

College Road Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2017

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Operation Encompass

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Devon and Cornwall Police.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.



Devon & Cornwall Police
Building Safer Communities Together



Christmas Fair

Wednesday 13th December

Don't forget that the Christmas Fair is set for next Wednesday 13th December, starting at 5.30pm.

As well as the class craft business stalls run by the children, there'll be lots of other attractions including great raffle prizes such as Jump and Eden family passes, tickets to Pecorama and Plymouth Argyle along with pizza vouchers from 'Knead Pizza'.

There will also be a Santa's Grotto, hot food and drink, external stall holders and lots of festive cheer!

Entrance is free.



Happy Holidays

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all children, governors, staff and parents of the school a happy, safe and peaceful Christmas and a merry and prosperous New Year. I also offer my thanks for everybody's support and help in making College Road such a good school. I look forward to seeing the children at the start of next term, Thursday 4th January 2018.

Mr Wallace
Headteacher



Learner of the Week Certificate Winners

Week Ending 1.12.2017

KS1

Miss Corbett - Isabelle Dale-Grieve

Miss Stone - Indii Northam

Mrs Copp - Lily Telfer

KS2

Mrs Dinham - Caroline Heyes

Mrs Jewell - Brody Cookson

Mrs Rolfe - Cameron Wakeham

Mrs Francis - Ella May

Week Ending 8.12.2017

KS1

Miss Corbett - Max Conn

Miss Stone - Sophia Noblett

Mrs Copp - Heidi Pedrick

KS2

Mrs Dinham - Gracie-Mai Dickson

Mrs Jewell - Jake Johnson

Mrs Rolfe - Joshua Kerswill

Mrs Francis - Isaac Bluett

Please remember to return the Learner of The Week medals by Thursday 14th December.

Important Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 12th December - Mufti Day / Bring a bottle

Wednesday 13th December - KS1 nativity plays and Christmas Fair

Thursday 14th December - Xmas school dinner

Friday 15th December - Carol Service at St Andrews Church

Friday 15th December - Christmas jumper day

Monday 18th December - Christmas Choir concert (choir parents only)

Monday 18th December - Christmas Parties (KS2 am, KS1 pm)

Tuesday 19th December - last day of term 2

Thursday 4th January - first day of term 3

Friday 9th February - last day of term 3

Monday 19th February - first day of term 4



Class Attendance

Here are the winners of the last two weeks attendance awards:

20th - 24th November - Year 1

27th - 1st December - Year 5

Well done!!!!



Are you late for school?

We seem to have a number of children arriving at 9am each morning. Just a reminder that school does start at 8.45am and your child could be missing valuable learning.



Theatre Alibi



The whole school were treated to our annual Christmas theatre treat on Monday, with the performance of 'Apple John' by the wonderful Theatre Alibi. The play featured two actors and two musicians, and once again, Theatre Alibi enthralled the entire audience.

Many thanks to all the parents and carers who were able to contribute towards the cost, and of course to our fabulous PTA for their massive financial support.

Family Support Worker

Christmas is fast approaching and you might be thinking of buying your child a new bike. We have been asked to pass on the following tips and advice regarding new bikes.

1. Don't buy a bike for your child to grow into. For safety's sake, it must fit.
2. Pick it up. Light weight is vital. Look for aluminium tubing or thin (i.e. cricket stump diameter) steel tubes.
3. Be suspicious of suspension - especially at the rear of the bike. Cheap suspension is dead weight that serves no practical purpose.
4. Your child must be able to get a foot down easily when sitting on the saddle
5. More gears are not better. Front derailleurs are superfluous until secondary school.
6. Consider semi-slick tyres. Knobbles look cool but are hard work.
7. Riding position should be fairly upright, with handlebars higher than the seat.
8. Try the brakes using only your little finger. That's equivalent to a younger child's grip strength.
9. If the cranks are much too long, see if they can be exchanged for the next size down at point of sale.
10. Less is more. You never get something for nothing. Corners will be cut.

For any more information and advice go to <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/what-you-can-do/children-and-families/cycling-kids/how-choose-your-childs-first-bike-and-kit>

School Nativity

This years Christmas Nativity 'Babushka' will take place on Wednesday 13th December. Once again we will be having a performance at 10am and one at 2.15pm. A letter went out on Tuesday to all KS1 parents, with a tear off ticket request slip. Due to safety reasons, tickets are limited to two per family, but we will be running a reserve list. If you would like to put your name on the reserve list, please let the office know and those tickets will be issued on Tuesday 12th December.

Thank you



Plymouth & Cornwall Cancer Fund

The School Council have chosen Plymouth & Cornwall Cancer Fund as their charity this year.

The Plymouth and Cornwall Cancer Fund is a local charity supporting local people with cancer, under the care of Derriford Hospital and other local establishments that provide treatment and care.

The School Council have said, "we think they do brilliant work supporting our local community, and we would like to raise as much money as possible."

During the year we will be raising money through cake sales, mufti days and other fun activities. Our first event will be 'Christmas Jumper Day' on Friday 15th December. Wear your Christmas jumper to school for a £1 donation.



Plymouth & Cornwall Cancer Fund

Supporting local people affected by cancer

Registered Charity Number 263587

School Council visit Parliament!



Some of our School Council and other children's' representatives visited the palace of Westminster last week, and met our MP, Luke Pollard. They had a great time - more details on the school website.

Staffing News

Mrs Matei finishes her work with us in Reception at Xmas; many thanks for your fine help, Oana, and we wish you loads of luck in the future. Mrs K Winchester starts work as a TA in Reception on 3 January - welcome and good luck, Kelly!

Children's Learning

Darby in Year 6 used her 'capitalising' learning muscle, when including 'passive voice' in her writing.

Well done Darby!!

Monday 4th December 2017

LA: I can include passive voice in my writing.

Hello from the other Side

Early yesterday afternoon, the first long distance phone call was tested from San Francisco by Alexander Graham Bell and Mr Watson on January 25th 1915. It was hoped that the phone call would improve communication and break the world record for the furthest phone call.

Gathered in anticipation, the crowd stood silently waiting for Alexander Graham Bell to make the first call. The call was the first of its kind and took place between New York and San Francisco, making it the longest call in history. Clearing his throat, Mr Bell successfully spoke to Mr Watson saying, "Mr Watson are you there?" Mr Watson replied "I hear you perfectly". At this point a wave of people applauded across both New York and San Francisco.

Commenting after the event, president Wilson said, "It was a great success and has shown a great improvement to our technology." After many successful long distance calls, Mr Bell connected to the original telephone and repeated the process. During the phone call, Mr Bell said, "Mr Watson, come here, I need you." Mr Watson replied, "It will take me a week to get to you this time." The crowd laughed at their humor. Following the event, president Wilson took a call and spoke to Mr Watson to congratulate him for creating a new way to communicate.

A fantastic new way of communicating is now available. ^{The long distance} communication will allow family and friends to communicate over long distances. However (it will cost \$20-70 for the first three minutes) resulting in only the very rich ^{being} able to afford it.

Great capitalising, Darby! LA met ☺ (ZHP)