

St. Mary's C of E (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Parking at the end of the School Day

I have received a telephone call from Torridge District Council about the number of cars parking on the Double Yellow Lines alongside the park, outside Marland School. Taxis use this area for collections of children from that school and that already creates risks that we are trying to minimise. Torridge District Council are working in partnership with us by giving all parents the potential to display a concession ticket at the beginning and end of the school day. This allows you to park in the three car parks within easy walking distance of the school. Please use the car parks (cattle market and overflow at Bank End as well as the one opposite the school) when dropping or collecting your children, and avoid parking on the road so that we can keep your children safe and allow traffic to flow easily around the school at these busy times. Thank you.

This half term the children are learning more about our school value of 'respect'.



What are the next three letters in this sequence?
J, F, M, A, M, J, J, A

Last newsletter's Brain Teaser answer:
Q: What type of cheese is **made backwards**?
EDAM – (MADE)

Attendance

Next week your child will receive an attendance certificate. Attendance at school is vital to ensure that your child continues to progress at the best rate and has the greatest chance of maximising his/her potential. The government expectation is that children's attendance should be above 95%. Anything lower than this will have a significant impact on their learning. Whilst we appreciate that children become ill and cannot attend school I would ask you to consider if they are too ill to be in school and, wherever possible, avoid making appointments, family holidays etc. during term time.

Devon Tennis Education Award

Miss Golson and I were invited to Exeter to attend the Devon LTA annual awards evening. We were nominated for the Education Award due to the increase in provision of tennis in the school through our links with the Atlantic Racquet Centre (ARC). We were up against Exeter College and the Torbay Sports Partnership, two large secondary providers. I am delighted to tell you that we won the award and now have a trophy, on display in the hall, and a certificate. We also go through to the regional finals and will be informed of how we get on in that in due course.



Kingsley Cross Country

On Friday 1st February some children from Year 3-6 attended the Kingsley Cross Country event. This was a re-arranged event after the high winds put paid to the previous date in the Autumn. The children all did superbly on a difficult and (very) muddy course. In Year 3, Demi Deacon came first with Chloe Walker a close second; in Year 4 Jack Brown came first and Gracie Dymond was 3rd in the girls' race; Samuel Norburn won the Year 6 boys' race and Freya Woodhead was 1st for the girls with Sienna East following her into 2nd place. Overall our Year 3/4 team came runners up (another trophy for the Cabinet ☺). Congratulations to all who participated. A member of the organising team also commented on how polite, well-mannered and respectful our children were. This is a credit to them, their families and the school!

Parents' Netball Club

If your New Year's Resolution gym membership now seems like a rash decision (or didn't ever actually materialise!) then our parents' netball club may be a way to stay/get fit and have some social fun. It takes place every Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and all abilities are welcome. The cost is just £2 per week. If you are interested then please speak to Teresa Chance for more information. Alternatively, speak to me and I will put you in touch with someone involved.

Quote of the week: 'There is nothing about a caterpillar that tells you it is going to be a butterfly' – Richard Buckminster Fuller (1895-1983)

Thank you for your continued support.
Adrian Scarrett

