



Autumn 2019 Newsletter 9

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Devon Air ambulance

On Thursday 7th November, we welcomed volunteers from the Devon Air Ambulance into school to deliver an assembly about the important work that they undertake. We learnt lots about the vital role they play in our community. They also visited some classes to answer lots of questions that the children had written for them.

“The air ambulance is able to fly at night.” Agatha, Yr 1. “The Devon air ambulance helicopter can fly faster than the land ambulance, it can fly anywhere in Devon in less than 15 minutes.” Alex and Oliver, Yr 1.



Football and netball tournament.

On Friday 8th November, our school teams went to a football and netball tournament at North Tawton Primary School. We played against many of the local primary schools, and learnt lots of new skills. We all played well as a team and showed great sportsmanship. Iris and Emily.

Remembrance Parade.

On Sunday 10th November, Agatha, Kathryn, Maia and Rosie represented the school as part of the village remembrance service and laid a commemorative wreath at the church in South Tawton. It was great to see so many other children from the school representing many different organisations also being part of the service.



South West Water.



As part of our global goals topic, on Wednesday 13th November, some of the KS1 children took part in an art workshop. Two of the KS2 classes took part in a filtration workshop. Both workshops were led by members of staff from South West Water and were extremely informative and enjoyable.

Strings lessons

Violin, viola and singing teacher, Nick Bryant, is available to join our team of peripatetic music teachers from this term onwards. He is booking initially for violin students, and is offering a first lesson as a free trial. Nick is best known for his appearance on 'Britain's Got Talent!' with the Collaborative Orchestra, who reached the semi-final stage! He teaches ABRSM and Trinity syllabus from age 4 upwards. If your child is interested, please call Nick on 07912 117 957 to arrange an initial trial lesson.



The Donkey Sanctuary.

On Thursday 14th November, we were lucky enough to have a visit from Rachel from the donkey Sanctuary in Sidmouth. During assembly, she explained to us about the work that they undertake with donkeys there. Several classes were then involved in workshop called People, pets and donkeys.

“The donkeys need five important things; love, food, shelter, to be healthy and to feel safe.” Patrick, Yr 1.



Operation Christmas Child- The Shoe box appeal.

Year One have been busy learning about the work that the Samaritans do as part of their annual shoebox appeal. The children have been busy collecting school supplies, toys and hygiene items to go into the shoeboxes. They have also written letters to the children who will be receiving them. Thank you very much to all of the families who kindly donated items for the shoeboxes and to the Year 6 children who kindly wrapped them for us.



Anti-bullying week

As part of Anti-bullying week, Year 4 thought about and discussed what bullying looks like. They explored different scenarios and considered how they could make us and others feel. There were a lot of mature and sensible conversations between the children in the class. At the end of the week, the children enjoyed creating their own anti-bullying plays in a drama based PSHE lesson.



The year 3 children thought about what they could do to ensure that our school is a bully-free zone. They had some great ideas and finished the lesson by creating colourful posters

Oliver!

On Monday, Year 5 and 6 were invited to attend the matinee performance of Oliver at Okehampton College. It was a fantastic production which showcased the talent of the children, including some ex pupils, brilliantly. It was an excellent opportunity for the children to see an example of activities available to them when they move on to the college. The children all behaved brilliantly and really enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to all the parents who helped transport the children to and from the college.

School Photos

The Photographer came to school on Monday 11th and all children who were photographed were given an order form to take home. Completed order forms and payment must be returned to the school office by **mid-day on Thursday 21st November**, in order to ensure that the photographs are here in time for Christmas. Orders received after the deadline cannot be processed in school and will need to be sent direct to Tempest Photography

Castle Drogo Cross Country

On Thursday, 30 children from Years 4, 5 and 6 competed in the Castle Drogo Cross Country event. Despite the wet and incredibly cold conditions, the children all ran extremely well and supported each other brilliantly. Unfortunately, as it was so cold, we decided to come back to school rather than waiting for the results; we will know these by Monday and will let the children know then. As a team, the runners proved themselves exceptionally resilient and should all be very proud of their achievements. Thank you to the parents who came along to support.



Children in Need



We had great fun for Children in Need day on Friday and it was lovely to see the children all embracing the animal-themed dressing up. We raised an amazing £228.65. Thank you to the Y6 pupils who used their maths skills to kindly sort and count the pennies from the trails – this loose change was worth over £90! Congratulations to year 6 whose trail was the longest and stretched the width of the hall four times!

Car seats

Please remember that your child must use a booster seat if they are under 135cm and travelling in a private car for a school trip. If your child is under this height, please bring their seat into school with them for every trip.

Chagford MTA vacancy

Chagford Primary school are looking for an MTA. Please visit their website if you are interested in this position.
<https://www.chagford-primaryschool.org/>

Lunch Boxes for School Packed Lunches

Please remember to send your child into school with a sandwich box if they are having a school packed lunch. We are also looking for clean takeaway tubs with lids to keep in reserve please.

Scouts Prize Bingo – Saturday 23rd November at the Victory Hall, Doors open at 6.30pm eyes down 7.15pm.

Come along and win some amazing prizes, enjoy a fun family evening, Refreshments available and a fantastic Raffle. Raising money for 1st South Zeal Scout Group.

Dates for your diaries

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 18th December
KS1 Christmas Performance – 16.12.19 4pm, 17.12.19 2pm and 6pm
Last day of Autumn Term – Thursday 19th December