



The Beacon Flyer
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9th February 2018

Dear Parents,

It seems more than appropriate to thank everyone for making this term so special. We came back from a well-earned Christmas break with such energy and enthusiasm across both our schools and that has remained throughout the first half of this spring term. All our staff can report much quality work being produced and such support from you all.

We say goodbye to a brace of wonderful students this week who have really enriched our Federation. They have also worked their socks off and we feel certain they will go onto wonderful careers inspiring children all over.

Please enjoy the time away next week and come back equally refreshed and ready for a swift run up to Easter, would you believe. Thank you again to everyone who has made a difference.

Internet Safety

It was Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6th February with the theme "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you." All classes throughout our Federation revisited the importance of Internet Safety and had a special assembly on the topic. This is a timely reminder for parents (as well as schools) to recap e-safety with your children especially as recent news stories are sending out alarming messages about the safety of young people online: BBC News [NSPCC calls for immediate action on children's safety online](#). Surveys show that many children do not feel safe online and parents can help by having healthy conversations with them about e-safety.



Non Pupil Day

A reminder to parents that there is a **Non Pupil Day on Monday 19th February**, straight after the half term - school is closed for staff training.

Menu Changes:

Please note below we have made a slight change to the following:

Week One: Thursday pudding = Now Raspberry Ripple Sponge & Custard

Week Two: Thursday pudding = Now Farmhouse Fruit Cake & Custard

Grenville House –

Before we know it May will be upon us so we have asked Kurt Mockridge to come in and tell us all about your child's adventure and everything there is to know about this amazing centre. We have booked him for the 24th April at 3.30pm. Ugborough Primary will be the venue this year.

February payments now due for those paying by instalments – see Mrs Carlton in the office for information.

World Book Day – Thursday 1 March

From ESFA

Donations please for good condition second hand children's books to be donated for our book sale on World Book Day Thursday 1st March. Any donations can be left in reception if that's ok with you or left outside the ESFA cupboard.

From School

We are delighted to support World Book Day and are inviting you all (yes all) to dress as your favourite book character for the day. – A book cover design competition will be running in addition through the individual classes where you can get full details. We have heard rumours of prizes being awarded too!

KS2 Cross Country

We have just been given a revised date of Friday 9th March for this event so if your child is involved, please note the date. Letters will be out after half-term.

Termly Learning Conferences

Advance notice - Spring Termly Learning Conferences will commence on week commencing Monday 5th March – therefore there will **be no after school clubs this week.** Please keep a look out on the classroom doors for the sign-up sheets.

Dewerstone Trip

Miss Foss and Mrs Sims-Stirling took a quick trip out last Monday to visit this magical Cottage in deepest Dartmoor and can confirm that this will be a very special experience for your children. The eager team are ready and waiting to meet our pupils and this will be on Monday 19th March with Ugborough going on the Tuesday 20th as it would have been just a little too cozy if we had gone together. Please check book bags for the kit list and information tonight.

Reading Books

Please can you check at home for any school reading books? Our stocks are running dangerously low and as you wonderful people raised so much money to buy them, it's a pity they are not in school to be used. Have a good hunt around this half-term again please.

Ermington Proms 2018 - Save the Date!

We are delighted to announce that Ermington Proms is back for the third year in a row! The Proms will be held **on the evening of Thursday 21st June.**

Last year's event was a huge success thanks to the tuition and guidance of our peripatetic teachers, wonderful support of staff and parents and, of course, our very talented students. We hope this year will be equally as fantastic.

More details will follow after half term.

Achievements –

- **Toby O** – passed both his Stage 4 Swimming Award *and* 20 metre distance badge – how brilliant!
- **Daisy S** – had an amazing 'Meet the Tigers' experience at Dartmoor Zoo – how brave Daisy!
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Gym & Dance Show – Tues 6th March

Tickets are available from Monday 5th February and can be purchased in person from College Reception (Mon-Fri 8.30am – 5.00pm) or online – www.ticketsource.co.uk/ivybridge. Please note that both Dance and Gym Clubs will finish after this performance – i.e. the last session will be on 2nd March.

Teddy Bear Hospital.

Maya and Esme in Year 5 have asked us to report on this visit.

"Last week and this week Plymouth University (Medical Students WAMS) came to Ermington to teach Ermington about, exercise, bones, washing our hands, medical equipment in a Doctors bag and learning interesting facts about the body. There were four stations each different, there were two students on each table. It was really fun and we learnt loads".

This is no exaggeration, the children had such a brilliant time listening and learning. Our thanks to everyone involved and do hope they come back next year!

Letters home this week (copies available on our website) :-

- Years 1-6 - Cap UK Assembly info
- Yr 5 & 6 – Netball @ ICC 20.02.18

Kids Club News

In afterschool club the children have been looking at different artists and creating inspired masterpieces.



Following on from our police visits last week the children have also enjoyed games involving the arrest of their peers!



Ermington Kids Club
French Breakfast



Thank you for your support with our French breakfast! The children enjoyed their pain au chocolat, jus d'orange and croissants!



To come along to our afterschool of breakfast club sessions book online at www.ermingtonkidsclub.org.uk/sessions


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Local News -

Ivybridge Library

Ivybridge Library has launched a Poetry competition for primary schools in the Ivybridge area supported by The Friends of Ivybridge Library, we ask for your pupils to enter and support this free competition.

Water seems to be a constant subject currently so the theme is "Beside the River". We would like to have poems from 2 groups, Keystage 1 and Keystage 2. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in each group.

The poems can be of any style or length the poet chooses, but has to be their own work with appropriate support from teaching staff.

We are hoping that Tony Rea and his wife will judge them. They have both been in education and Tony is a respected local writer.

The prizes will be presented on Saturday April 7th on our anniversary fun day. The completed poems will have to be submitted in paper format by March 22nd to The Poetry Competition, The Ivybridge Library, Erme Ct, Leonards Rd, Ivybridge PL21 0SZ. Further details will be posted on the Friends of Ivybridge Library Facebook page or contact The Ivybridge Library.

We look forward to seeing some creative entries.

Best wishes

Ziggy Grewal

For The Friends of Ivybridge Library.

Does your child play a string instrument? Would they like to play in an orchestra?

Plymouth Young Persons' String Orchestra has just started up and is looking for more members.

See <https://www.facebook.com/pypso/> or <https://www.plymouthmeh.com/site/ensemble/> for more details.

For your information we will be running our primary school Fundamental Movement & Youth Fitness half term session on Tuesday 13th February. The session is run by an accredited Strength & Conditioning coach with the UKSCA and youth specialist www.UKSCA.org.uk. Price for the session is £15 for the day, starting at 10am and finishing at 2pm. You can contact me via ataylor@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk to book your place.

[Fundamental Movement & Youth fitness Camps](#)

Diary

Please see website for full set of term dates.

Mon 19 Feb 2018	Non-pupil day
Tue 20 Feb 2018	Start of second half of Spring Term
Thur 1 March 18	World Book Day – ESFA book sale
w/c Mon 5 March	Termly Learning Conferences – no clubs this week
Tue 6 March 18	Gym & Dance Show @ ICC
Mon 19 March 18	Ermington's date for Year 3 overnight trip
Tue 20 March 18	Ugborough's date for Year 3 overnight trip
Thur 29 March 18	Last day of Spring Term – Learning through Play day
Mon 16 April 18	First day of Summer Term
Tues 24 April	Grenville House parents meeting 3.30pm @ Ugborough
14-18 May 18	Year 6 SATS Week & Year 4 to Grenville House
Fri 25 May 18	End of first half of Summer Term
Mon 4 June 18	Start of second half of Summer Term
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
Tues 24 July 18	Last day of term