

**FROM MR JOLLIFFE****Executive Headteacher**

Over the coming months we will be updating the federation websites and incorporating Brampford Speke into the Exe Valley Federation website. Each school will continue to have its own section of the website, but it will be easier to see the federation-wide information on the front page and should save duplication. Over the next few weeks Gemma Poulton, who is the vice Chair of Governors, will be taking photographs in the four schools, in preparation for the new website being constructed. Gemma has done a huge amount to research new website formats and I am very grateful to her for all the work she has done on this. In the meantime we will continue to use and update the existing websites so do continue to use them to keep up to date with what is happening in your child's school.

**FROM MRS HARRIS****Head of School**

Dear parents and carers

The teachers have really noticed a difference into the start of the school day. The children have been able to calmly settle to their learning much more smoothly and calmly. However, just to remind you that if you need to speak to a teacher urgently please do so; but for non-emergency concerns please see teachers at the end of the day or leave a message in the office and we can call you back. You are of course able to come into school at the end of the day if your child has something they would like to share with you (or if you have any lost items of clothing?). We have also organised an open afternoon when everyone is welcome to come in and have a good look at what the children have been learning. This will be on Friday 4th October at 2.45pm. If however, you wish to come in to see something your child has mentioned to you then come in at the end of the day. Thanks again for embracing this start to the day. Thank you so much for being so understanding about us having to finish the Breakfast and After School Club. We are really sorry that we are unable to continue to run this at the moment. However, if demand increases we will do our utmost to get it reinstated. So please do let us know if you would like to use it then please do let the office know and we will keep the information on file.

The children absolutely loved the fizz-pop science assembly last week and the Friday club was so popular that the club has been over-subscribed; however the company are now able to offer a Wednesday club for all those people on currently on the standby list. If your child wants to attend the club but wants to attend Dance on a Wednesday please let the office know so that we can ensure your child is given a place in the Friday club.

This week the whole school has been thinking about trying to keep ourselves healthy; we have focussed on keeping fit. Massive thanks to both Mrs Wright's for leading the whole school in the Joe Wicks' school workouts this week. It has been great to see the whole school really having a try in these sessions. On Thursday and Friday it has been great to try to run a mile. Next week we would like to re-focus on healthy eating and hope that you will ensure that your child brings in a healthy snack for break time please.

Today Beech Class children are very excited about their first Friday sports session and Lords Meadow with the other 3 schools.

Kind regards, have a wonderful weekend

GLYNIS HARRIS

Head of school





Reminder:
The School Council who were elected last week



Our Fizz Pop Science Assembly last week





Governor News

It was back to school for the governors of the EVF this week with the annual conference and AGM at Newton St. Cyres on Tuesday evening. At the AGM the governing body is mainly concerned with housekeeping and administration for the year ahead, including agreeing the terms of reference for the full governing board and each of the two committees (Resources and School Improvement). The re-election of the Chair (Jackie Enright) and Vice-Chair (Gemma Poulton) of Governors was also agreed and the annual cycle of business for the governing board was discussed. Full details of the membership of the board can be found on the EVF website and the EVF schools will be including photographs and biographies of all governors via newsletters soon.

After the close of the AGM, the governors together with the Executive Head and Heads of School reflected on some of the successes of last year in the EVF and the challenges and opportunities to come in this academic year. There is much to be proud of and an exciting year ahead!

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We take our responsibility to keep children safe in school very seriously and this includes making sure that anyone who volunteers to help in school is trained appropriately to recognise the risks posed to children and what to do if they have concerns. A new version of the document, Keeping Children Safe in Education, is due to be published in September 2018, and contains some important updates. If you volunteer regularly [ie three times in any 30-day period] then you will need to attend the federation's training course in order to be able to continue helping in school, if you have not already done so in the last three years. There is still time to book onto the second session next week, which is on;

Thursday 20th September from 7.30 to 9.30pm at Newton St Cyres

Please book a place via the school office at Newton St Cyres
[email newtonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk or ring 01392 851267]

Exe Valley Federation Governors

Do you have business experience? Are you looking to broaden your work skills and career? Have you always wanted to give back to the community? Now you can by becoming a governor with the Exe Valley Federation.

The Governing Body works together as a team to set the direction of the Federation, to ensure value for money, and to hold senior leadership to account. It's a great way to develop strategic thinking whilst being supported by teamwork, mentoring and training.

If you or someone you know has business experience and would like to find out more about joining the EVF as a Governor, please contact the Chair of Governors Jackie Enright at jenright@exevalleyfederation.org or by phone on 01392 851852.

As Governors we aim to make a difference to every child.



SCHOOL CLUBS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

Please note that two separate before school gym clubs will only run if numbers permit, otherwise we may have to run one gym club instead of two

	BEFORE SCHOOL	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
MONDAY	KS1 GYM https://family.premier-education.com/courses/venue/cheriton-fitzpaine-primary-school/id/3304	Ash Library time	
TUESDAY	KS2 GYM https://family.premier-education.com/courses/venue/cheriton-fitzpaine-primary-school/id/3304	Oak Library time Lego Club	ELASTIC BAND (Fee payable – just come along)
WEDNESDAY		Beech Library time	DANCE CLUB (Fee payable – just come along)
THURSDAY		Gardening Club/Eco Club	ECFC FOOTBALL CLUB (Fee payable) https://www.exetercitycommunitytrust.co.uk/courses/after-school-clubs/cheriton-fitzpaine-primary-school
FRIDAY			FIZZ POP SCIENCE (Fee payable) www.fizzpopsience.co.uk and click on the 'online sign up' button



USEFUL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 18 th September	2.30pm Phonics Workshop
Thursday 20 th September	Tuck shop – Oak
Thursday 27 th September	Tuck shop – Ash
Thursday 27 th September	9.30am Harvest Festival (at the church)
Friday 4 th October	2.45pm Open class afternoon
10 th – 16 th October	Book Fair
Monday 15 th October 2018	Film Club <i>The Secret Lives of Pets</i>
Friday 16 th October	Children In Need

TERM DATES 2018 to 2020

Autumn term 2018

Monday 3rd September to Friday 19th October [Staff Development Day 3rd September]

Monday 29th October to Wednesday 19th December [Staff Development Days 29th October & 30th November]

Spring term 2019

Monday 7th January to Friday 15th February [Staff Development Day 7th January]

Monday 25th February to Friday 5th April [Staff Development Day 25th February]

Summer term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 24th May [SATS 13th to 16th May]

Monday 3rd June to Thursday 25th July

Autumn term 2019

Tuesday 3rd September to Friday 18th October [Staff Development Days 3rd and 4th September]

Monday 28th October to Thursday 19th December [Staff Development Day 29th November]

Spring term 2020

Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February [Staff Development Day 6th January]

Monday 24th February to Friday 27th March

Summer term 2020

Tuesday 14th April to Friday 22nd May [Staff Development Day 14th April]

Monday 1st June to Thursday 23rd July