



The Beacon Flyer
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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another busy and exciting academic year and a special welcome to all of our new children in foundation and in other year groups throughout the federation. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to all of their families and remind everyone that we operate an 'open-door' policy and would ask that you come in and discuss anything with us that might have an impact on your child's learning. Appointments can be made to see teachers or anyone from the leadership team at a mutually convenient time.

As we come to the end of our Erasmus+ robotics project you can rest assured that we have not sat back but have been successful in securing a further Erasmus+ project with an associated €432,499 to fund it. This project is entitled 'Mathematics for the Million – Mathematics for my World.' We will be working with schools from Cyprus, Denmark, Hungary, Lithuania and Spain and also Marjons in Plymouth. This will be a fantastic 3 year project involving the children, staff and parents to enable us to create a generation of inspired and well-equipped mathematicians.

This project will also support our School Development Plan where we are focusing on maths and personalizing learning to enable all to make outstanding progress. We will be using the growth mindset approach to further embed that 'can do' attitude which sees our children ready to seize every opportunity.

As if that wasn't enough we are also going to ensure we remain at the cutting edge of educational research and will be working alongside the University of Plymouth as one of their partnership schools. This enables us to have our very own researcher in residence.

Both schools are also in the process of applying for our Artsmark Award to recognize our commitment to the broadest and richest curriculum for everyone.

The federation is also piloting a new approach to recognizing positive behaviour and children are earning 'dojos' which are tallied on an electronic platform. It is early days but the feedback from children has been very positive. As they earn their dojos they can cash them in at certain levels for a reward or bank them and earn an even better award.

We will keep you informed of all of these exciting initiatives.

During our first 2 weeks this term each class is re-visiting how we learn and how we can improve our learning behaviours. This is being done through a mini project on British Values and we would love you to discuss these at home with your children. They are democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

For the first half of the term we are focusing our homework around spellings, maths (particularly knowledge and manipulation of number bonds and times tables) and developing the love of reading, spellings and mathematics.

Jane Byrne
Executive Headteacher.

Best of luck to our Year 6's heading off for a week of adventure at the Dartmoor Training Centre.

Fingers crossed for good weather. We know they will be well fed as chief cook, Mrs Byrne, will be in residence!!



Ermington School

A very warm welcome to Willow R, Johnathan G, Phoebe J and JJ B in Year 6, Bethany B and Izabella in Year 4, Sophia in Year 3, Samuel H in Year 2, Joshua G and Scarlett J in Year 1 and finally Charles A, Eddie B, Jayden B, George B-C, Tilly B, Molly-Mae B, Harry C, Maddie E, Leo G, Alyssa H, Annabel H, Thomas L, Ellis L, Harmony N, Jude P, Immy R, Emily S, Florence T, Philip T, Phoenix D-D happily ensconced in our Reception Class.

Our new students are Miss Walker in Year 6 and Mr Bouchier in Year 4.

We are an **Open School** and are happy to see you to discuss any issue. Please see Mrs. Carlton in the school office to make an appointment.

For the benefit of our new parents, this newsletter comes out every Friday and will, we hope, aid communication between home and school and keep you up to date with what is happening. This will

Some general reminders for the start of term:

- Parking is always a contentious issue, so in the interests of good neighbour relations and as a courtesy to local residents, please do **not** park inconsiderately, particularly in Fawns Close. Park with care and caution in the Square and please don't allow your children to run in the roads around the school.
- Please check book bags/e-mails regularly for letters etc
- Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named
- Children need to take water bottles home daily to be refilled/washed
- Information is usually sent out by email and text, so please keep us informed of changes to contact details. Data Collection sheets will be sent home within the next few weeks.
- PE kit (black shorts and white t shirt for KS2) should be in school at all times, all jewellery to be removed, and hair to be tied up.
- Remember 30p for Flapjack Fridays!
- With several children in school with nut allergies, we have decided to become a **NUT FREE SCHOOL** and do hope you will support us with this. It would also be appreciated if sesame seeds could also be avoided.

Achievements -

After School Clubs –

A reminder that clubs start **w/c Monday 18th September**. and will run until w/c 4th December. There will not be any clubs during w/c Mon 13th November as this is our KS1 and KS2 Termly Learning Conference week.

NHS Flu Immunisation Clinics –

To parents of children in Years R, 1, 2, 3 & 4 – please can you check your child's book bag for an information pack from 'Boots' regarding the NHS Flu Immunisation Clinics? The consent forms must be returned to school by **22nd September 2017**

Guitar Lessons –

Alex Knight, our guitar teacher, currently has vacancies for individual lessons on Thursdays. If you would like prices or more information, you can contact Alex directly on 07896 438242, or email him via alex@classical-guitarist.net.

Uniforms.

Our school office is the place to buy uniform, book bags, water bottles etc should you need them.

Prices are:

£10.00 – Sweatshirts

£4.00 – Book bags

£3.00 – Gym bags

£2.50 – Hats

£1.50 – Water bottles.

Local News

Saturday Morning Music School, which takes place at the Ariel Centre, KEVICC, Totnes is having an open day this Saturday, 9th September from 9.30-12.30. Parents are invited to come along with your child(ren), take part in any of our groups and generally have an opportunity to see what we do and how we do it. And it's FREE!

SaMM offers children and young people an amazing opportunity to play and make music in groups and ensembles - it is fun, is great for social interaction and improves literacy and numeracy. You don't have to play an instrument to take part - a bit of enthusiasm is all that is required!

Please feel free to contact us on admin@sammtotnes.org for more details.

The Voice Kids

The Voice Kids is returning to ITV in 2018 and is looking for super-talented singers aged 7-14 who have what it takes to take over the Voice Kids Stage.

Applications for the second series are now open and can be submitted via <http://www.itv.com/thevoicekidsuk/apply> Applications must be submitted by a parent/legal guardian and auditions are set to take place this September and October.

Diary

11-15 Sep	Year 6 to DTC
Tue 26 Sep	Open Evening @ ICC for Year 6 Parents and students** Note date change
Mon 2 Oct	Meeting @ Ermington for Year 6 parents to meet Principal of ICC
14-18 May 18	Year 6 SATS Week & Year 4 to Grenville House
Fri 29 Jun 18	Year 5 "5-4-5" Dartmoor Walk
11-13 Jul 18	Year 6 Production at Watermark
Fri 20 Jul 18	Year 6 Princetown Walk and BBQ at Mrs Byrne's

Term Dates 2017/18

23-27 Oct 17	Half Term
Fri 15 Dec 17	Last day of Autumn Term
Tue 2 Jan 18	Occasional Day (School Closed)
Wed 3 Jan 18	First Day of Spring Term
12-16 Feb 18	Half Term
Mon 19 Feb 18	Non Pupil Day
Thu 29 Mar	Last Day of Spring Term
Mon 16 Apr 18	First Day of Summer Term
Mon 7 May 18	Bank Holiday
28 May – 1 June 18	Half Term
Tue 24 Jul 18	Last Day of Summer Term
Wed 25 Jul 18	Non Pupil Day
Thu 26 Jul 18	Non Pupil Day
Fri 27 Jul 18	Occasional Day

