



Autumn 2024 - Newsletter 4

Messages From Mr Hitchcock...



Harvest Donations – A Heartfelt Thank You

I want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest collection this year. Your generous donations will go to Budleigh Food Larder, supporting those in our community who need it most. This reflects the spirit of the Good Samaritan—showing kindness and compassion to others, which is a core part of our school's ethos.

I was incredibly proud to see the way our school community came together. As we celebrate the Harvest, it's important to remember that our gratitude should be directed not just towards the supermarkets but to the farmers who work tirelessly to provide for us. This season is a reminder to be thankful for the hands that grow our food, and your contributions show how much we value helping others, just as the Good Samaritan did.

Cross Country Success - Achievement takes practice!

We're thrilled to announce that our school won every category at the Exmouth Area Cross Country Finals! It's a wonderful moment to reflect on what true achievement means. First, a heartfelt thank you to everyone involved—this was an important learning experience for all our pupils. From the school trials to the finals, our team had to face their fears and push through challenges. Many learned about pacing (a few set off a bit too quickly!) and, most importantly, they discovered that practice is the key to improvement. There's no secret to running well—those who put in the time and train regularly are the ones who improve and achieve the most.

Everyone should be proud of the school's success in securing the top rankings across both age groups. It's a powerful reminder that hard work and perseverance really do pay off, not just in sports but in every aspect of school life. The same principle applies across the board: children who read regularly tend to perform better in their KS2 SATs, and those who spend time drawing and colouring at home often create more impressive artwork. The lesson here is simple—deliberate practice is the path to excellence. It can be challenging, but the rewards are well worth the effort.

Introducing Our Year 6 School Leaders

We are delighted to announce that our Year 6 pupils have now taken on the important role of 'School Leaders.' As part of this, they are expected to be excellent role models, demonstrating our core values of respect and the actions of the Good Samaritan. They will also be giving back to the school by taking on various responsibilities and jobs.

You can see which teams they've joined below, and we are very proud of how well they've embraced their new roles. They've made a strong start to Year 6, setting a fantastic example for the rest of the school to follow.

Short notices

YEAR 6 - Devon County Council have asked us to remind parents that the closing date for applications for secondary school is 31st October 2024. Apply online now at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

YEAR 5 & 6 - Mr Tom Inman, Exmouth Community College Headteacher, is coming in to talk to Year 5 and Year 6 parents on Wednesday 23rd October @ 3.30 about ECC. Please do stay if you want to find out more about Exmouth Community College. The talk will be in the school hall.



1 - We won! We done to everyone!!



2 - The Reception lads settling in for an nice dinner.



3 - Don't know if you heard...but...WE WON first place at Budleigh Carnival! Well done to the Emma and the parents who organised this!!

Headteacher Awards



4 - Well done to these Eco Champions for doing a great litter pick!



5 - Hettie and Jacob had the honour of carrying the standard to Church.



6 - Edward and Sean had the honour of carrying the standard back from Church.



7 - For super work!

Year 6 School Leaders



8 - Buddy Team



9 - Eco Team



10 - Journalist Team



11 - Sports Team



12 - Support Team

What's Been Happening In School...



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Pupil Celebrations...

Well done to...Charlie, Nieve, Alisha for winning a headteacher award for great work!



22 - For a great start to the year.



23 - Well done to Nieve who passed the first stage of the bronze nipper award and was chosen by her coach as the Nipper of the Year for her age group!



24 - Well done to Alisha who was awarded a medal at a recent cross country event for amazing effort!

Coming Up In The School & Community...



BUDLEIGH SALTERTON LITERARY FESTIVAL



A Token Gesture

As you may know, the Festival is a charity and takes authors into schools to engage young people in reading and writing. Last year we reached well over 2000 young people. We also donate books to school libraries locally.

We're really excited that we've been chosen as one of the charities who will benefit from **Tesco's Stronger Starts In-store Voting Scheme** over the next three months.

If you vote for us by dropping in a token at check out, we could we receive up to £1500. That will make a huge difference to our schools' outreach programme.

From 1st October to early January you can vote with tokens at the following stores every time you shop:

- Tesco Exmouth
- Tesco Express Budleigh Salterton
- Tesco Express Churchill Road Exmouth
- Tesco Express Rolle Street Exmouth

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK!

The Festival Team

Sidmouth Science Festival



Join in with the 2024 Sidmouth Science Festival 4-13 October

This year's festival programme is complete! We have a wide range of events and talks on offer to suit all ages and interests. Our purpose is to inform, inspire, promote and advance public education in scientific disciplines, showing how they impact on our everyday lives. We have events suitable for all but in particular aim to attract those who would not normally engage with science subjects. And it's not all about learning! There's plenty of fun and entertainment packed into the programme. We hope you enjoy the festival.

[Download the 2024 festival programme \(PDF, 1.4MB\) >>](#)

[Printer friendly programme timetable \(PDF, 580KB\) >>](#)

A paper copy of the programme is available from



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