

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 so 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.



Star of the Week Award

Hillhead	-	Marlie V
Dunwell	-	Maliya N-G
Ennaton	-	Lilly L
Ladywell	-	Lillie M
Earlscombe	-	Leo D

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.

Parents Evening

Parent consultation evenings will be held during the week of 5th – 9th March. Letters inviting you to make an appointment to see your child's teacher will be sent out after half term. Please note that after school activity clubs will not take place during this week.

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.

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 Harnett in the office for information.

Year 3 / 4 Athletics

Year 3 and Year 4 took part in an Athletics Tournament at ICC yesterday. The team did us proud and achieved several 1st and 2nd places in individual races. Everyone had a fab time! Congratulations to: Aeryn, Eliza, Arthur, Holly, Luke, Anton, Ieuan and Olivia.



Dewerstone Trip

Miss Foss and Mrs Sims-Stirling visited 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 21st March for Ermington and Tuesday 22nd for Ugborough 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 soon.

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

Local News

We have been contacted by Andy Taylor at Ivybridge Community College regarding their Sport Academy framework which will incorporate a Primary age programme. The sessions are open to all interested students from Year 3 to Year 6 and the basis of the programme is to provide children with the skills to equip them for a long term healthy lifestyle and for those that want to pursue a career in professional sport.

Sessions will be held on a Monday and Wednesday after school 4pm-5pm at Ivybridge Community College for students in years 3, 4, 5, & 6 and the sessions will be run by accredited UK Strength & Conditioning coaches and assistant coaches that have extensive knowledge of working with young students within their sports academy framework. Cost is £40 per half term with a one off trial session at a cost of £6.

Please email Andy Taylor ataylor@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk for further details.

A Children's Singing Workshop (for children in Year 3 and above) using Popular music to encourage, educate and inspire children not only to sing, but to sing well! THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT Saturday February 24th at The Parish and Priory Church of St Mary, Totnes Workshop to start at 10 am Informal concert of music studied during the day beginning at 2.15 pm

11+ Awards at Exeter Cathedral School

EXETER CATHEDRAL SCHOOL
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11+ Entry Awards
for pupils entering the School into Year 7

* 100% fees paid:
The Devon Award

* Specialist Fee Awards:
Music / Sport / The Arts / Academic / All-Rounder

Top-up bursaries also available

Ask your school office for an info sheet. Apply by 1st March.

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Exeter Cathedral School was founded in the 12th century as a choir school but is now a school for boys and girls aged 2 to 13.

For further information and details of how to apply, please contact the School's Registrar, Mrs Lucy Lewis (admissions@exetercs.org). You can find out more about Exeter Cathedral School by visiting www.exetercathedralschool.co.uk The deadline for formal applications is 1st March 2018.

Visits and enquiries are welcome at any time.

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, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 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.

Diary Dates

Tue 27 Feb	Last Dance Club Session
Fri 2 Mar	Young Art Devon – Viewing Evening
Fri 2 Mar	Last Gym Club Session
Mon 5 Mar	Cake Make Monday – Ennaton Class
5-9 Mar	Parents Evenings
Tue 6 Mar	Gym & Dance Show - ICC
Tue 20 Mar	Year 3 Trip to Dewerstone Cottage
19-23 Mar	Last week for After School Clubs before Easter Holidays
14-18 May 18	Year 6 SATS Week & Year 4 to Grenville House
Fri 25 May 18	Sports Day and Summer Fair (TBC)
12 & 13 Jun 18	Year 5 Open Morning at ICC
Fri 29 Jun 18	Year 5 "5-4-5" Dartmoor Walk
Thu 5 Jul 18	Year 6 Parents Evening @ ICC – meet the Tutor
Tue 10 Jul 18	Year 6 Transition Day @ ICC
11-13 Jul 18	Year 6 Production at Watermark
Fri 20 Jul 18	Year 6 Princetown Walk and BBQ at Mrs Byrne's
Tue 24 Jul	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (pm)

Term Dates 2017/18

12-16 Feb 18	Half Term	Mon 19 Feb 18	Non Pupil Day
Mon 16 Apr 18	First Day of Summer Term	Thu 29 Mar	Last Day of Spring Term
Mon 7 May 18	Bank Holiday	Wed 25 Jul 18	Non Pupil Day
28 May– 1 Jun 18	Half Term	Thu 26 Jul 18	Non Pupil Day
Tue 24 Jul 18	Last Day of Summer Term	Fri 27 Jul 18	Occasional Day

2018/19

Mon 3 Sep	-	Non Pupil Day	Wed 5 Sep	-	First Day of Term
Tue 4 Sep	-	Non Pupil Day	22-26 Oct	-	Half Term
			Mon 29 Oct	-	Non Pupil Day
			Thu 20 Dec	-	Last Day of Term

Friday 21 Dec	-	Occasional Day	Fri 5 Apr	-	Occasional Day
			8-22 Apr	-	Easter Holidays
2019			Tue 23 Apr	-	First Day of Term
Mon 7 Jan	-	First Day of Term	27-31 May	-	Half Term
Fri 15 Feb	-	Non Pupil Day	Wed 24 July	-	Last Day of Term
18 – 22 Feb	-	Half Term	Wed 25 Jul	-	Non Pupil Day