



## Headteacher's Newsletter – May 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

Here is an update on some of the things we have been involved with at school. I hope you have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing all the children on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Watch out for parent forum dates to be announced, where we will discuss the new ofsted framework and curriculum developments.

### Change to School Hours

Just a reminder that pupils will finish school at 2.15pm on Fridays, from the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

### Devon County Show

Some of our children visited the Devon County Show last week and won 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place in the display competition.



### Makaton Choir at Exmouth Festival

The Makaton Sing and Sign Choir will be performing at Exmouth Festival on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 1-1.30pm. If you are in the area come along and join the choir.

### SEND Football Tournament

Some of our children were able to take part in the SEND football tournament this week. They had a great time! A massive thank you to the PTFA for providing the new football strip which helped the children feel part of a team.





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## Race for Life

Thank you to all those who were able to join us for our Race for Life event this month. The weather was kind to us and we raised a whopping £1010.00. Thank you for all the sponsorship and support.



## Honiton Food Boxes

Please see this link if you feel you would benefit.

<https://www.tcch.org.uk/community-action-team/food-bank/>

## Social Media

It is our school policy that staff are not friends with pupils or parents on Facebook.

## Internet of Things Advice - Latest Advice from CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection)

Whether it's playing with the latest robotic toy or talking to a smart speaker, more children are using devices that connect to the internet. This has increased over the past few years, with industry experts predicting that there will be over 26 billion connected devices in our homes worldwide by 2020.

Connected devices and toys can be found in most homes, and have changed how many of us go about our daily lives and how children interact and play.

It's important for parents to find the balance between providing ways for their children to learn and have fun and minimise the risks associated with the Internet of Things.

Please see the link for the full article. [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-the-internet-of-things-iot](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-the-internet-of-things-iot)

## PTFA

A massive thank you to Linda and Scott, parents of one of our pupils for a donation to the PTFA for swimming equipment. Look out for pictures on the PTFA facebook page once they are available.

## Dates for your diary

What	When	Time	Where
May half term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019 School Closed		
PTFA Meeting	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	9.45am	School
Change of hours on Fridays begins	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	2.15pm	School
Sports Day	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Morning	School



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