



4th December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

Zooooooming in for lessons

Class 12 went interactive and linked up with pupils studying from home this week. Alfie was able to show some pottery he had made at home, plus his letter to Santa and even a mince beef pie!



Guinness book of records 'estimating' activity

For Class 9's topic of 'estimating' in maths, they ran a 'Guinness book of records' event. There were 3 activities attempted - how many socks can you get on one foot in a minute? How many baked beans can you eat individually in one minute? How many teddies can you catch blindfolded? The children estimated how many each time and then tested each activity and recorded the numbers. They then checked the result against their estimations and a prize was given to the closest estimate! Great fun.



Letters to Santa

Wishful-thinking Class 4 pupils wrote and posted their letters to Santa.



Young entrepreneurs

Class 12 made Christmas decorations as part of their Rural Skills Enterprise sessions.



Relaxation time

Kieran loved his relaxation time with Our therapy dog Molly; and Molly looks pretty happy too!



Taking learning outdoors

We took our walking groups to Blackbury Camp this week, to see a different part of our local landscape. Class 12 learnt about the Iron Age remains and how the bank was built and how different the area would have looked back in that time. They had some brilliant questions! Class 9 and 10 focused on walking around the perimeter safely and enjoying time outside in nature - despite the chilly day! Class 7 took part in bark and tree slice rubbing as part of their work on Trees this half term. They learnt how the rings tell the trees age, that different trees have different type of bark and how the bark protects the trees, like our skin.



Star learners of the week

Jack W class 9 for fluent reading of his reading scheme book.

Ollie H in class 5 for consistent considerate behaviour to his friends.

Marshall class 9 for eating a school dinner for the 1st time.

Josh, Jack and **Alex** class 9 for problem solving and sharing 1 talker between 3. All the boys used the talker to support their communication when building their 'Mr Potato Heads' which they were quite rightly proud of!

Free School Meals over the Christmas Holidays

DCC have now put in place arrangements to provide supermarket vouchers to nearly 15,000 children across Devon who currently receive free school meals, to help families buy groceries over the Christmas holidays.

We don't want anyone to miss out on this vital support so look out for a letter or email from DCC next week for details about how to access your vouchers or an alternative food box. Please check your junk boxes on your emails to ensure you don't miss yours.

Dates for your diary

What	When	Notes
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 11 th December	National event for Save the Children. We ask that families send in a £1 donation for wearing a Christmas jumper.
Christmas lunch & Christmas raffle draw	Wednesday 16 th December	
Meet Santa (virtually) / Christmas party in bubbles	Thursday 17 th December	
Christmas activities such as: Movie & snack Treasure Hunt Art Cooking	Monday 7 th – Friday 18 th December	Activities throughout the last 2 weeks of term.
Last day of term	Friday 18 th December	