to respond/indicate your interest.
- 📖 Adult Book Swap - container at Reception. Please take a book. Only rule is you have to put a different one in the box in its place!
- 📖 Dressing up Day - Dress as our favourite book character (always a favourite)

We are looking forward to having lots of fun together sharing our **LOVE OF READING**.



SHARKS INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS & CARERS THURSDAY 5th MARCH at 2.15pm

As parents and carers, you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online.

You don't need to be an expert on the internet to do this but sometimes, it is tricky to keep on top of all the new sites and social media platforms that our children are accessing. There is a huge amount of help available online: safety tools and parental controls help us to keep our children safe. But sometimes we don't understand or have time to explore these tools effectively. We all lead busy lives. Devices are everywhere: laptops, tablets, ipads, iphones... our children navigate these without blinking but how confident are you that your child is 100% safe when online?

The **Sharks Class** would like to invite you all to an E-Safety workshop. They are the experts and they are delighted to be able to offer their support. **Please SUPPORT THEM and come along.**

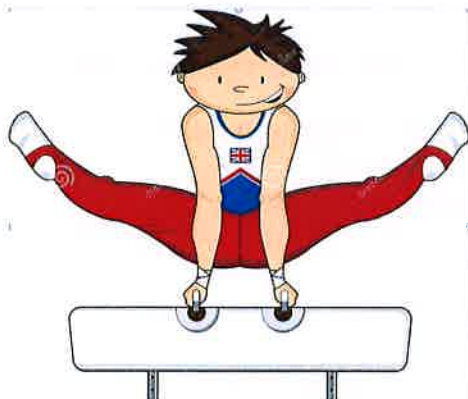
Please note: The **Sharks' Assembly** has been cancelled to allow them more time to prepare for the E-safety workshops. The next Sharks Assembly will take place after SATs.



PE Kits Thank you to those of you who have responded positively to our request regarding PE kits. There were however, still a significant number of children without appropriate kit this week so please can we continue to focus on this.

Our PE kit consists of navy/black shorts and a white t-shirt. As it is still winter, they may wear black/navy tracksuit bottoms when doing PE outside. As mentioned previously, we will try our best to contact you in the morning if your child doesn't have a PE kit for the afternoon session, so that you have the opportunity to bring it into school. Children who don't bring in a PE kit will be required to wear a school kit. Please ensure you provide your child with a letter if you wish for them to be excused PE on medical grounds. Thank you for your support with this.

School Jumpers/Cardigans We would like to point out that it is still very cold at playtime when the children are outside on the playground. When they round around, many of them take their coats off as they become too warm. However, many children are not wearing their school jumpers or cardigans and so are then running around in just their school shirts. There is a significant risk that they will catch cold and become unwell. Jumpers and cardigans are also part of the school uniform.



GYMNASTICS FESTIVAL

Our **Reception children** had a wonderful afternoon yesterday when they went to Brixham College for a gymnastics festival. They did really well and tried lots of different types of rolls. Mrs Collard and Mrs Sims were very pleased with how they tried their best and how beautifully behaved they all were. Great ambassadors for SMC!!

E-CADETs will present their posters to the whole school next Tuesday morning. We are waiting for a few more posters to come in but we are very much looking forward to hearing what they all have to say as we progress to the next phase of the selection process. Good Luck to all of them and well done to those of you who have submitted your posters already!