

ISSUE 7

FRIDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2016

Old Pencil Sharpeners

The new Devonshire Collective, which is a group of local shops and buildings, are holding an opening exhibition. A piece in the exhibition is going to be made up of 1000 pencil sharpeners, and we have been asked if we can help collect for this. There is a tub in the office to put any old sharpeners from home in to help with this art installation.

Remembrance Day

This Friday is the 11th November, and we will be remembering those around the world whose lives have been lost through war and conflict.

In our assemblies this week, we will explain why we remember the two world wars in this way, and at 11.00am on Friday, we will hold a two minutes silence, either in individual classrooms, or gathered together in the playground.

House Points for this Week

Dragon	76	points
Centaur	64	points
Unicorn	63	points
Phoenix	57	points
Gryphon	46	points
Minotaur	20	points

Well done **Dragon!**

School Photos

The school photographer will be visiting us again on Wednesday this week (9th November) to take photos of any children who were absent on photo day last term. Mrs Bannister should know by now if you wish to have a photograph taken on that day.

Punctuality – a reminder

I am still concerned by the number of children who are arriving late to school in the mornings. It is extremely important that every effort is made to have all children in school promptly to begin the school day, as this allows them to settle in with their classmates, to participate fully in their planned lessons and to start their daily education without feeling rushed and disorganised.

Please make sure your child is in the playground for 8.45am at the latest.

Attendance Update – Term 1

We are keen that every child attends school regularly and frequently. There is clear evidence that children with poor attendance tend to achieve less well. The table below shows the attendance for each year group, and for the whole school, from the start of the year until the end of Term 1. **Our school target is at least 96% attendance:**

Nursery	86.3%
Reception (<i>Butterflies</i>)	94.2%
Year 1 (<i>Foxes and Squirrels</i>)	94.7%
Year 2 (<i>Badgers and Hedgehogs</i>)	93.2%
Year 3 (<i>Kangaroos and Koalas</i>)	94.2%
Year 4 (<i>Giraffes and Zebras</i>)	96.3%
Year 5 (<i>Leopards and Panthers</i>)	94.4%
Year 6 (<i>Eagles and Hawks</i>)	96.7%
Overall:	94.6%

Well done Year 6, who have had the best attendance so far (closely followed by Year 4).

Books for Bilingual Learners

We have a multitude of bilingual books in a range of different languages available in the Learning Garden to be borrowed. The books need to be signed in and out as we have already had some books that have not been returned to us. This is available on Wednesdays between 3.15-3.30pm with Mrs Keen

We are always looking for donations of books in different languages, so if you have any you would like to donate to the school, please pass them to our office staff. Thank you!

Rewarding Good Attendance and Punctuality



In Fang's family Giraffes had the best attendance, while Hedgehogs were the most punctual class.



Hawks were the best attenders in Miss Lilac's family, and Leopards were the most punctual class.



Well done to all four classes!

Diary Dates

- Photo retakes
Wednesday 9th November at the start of the day
- Parents Evenings for Reception to Year 6
Wednesday 9th November
- FOBSA Meeting: planning for the Christmas Fair
Friday 11th November at 2.00pm
- FOBSA Christmas Fair
Friday 25th November
- End of Term 2 – school ends at the usual time
Wednesday 21st December

Scooters and Bikes

Once again, I would like to remind you all that bikes, scooters, etc must not be ridden inside the school grounds, as the playground can be very busy at the beginning and end of the day, and we don't want anyone to have an accident. Please wheel any bikes or scooters into the school, rather than ride them in.

Also, we would like to ask that you provide a lock for the scooters and bikes if you are leaving them on the bike racks in the playground. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parents Evening

The signing-up sheets for parents in Reception to Year 6 to book their Parent Consultation slots are now out in the foyer. We offer our appointments between 2.30 and 8.00pm (the final appointment is at 7.50pm).

Please remember that children are always invited to attend these meetings with their parents or carers.

INFORMACJA DLA RODZICÓW O WYWIADÓWKACH

Drodzy Rodzice i Opiekunowie,

Spotkanie z nauczycielem odbędzie się w dniu 9. listopada 2016 od godziny 14:30 do 20:00. Jeżeli potrzebujecie Państwo, abym tłumaczyła podczas tych spotkań bardzo proszę o zapisanie mojego imienia przy Państwa podpisie. Posiłabym o jak najwcześniejsze godziny, tj od 14:30 do 17:00.

Listy wystawiane są zazwyczaj na tydzień przed planowaną wywiadówką. Zachęcamy dzieci do udziału w spotkaniu z nauczycielem.

Daria Bartosiewicz

Atenção pais portugueses

Na quarta-feira 9 de novembro, é o dia de reunião para os pais e o professor da turma. Se você precisa de intérprete / tradutor por favor reserve agora o seu encontro na recepção para o dia 9 de novembro, entre 14:30 e 17:00.

Obrigada,

Ana Sheppard

FOBSA

You are warmly invited to join us for our Christmas Fair planning meeting at 2pm on Friday 11th November in the Community Meeting Room. We would appreciate any offers of help, ideas and suggestions which would help make this fair the best ever.

Don't forget – the Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 25th November.