



Upcoming Events

February:

- 04/02 – Explorer Dome
- 04/02 – Girl's Football, Babbacombe (H)
- 05/02 – Explorer Dome
- 05/02 – Football (Yr 4), Watcombe (A)
- 07/02 – Open Classroom (Yr2)
- 08/02 – Yr 3 Chinese Art Day
- 08/02 – Athletics Team (TBGS)
- 11/02 – Open Classroom (RHG)
- 11/02 – Open Classroom (Yr1)
- 11/02 – Girl's Football, St Margaret's (A)
- 12/02 – Living Coasts (Yr 4)
- 13/02 – Open Classroom (Yr3)
- 14/02 – Open Classroom (RJ)
- 14/02 – FOSV Discos
- 15/02 – Open Classroom (Yr5)
- 15/02 – Open Classroom (Yr4)
- 18/02 – Half Term
- 28/02 – Yr 4 Football, Torre (H)

March:

- 04/03 – Girl's Football, St Marychurch (H)
- 07/03 – World Book Day

School Clubs

- Mon:** Yr 5/6 Girl's Football
- Tues:** Yr 5/6 Boy's Football
Yr 5/6 Netball Club
STEM Club
Tennis Club
- Weds:** No clubs
- Thurs:** Yr 3/4 Boy's Football
Homework Club (KS2)
The Lion King
- Fri:** Yr 2 Football Club

Assistant Headteacher News

This week, during our staff meeting time, we were looking at our curriculum design and how this may look in the future. We analysed the questionnaires from staff, children and parents, so thank you to those parents who took the time to complete it. It was great to see that we all want the same for the children in terms of our curriculum design. Over the course of the next term, we will start to begin to plan a new look curriculum ready for implementation.



As part of our Assistant Head role at school, we are privileged enough to celebrate all the children's good work at an assembly on a Thursday. Part of the assembly is to explore the work that is going on in lessons and discuss our school values. It was great to see some portraits of Queen Victoria in Year 2 and some persuasive writing in Year 3 this week.

Children are also encouraged to celebrate their work with us throughout the week and next week we look forward to seeing some Chinese Dragons in Year 3, newspaper articles in Year 5 and biographical writing in Year 6. Reception classes are currently creating moving cars as part of their home school learning. We look forward to seeing how these perform in races across the playground next week.

Figures suggest that a child is only at school for approximately 13% of an entire year, which is very minimal. Because of this, home school learning can be vital to help support and secure the learning that is completed at school. Simple ways to help with this can be to listen to your child read regularly, practise their spellings with them, support the completion of MyMaths and engage with project work. If you find this difficult, Class Dojo and Tapestry can support with discussion at home with what the children are learning at school.

Have a wonderful weekend and let's hope to have a little snow too!

Mr Briant and Mrs Gaywood, Assistant Headteachers



Headteacher's Note

Please can you make sure you read the letter that was sent to you by email today about the change in the start of school day procedure for Reception, and Years 1, 2, and 3.

**The new system starts on Monday so it's really important you know what's happening before you drop off on Monday.
Thanks – Mrs Keller**

Attendance this week:

Congratulations to the classes who top the attendance charts this week:

2M – 98.2%

3L - 97.5%

6W - 97.4%

Sickness in school

As a lot of you are probably aware there has been quite a lot of illness in school this week. We've been doing everything we can to make sure the school is as clean and germ free as it can be but as a result of all of the bugs going around it seems a good time to reiterate that school policy is: **if your child has any sickness or diarrhoea they need to be off for a minimum of 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea before they come back in to school.**

It is inevitable that bugs and illnesses get passed around at school but this 48 hour rule helps massively in preventing this happening as much as it otherwise might. Can you make sure you follow the rule at all times – even if your child seems much better and seems fit and well enough to come back to school please do not send them in until the full 48 hours since their last sickness has elapsed. The school and particularly the Caretaker and Cleaners appreciate your help!

Rainbows

Apologies for a small error in last week's newsletter – a paragraph was missed off the bottom of what we wanted to let you know. The full text of the message is below:

What is it? Rainbows is a 12 week programme to assist children who are grieving a loss through a death, divorce, separation or any other painful transition in their lives. It provides a safe setting in which children can talk through their feelings with peers, who are experiencing similar situations.

Who is it for? In school we run groups for children from Reception through to year 6 and children are grouped according to their age and need.

Where to go? If you and your child would like to find out more, please contact the School Office or your child's class teacher.

Doodle Maths - update

We've had a few enquiries this week from families who have paid for the Doodle Maths app but don't currently have an account set up. The reason for this is that the money was paid after we'd sent all of the information to Doodle Maths so the accounts were not set up in the original batch and unfortunately we can't set them up every time a new person pays for an account.

The good news is that we have enough to process another batch now so will be sending all of the information off to Doodle Maths and setting up the new accounts hopefully next week – you should be able to access the accounts shortly, we will let you know when as soon as we have this information.

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Sherwell Valley Primary School is committed to safeguarding children.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is: Mr J Kingston

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are: Mrs D Gaywood, Mr M Briant and Mrs C Jones

Our Named Governor for Safeguarding: Andrew Martin