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22nd October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers.

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What have we been busy with?

The first half term of the academic year is now complete, and what a busy 7 weeks we have had. Staff have been busy developing their teaching of maths and writing, supported by Mrs Palmer our Math Trust Lead and Miss Watson our English Trust lead. Miss Robertson and I spent a morning with Miss Hingston at All Saints Thurlestone, looking at how we further develop our early years setting. Using the knowledge and skills from across the Trust allows us to develop best practice in teaching and learning and we feel very lucky to have access to such expertise.

Mrs Webber has been busy working with members of our community to help us to develop links across Newton Abbott. This has included sharing our news with local newspapers and organising for our children to sing at St Paul's Church in a Christmas service on Sunday 12th December at 3pm. It would be wonderful to see as many of our pupils, friends and family attend if you are available. There will also be mince pies! She has also been communicating with Newton Abbot Museum and exploring how they could support our exciting History curriculum. She has also made all the arrangements for our Year 4 and Year 6 residentials. Permission slips for the trip are due today and the deposits are due on 5th November. If you have any queries about the residential, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Mrs Elliott has been busy working with a group of Year 6 pupils to support them to gain their Civic Award. This is a fantastic opportunity for our older pupils to develop confidence and to contribute to the local community as well as working hard to plan fundraising ideas.

Mrs Rippon has been busy looking after staff and pupil well-being by sign posting us to activities that may support us and helping children to learn strategies for self-regulation. She's also provided lots of yummy treats every Friday.

Our PTFA have been busy making bids to a number of organisations to raise funds to develop our library in to a warm and inviting space. They have also been organising the Christmas fair, and we cannot wait to invite parents onsite for this after such a long time. More details of our Christmas plans and events will be shared with you shortly.

The children have been busy exploring a varied curriculum. In KS1 pupils have been exploring the evolution of toys and thinking about the toys their parents and grandparents may have played with. Whilst KS2 have been using drama to show their understanding of the Anglo-Saxons.

What can we look forward to after half term?

After half term we will be in the run up to Christmas and we are so excited to be able to invite you all to our Christmas Carol Service and Nativity on 14th December at 1.30 at St Paul's Church. The children will be very excited to share their performances with you. It's been really



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tough for all schools over the last 18 months and staff and children have really missed sharing all we do in person with parents. So be ready for something spectacular.

In November we will be working closely with the NSPCC to deliver high quality and age appropriate lessons about how children can keep themselves safe, what is appropriate and inappropriate behaviour with different people and exploring the NSPCC pants rule. The programme is being rolled out across the whole country in response to the recent OFSETD report about sexually harmful behaviour. You can access more information about this on: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Finally, thank you to each of you for the support you give the school each day, we wish you a safe and happy half term.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Secker

Head of Academy