

**A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER**

This week our virtue focus has been 'RESILIENCE':

Tough times  
don't last;  
Tough  
people  
do.

**HAVING FUN AT BAKING CLUB WITH MRS DUNN** – So, do you eat your scone the Devon or Cornish way? *That* is the question! Some of our Year 5 pupils have been busy this week in baking club making scones with Mrs Dunn – some with raisins and some without. The school was filled the yummy smell of fresh baking and staff were happy to volunteer to taste the goods but no scones were being left behind as these eager bakers were quick to ensure they had packed every scone they made into their containers. I am sure that mums, dads and siblings will be enjoying a cream tea or two this evening. A big thank you to Mrs Dunn for running the very popular cooking club with such enthusiasm and helping our pupils realise their passion and talent for cooking.

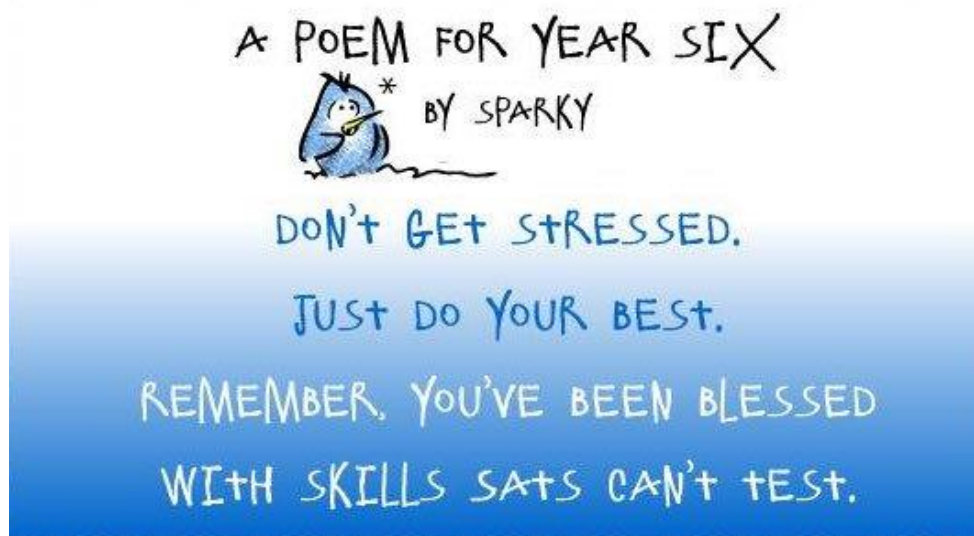


**ANOTHER EXCITING SHOW AND TELL MOMENT IN ROBINS**

This week Robins had another visitor, thanks to one of our Year 2 pupils, who was so inspired in science, that he took his family to the garden centre to buy a Venus Fly Trap. This photo shows just how proud this pupil was when he demonstrated how a plant can actually move. A very exciting learning experience for all the Robins!



**AND A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR OUR WONDERFUL YEAR 6 PUPILS – WE ALL WISH YOU THE VERY BEST OF LUCK FOR NEXT WEEK – BUT REMEMBER, WE ARE ALREADY VERY PROUD OF WHAT YOU HAVE ACHIEVED AND WHO YOU ARE.**



**WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARENT GOVERNORS** – After an incredibly high level of interest from parents wishing to join our governing body, a ballot was held that generated well over 100 votes. After a busy counting session with the Chair and Vice Chair of Governors present, our two new parent governors are Mr Ben Holt and Mr Mike McCandless with Mr Chris Anderson being invited to attend as an Associate Member. All three parents will be attending their first Full Governing Body meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May. We thank all of those who were put forward as worthy candidates. It shows a real strength in our school community that so many parents are keen to get involved at governor level and so many votes were cast in support of them. Thank you for your continued support for your children's primary school.



**URGENT REQUEST! PLEASE HELP WITH YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH ORDER!** – Parent Pay has now been running for several weeks and we have received positive feedback from parents. However, where parents have not selected their child's lunch in advance, this makes it uncomfortable for the children when they arrive in the dining hall and their name is not on the list for lunch which is downloaded from Parent Pay. As a result, staff have no other option but to ask these children to go to the back of the queue to ensure those pupils who have had meals ordered get the meal they have requested and paid for. The canteen staff are instructed by Eden Foods to only cook the number of meals ordered and in some cases where there are several pupils who have not ordered a lunch in advance, it is difficult for the cooks in the kitchen to stretch the remaining portions. Please, please could we remind parents that all lunches **MUST** be ordered in advance to avoid these difficult situations in school. Meals can be ordered for a whole week or more in advance if it is easier for parents to plan their child's meals throughout the week. We thank you for your support with this.

**SCHOOL CAMP** – Just a reminder that camp money needs to have been paid in full by **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**.

**LOOKING FOR A GREAT BOOK TO SHARE WITH YOUR CHILDREN?** – This week, one of our pupils in Robins brought in a wonderful book to share with the class. The teachers loved it so much they felt it would be worth telling all the parents about it. If you want something to inspire outdoor learning with your child, then this book is certainly worth getting. Thank you to our pupil in Robins for telling us all about this wonderful resource. We always love good book recommendations.



## **TERM DATES 2018-2019**

### **Autumn term 2018 (73 days)**

4 September – 20 December

(Half term 22 October – 26 October)

### **Spring term 2019 (60 days)**

7 January – 5 April

(Half term 18 – 22 February)

### **Summer term 2019 (62 days)**

23 April – 25 July

(Half term 27 May – 31<sup>st</sup> May)

## **INSET DAYS**

**Tuesday, 4th September 2018** – SCHOOL CLOSED – Staff training day

**Thursday, 18th October 2018** – SCHOOL CLOSED – Staff training day

**Friday, 19th October 2018** – SCHOOL CLOSED – Staff training day

**Thursday, 20th December 2018** – SCHOOL CLOSED – Staff training day

**Thursday, 25th July 2019** – SCHOOL CLOSED – Staff training day

### **TEAM POINT CERTIFICATE WINNERS FROM THIS WEEK –**

**Bronze** – Laani Brown

**Silver** - Beth Wootton, Charlie Munro, Lola Guinchard, Phoebe O'Neill, Amelia Vincent, Ellen King and Flo Archer-Cairns

**Gold** – Zane Dingle, Eli Guimaraes, Freddie Nicholls, Teagan Yendle, Rufus Goldsworthy, Daniel Matthews and Liberty Dingle

**Medal** – Mo Sterry, Nuala Farrell, Connie Preedy and Hazel Richards

### **RAK NOMINATION -**

Isla McCandless has nominated Rowan Macindoe for a Random Act of Kindness for always offering to help her put the chairs away at the end of assembly without being asked. Thank you for your kindness, Rowan.

## FOPS UPDATE

As you know, we are focussing on raising funds to purchase an all-weather outdoor learning area/parents shelter and have planned the following events to endeavour to raise as much as possible towards this. Important dates for your diaries are:

**Summer Fayre, Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, from 2pm onwards** - The fayre will follow our normal format, including competitions such as a "Bake Off", children's art/flower arranging/vegetable sculptures, a wide variety of stalls, outdoor games, hopefully a visit from the police/ambulance/fire service, Cornish Pirates – tbc, BBQ, Pimms Tent, refreshments, tombola and much more.

If you would like to run **your own stall**, there is a small charge of **£10** per table, please let myself, Rona, Susie or Miss Braddon know.

If you are skilled in art of face painting, hair braiding or painting nails and would be happy to help, again, contact Miss Braddon.

I will display a **volunteers rota** in reception nearer the time as we will need help on the day setting up, covering stalls, helping with refreshments, running games and clearing away at the end.

We would be grateful for any **donations** of quality second hand **toys and books**, suitable **tombola prizes** and empty/rinsed **wine bottles** for the water into wine stall – thank you!

We thought a "**festival theme**" would be a good idea for the day, so Mrs Heffer will be putting together a musical programme. If any **parents** would like to showcase their **musical skills** at the fayre, please contact Mrs Heffer to discuss options.

**Non-uniform day, Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> June** - We would be grateful if children could bring in a themed donation that will form part of 5 luxury hamper raffle prizes. Your class "theme" is as follows:

**Puffins – Ladies Luxury Pamper Hamper**

**Robins – Gardening Hamper**

**Starlings – Male Grooming Luxury Pamper Hamper**

**Kingfishers – Summer Picnic/BBQ Hamper**

**Swifts – Family Fun Activities/Days Out Hamper**

**Auction of Promise Evening, Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm, School Hall** – Letters have been sent from the children to lots of local tourist attractions, hotels and restaurants, plus the letter to all parents sent home recently. We look forward to receiving your "promise" donations; the deadline for this is **Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June**.

I will let you have a copy of the lots a couple of weeks before the auction, this will give you time to decide what you would like to bid for. If you are unable to attend on the night, you can submit silent bids to the school office.

This will be an adults only evening, there will be no entry fee and you are very welcome to bring your own refreshments and nibbles. We are thrilled that Philip Buddell, retired local auctioneer and Dexter's grandad, has very kindly agreed to host the auction for us.

Have a lovely weekend, Sarah McConnell, FOPS Secretary.