

Lympstone C of E Primary School Newsletter

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‘Let all that you do be done in love

There has been some incredible learning taking place in school this week. I have been extremely impressed with the Maths work I have seen—particularly the children’s fantastic reasoning and their ability to explain the how and why. It is wonderful to see how proud the children are of their learning.

This has also been reflected in the pupil voice conferencing that we started this week. These conversations have been an insightful way for me to understand what matters most to the children, and to ensure that every individual feels they have a voice. Each class is taking part in this process, giving all pupils the opportunity to share their views and be heard.

Nature School Fundraiser

A huge thank you for your incredible generosity during our Fill a Welly fundraiser and cake sales.

Thanks to your donations, we raised an amazing £470! 🎉

This will make a real difference as we refresh the pond area and purchase new equipment for the children to enjoy during their Nature School sessions. We are truly grateful for your continued support.

Just a reminder that the proposed date for the spring clean is **Friday 13th February**. Our caretaker, Nic, will be in school all day to support the work, and any additional help would be very much appreciated.

If you are able to pop in and lend a hand, please let the school office know.

Working Together for a Sustainable Future

Sustainability and caring for our local environment are key priorities at our school. We are always looking for meaningful opportunities to help children see that their actions matter.

We’d love to highlight a brilliant local initiative: **Plastic Free Exmouth**.

 Plastic Free Exmouth: Weekly Beach Clean

Every Sunday at 08:30

Meet at either end of Exmouth beach

All ages welcome!

Participants spend the morning collecting litter along the coastline, helping protect our beaches and wildlife. The session finishes at Hangtime Café, where the litter is weighed at around 09:30—an eye-opening moment that helps children understand the impact of community action.

As a thank you, volunteers receive a 10% discount code for a well-earned coffee at Hangtime Café!

This is a wonderful way to enjoy the outdoors, support our local area, and encourage values such as responsibility, teamwork, and environmental awareness.

If you take part, please share your experience, photos or reflections on ClassDojo—we'd love to celebrate your efforts with the class.

Books

Reading is such an important part of our school and I firmly believe that reading for pleasure is one of the most powerful ways to support our children to be lifelong learners. It is time for our library to have a fresh injection of books and one of the ways that we are going to do this is to sell some of the books that we no longer need in school so that we can bring in more current and interesting texts that reflect all realities in our world. We will be selling our pre loved books on the last day of term in the hall alongside the uniform sale that PTFA are running. Please do come along!

Feedback...

Following on from the parent surveys, I thought that it might be a nice idea to share with you some of the ways that we learn in our school.

This week the focus is on **MATHS!**

Did you know...?

At our school, every class begins the day with Maths. As soon as the children arrive, they complete a short maths task that helps them settle into learning. After this, we move into our daily Maths Fluency session.

Fluency is the ability to recall key mathematical facts—such as number bonds and times tables—quickly, accurately, and with flexibility. Each class works on a focus appropriate to their year group. By revisiting these skills every day, children strengthen their understanding and reduce cognitive load, meaning they can apply these facts to problem-solving with much greater confidence and ease.

Following our fluency work, we teach our main Maths lesson, which is based on the White Rose Maths scheme. After the teaching input, all children complete activities that help them show their understanding in different ways through 'Practice', 'Apply', and 'Think Deeper' tasks.

Your support at home makes a huge difference. Please continue working with your child on the Maths Home Learning we send—such as number bonds, times tables, and mental arithmetic. These small, regular efforts really help reinforce what we do in school and build long-term confidence in Maths.[House Point Winners](#)

Congratulations to **Heron House** for winning the cup this week! Lots of house points earned—well done!

Stars of the Week

Congratulations superstars:

Oak – Oscar & Lyra

Willow – Alfie & Ava K

Sycamore – Ava T & Leo

Chestnut – Ned & Alice

Maple – Nate & Darcy

Magnolia – Rosa & Amy

Beech – Niall & Leo

Diary Dates

- Wednesday 4th February – Parliament outreach assembly for KS2
- Wednesday 4th February – Beech Class trip to Fleet Air Arm Museum Visit
- Monday 9th February – Y5/6 Boys Football @ECC 3.15pm – 4.45pm
- Tuesday 10th February – Internet Safety Day
- Thursday 12th February – Chestnut Class trip to Kent's Cavern
- Friday 13th February – Nature School Spring Clean day
- Friday 13th February – PTFA Uniform and Book Sale, featuring a performance from Choir!
- Friday 27th February – PTFA School Disco

Have a great week Everyone,

Mrs Reynolds

