



DATES

Thursday 17th November	Bag 2 School Collection (Let us have your filled bags by then)
Friday 18th November	The Big Spotacular for Children in Need
Friday 25th November	Mufti Day - for donations to the Buy & Wrap stall at the PTA Christmas Fair
Friday 2nd December	PTA Christmas Fair 17.30pm to 19.30
Wednesday 7th December	Nativity and Christingle in St Matthew's church at 15:30
Thursday 8th December	Dance Club Assembly at 09:00 (Parents Welcome)
Thursday 8th December	Flu vaccinations at school in the afternoon (Years 1, 2 & 3)
Tuesday 13th December	Key Stage 2 Christmas production at 19:00
Wednesday 14th December	Key Stage 2 Christmas production at 14:00
Friday 16th December	Break up for Christmas

Don't forget to check our website for term times, class topics and other information www.exevalleyfederation.co.uk

FROM MR JOLLIFFE

This week nearly all of the governors of the Exe Valley Federation have been involved in learning walks across the three schools. Learning walks give governors an opportunity to see how children learn in their classes and to share in their work. Usually two governors spend about half an hour in each class and are accompanied by the Heads of School who know the children so well. The governors then have the opportunity to talk to a small group of children about their learning, again with the Heads of School and class teachers alongside them.

After the learning walks all the governors said how impressed they were with the enthusiasm that the children showed and their incredibly positive attitude to their learning. This included learning from mistakes and using them as opportunities to improve. The children were a real credit to their teachers, their schools and, of course, their parents and the governors all expressed their gratitude to everyone who took part in a very positive and encouraging round of learning walks. Each team of governors are now in the process of writing a report about their visit which feeds into our self-evaluation and development planning for the future.

FROM MRS HARRIS

The Federation has purchased a new learning resource called Cornerstones and you may have already noticed the topics this term have been supported by a choice of home learning activities to enrich your child's learning. I have been very pleased to see the exciting cross-curricular links being made as part of the children's activities.

Also, as we continue to embed Growth Mindset in the school; the staff are continuing to develop the children's choice of preferred learning activities. The children decide which level of challenge they would like. In key stage two children are not only responding to their teacher's marking and explaining how they feel about their learning activities but they are also participating in peer assessment on some of their topic work. This gives children the opportunity to begin to take responsibility for their learning and to work collaboratively with others on their learning too. Children are responding positively to this and undoubtedly this will have a positive impact on their self-esteem and their learning. As a parent, please do let us know how you feel. Have you noticed a difference at home?



Exe Valley Challenge Practice Walk It was a gorgeous Sunday for our first practise walk last Sunday. Thank you to Mrs Thorne, Miss Bellamy, parents and children for making it such a lovely experience. It was a good opportunity for the children to practise their map reading skills. Our next walk will probably be in the New Year now.

AUTUMN TERM SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note there are changes to some clubs this half-term

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCHTIME CLUBS (Children just come along)				
	Cartoon Club with Mr Kersey	Go Create! Key Stage 2 (Oak & Beech classes) with Mrs Carpenter		Board Games Key Stage 1 (Maple & Ash classes) with Miss Bellamy KS2 Tag Rugby With Mr Hookway
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS 3:30 – 4:30 (Children should attend all sessions once signed up to after school clubs. If there is an unavoidable reason your child will not attend a session, please email the school office)				
Dance with Karina Garcia Years 2-6 (fee payable) (No club 12th December) Chess Club with Ms Benyon & Ms Brookman Years 2-6 KS1 Multi-Skills Sports with Mr Hookway (weather permitting)	Street Surfing with Go Active (if min of 12 participants) (fee payable)		Football Club with Precision Soccer Years 1-6 (fee payable)	Elastic Band with Alison Golby (fee payable)

CHERITON FITZPAINE PTA

PTA Mufti Day Friday 25th November

The children can wear-what-they-like to school in return for donating a small gift (up to the value of £5 and not wrapped). This will be used at the Christmas Fayre in the 'Choose & Wrap-a-Present' room. Children will be able to choose one of the gifts (for a small charge) and wrap it up, with the help of a parent volunteer, to then give to someone special at Christmas.

Thank You! PTA would like to say thank you once again to the Ring of Bells for their continuing support - for every sticky toffee pudding they sell, they donate 25p to the PTA. People obviously like a pud around here, because the sum quickly mounts up and we have recently received a cheque in excess of £50 from the pub! A massive thank you to Binka and Dave (and keep eating the puds!)

PTA Bag 2 School Textile Collection is returning this month, next **Thursday, November 17th**. Items that can be donated for re-use include good quality adult and children clothes, paired shoes, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys. The Bag 2 School Collection bags will come home with the children today (Friday 11th) and extra bags will be available from the school office. They also accept the bag collections in other bag types.

Please note that this month they cannot take household linen, curtains, towels, bedding or school uniform. The filled bags can be taken to school either Wednesday 16th or Thursday 17th by 9am. Please start collecting and get the children involved to help increase their awareness of recycling and reuse. The more textiles we weigh, the more they will pay! Extra bags welcome – there is no limit.

If you need assistance with transport, please call Liz on 07775 625272. Please help us to have a really good collection again.



Chair - Claire Cavill, **Treasurer** - Fay Williams, **Co-Secretaries** - Becky Smith & Lisa Leaver
Committee Members - Emma Hilton & Schnare Taylor-Shorland



Maple Class News

In Maple class, we have been learning about Remembrance Day and making poppies.

Climbing Equipment Safety

For health and safety reasons, could we please ask you to prevent your children from playing on the climbing frames before and after school? We don't want to stamp down on anyone's adventurous spirit; however we don't want the children to suffer any unnecessary accidents.

Thank you.

Music and Dance workshop

Next Friday afternoon, 18th November, all the children will have the opportunity to see a short performance and take part in a music and dance workshop with Son Yambu, an amazing Cuban group performing at the village hall later that evening. The musicians and dancers will be working with Oak and Beech classes in more depth and will be performing what they have learned at 3pm in the Parish Hall, to which you are all invited. The children will all be at the Parish Hall for the performance but will return to school for the end of the day.



Moon On A Stick presents: 'Jack Frost'

At Crediton Arts Centre on Saturday 12th November 3.00pm. A magical, wintery production brings Jack Frost to life through puppetry, live music and enchanting storytelling. Meet our mischievous sprite as he takes us on a snowy adventure and spreads winter wherever he goes. But wrap up warm or you'll catch him nipping at your fingers and toes! A story of friendship and bravery to warm our hearts this winter. *Moon On A Stick* uses their unique combination of light play, song and visual theatre to reimagine this well-known Nordic legend. Suitable for ages 3 to 7, but older children (and adults) will enjoy this too.



Tickets: £6/£5

Crediton Arts Centre 01363 773260

Crediton Community Book Shop (now at 21 High Street) 01363 774740

Sandford Stores 01363 775805

Online at www.creditonartscentre.ticketsource.co.uk

Vote for Thorverton's project in Tesco!

Thorverton Primary School applied to Tesco's Bags of Help initiative and has been selected as one of the three winning projects for this region. The scheme will see three community groups and projects awarded grants of £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 – all raised from the 5p charge levied on single-use carrier bags.

Now we need your help! Between 31st October – 13th November you will be able to vote in Tesco stores for who should receive the £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 awards. You will be given a voting token with every transaction. So please make your vote count, and use it to nominate Thorverton Primary School! The money will be used towards our new outdoor play equipment trail, sensory garden and trails, improving wheelchair access and more.

For more information you can visit <http://www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp>.

Opportunity to Meet Michael Morpurgo, Crediton Community Bookshop's patron, who will be in their new shop at 21 High Street, Crediton, from 4.00-6.00pm on Friday November 18th. They will have copies of his new book for sale, *'Didn't we have a lovely time!'*, a heart-warming story set on a farm with stunning illustrations from Quentin Blake, alongside his many other books. He will meet and greet all and pose for photos! This is a fantastic opportunity for children and adults alike to meet one of the UK's foremost authors. There is no need to book: just turn up!