



Lydford Primary School – Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

14/02/2022

St Valentine

The history of St Valentine is a rather gruesome one – beheaded by Claudius in ancient Rome for marrying Christian couples – but his legacy is one of love and care for others. Whilst some may not buy in to the commercial cards and red roses (myself included – Sorry Mrs Hill!), it is always important to tell the ones we care for how we feel. In our vision statement, *Nurture* includes the nurturing of positive relationships and friendships, this runs through all we do in the school. We *inspire* kindness and respect and when we feel loved, we *achieve* our best.

Certificates

The children who have shown the strength of our values - **Nurture, Inspire, Achieve**, this are-



31st Jan **Nurture – Charlotte** 7th Feb **Nurture – Emily E** 14th Feb **Nurture – Joshua**

Inspire – Bertie

Inspire – Spencer

Inspire – Scarlett



Achieve – Ava B

Achieve – Joel

Achieve - George

Maths at home

We are all in the swing of reading at home, but how can we practise maths at home?

EYFS and KS1 children could use games such as [Number Skills - Free Mathematics Game - Teach Your Monster](#) or [1-Minute Maths | White Rose Maths](#).

Year 4 children are expected to quickly recall all of their multiplication facts. Games such as [Multiplication Tables Check - Timestables.co.uk](#) can help with this. Away from a screen, simple counting, times tables, noticing shapes, patterns, and numbers around us are all excellent daily activities.

World Book Day

Thursday March 3rd is World Book Day. Children are invited to dress as their favourite book character and bring a book with them. Children will share their book with friends. We are planning lots of other book-themed events, more details to follow!



Fairtrade Fortnight

We are now approaching Fairtrade Fortnight. St James Primary will be hosting a Fairtrade Conference during the morning of Friday 4th March on the theme of Fairtrade Coffee and Climate Action. This will focus on understanding how climate change is affecting our world particularly in Africa and how coffee is grown in Rwanda and roasted sustainably in Devon. Some of our Class 2 pupils will be attending the conference at St James.

Parents forum

Thank you to those parents who were able to join the Parents' forum last week. The notes from the meeting are attached to today's newsletter. The next forum will be Thursday 31st March at 7pm.

Swimming and PE

Well done to all the children for making excellent progress in swimming this half term. We have our last session tomorrow. Mr Pugh will resume his weekly Tuesday visits after half term to deliver PE. Miss Squire will continue on Monday afternoons delivering Dance.

After school clubs

The clubs will remain the same after half term -

Monday – Dance Club with Jessica Squire – Class 1 & 2 (16 places)

Monday – Year 6 SATs Club with Mrs D

Wednesday – Class 1 Creative Club with Mrs Luxford

Thursday – Class 2 OCRA Sports Club (12 places)

We will have a waiting list for dance and OCRA club if oversubscribed. If you are unable to book a place, please contact the school office and let us know so your child can be added to the list.

Clubs will start from the 28th of February.

Outstanding balances

As we reach the end of another half term, please can outstanding balances for breakfast club and school meals be paid.

Messy Church

St Petroc's Church will be welcoming children and families to messy church at 1pm on the following dates -

Mar 13 - Samson his great power and relation with God

Apr 3 - Easter plus activity for Palm Sunday

May 8 - The world we live in - Creation

Jun 12 - Pentecost

Jul 10 - Woman at the well

More information can be found at <https://www.messychurch.org.uk/>

Dartmoor National Park

There are free events this half term at the Dartmoor National Park Visitor Centres.

From nest box making with Ranger Pete, to cuckoo trails and bird crafts.

Find out more on our events page at www.dartmoor.gov.uk

Parklands Leisure Centre

Half term is just around the corner and Parklands Leisure Centre has a great program of activities to help unwind and work on the physical and mental wellbeing. They are offering parents a FREE pass (Gym or Lane Swim). To take advantage of this, you need to scan the QR code below for your free guest pass



Free Gym or Swim Pass

Half term

Next week is half term, please enjoy the break and rest. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on the 28th of February.

Dates

February 2022

WB 21st – Half term

28th – Return to school

March 2022

3rd – World Book Day

4th – KS2 Fairtrade Conference

8th – Devon Wildlife Trust workshops

31st – Parents Forum 7pm

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FoLS

4th February - The winner of the cake raffle was Sam

Thank you to Kelly for making the treats

11th February - The winner of this week's cake raffle is Wren.

The cake raffle is £1 per ticket each week. We are looking for volunteers to provide the cakes for next half term. If you can help, please contact a member of FoLS or the school office.

After Reading Paddington Bear.....



Building London Bridge

Making Pizza at Creative Club