

EXWICK HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring Term– 23rd May 2019

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Dear Parents & Carers,

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DON'T FORGET, NON-PUPIL DAY: MONDAY 3rd JUNE (following the Half term holiday). The school is also shut to both staff and pupils on Monday 24th June (OCCASIONAL DAY). Our term ends on Tuesday 23rd July.

What a fantastic half term it has been, here at Exwick Heights! Our summer term is always a very busy one, apart from all the exciting events the staff have planned into the curriculum, such as sports days, the Grenville House residential, various trips for all other year groups and the Year 6 performances, it is also the **key assessment period** for our pupils in all Key Stages. Our Year 6 SATs have taken place and our Year 2 SATs finish tomorrow. The children have been so fantastic, approaching every challenge with enthusiasm and perseverance and I am incredibly proud of their achievements, as always. I hope they all enjoy a fantastic half term holiday!

Spring Term Achievement Certificates: Each term the teachers choose a child who has stood out in some way; this may be for academic, social, sporting, citizenship/community recognition. The following children have been awarded this accolade for Spring 2019:

Nursery:	Sophie Weeks	Pip Dobie
Reception:	Elio Mazza-Janssen	Indie Brooks
Year 1	Wilfred Simons	Albie Jax Moore
Year 2:	Rohan Mishra	Summer Stewart
Year 3:	Leon Collom	Aimee Gillett
Year 4:	Dominic Wlizlo	Rosie Goff
Year 5:	Camille Barron	Kelsie Hemstock
Year 6:	George Weston	Courtney Fox
		Kalina Lobaza
		Felix Spiess
		Harry Mitchell
		Mihai Panait
		Layla Bamsey
		Imogen Malins
		Cody Ford

Parental Voice - Thank you all who attended our ‘Meet the Senior Leadership Team’ coffee meeting in the last week of the spring term. Though it was a very small number of parents, the information gathered (regarding things like our annual reports, Homelearning, how much notice is required in the event of having to cancel a sports day in inclement weather etc) these meetings are really useful; they help us to identify key areas of improvement to enable us to continue to improve.

Year 4/5 Sleepover – Last Friday, 85 intrepid children from Years 4 and 5, along with 9 members of staff, enjoyed an eventful evening, sleeping in the main building of the school. This experience helps to prepare the children for their residential visit to Grenville, scheduled for later this term. The wonderful weather enabled us to enjoy a variety of games outside on the field, before settling down in front of a film in the hall and enjoying some hot chocolate. Whilst I’m not convinced that any of us slept a great deal, it was a very enjoyable night and the children were truly a pleasure to be with. Thank you to all who supported this event!

Summer Fete: Thursday 20th June from 3pm Our fantastic PTA have begun their preparations for the Summer Fete. As with all events that the PTA holds at school, we rely heavily on the generosity of our parents and are always looking for parent volunteers to help us out on the day - even if it's only for an hour. This may be before or during the fete. We need volunteers to assist setting up the stalls beforehand, to run stalls or to help with teas and coffees. We would also be very grateful if anyone would be able to support us by lending us a gazebo which we can use to provide shelter for any of our pupils running a stall (it will, of course, be sunny on the day of the fete!) If you are able to offer some time to assist the PTA, please pass your name, contact telephone number and email details to the main office and a member of the PTA will be in touch with further details. Alternatively, please email pta@exwickheights.devon.sch.uk and someone will contact you. If you are keen to run your own ‘designer’ stall and sell your own items, you can also book in via the above email address.

PTA Meeting: Thursday 6th June 3.20pm The PTA will meet on this date (here at school in the main building) to finalise arrangements for the fete and would warmly welcome anyone interested.

Bereavement It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that Mr Holland, a truly delightful man, who regularly supported our school at events throughout the year, has passed away. As a school, we have been incredibly privileged to have been able to work with him regularly. His passion for music enthused all of our pupils and he will be missed by all of the team here at Exwick Heights. I am sure you will join us in offering condolences to Mr Holland’s family, including Mrs Mabin, his daughter, for their terrible loss.

Supervision at the beginning and end of day Please can I request that our younger pupils are closely supervised before and after school by an adult. We have noticed a small number of children have been allowed to ‘roam’ independently, which obviously puts them at risk. A recent example has been a young child who was attempting to climb on to the high walls between the front entrance and the Year 2 playground. The adult with them was unaware until a member of school staff addressed it, which I find extremely concerning.

I am also aware that, with the warmer weather, more of our school community are riding or scooting to school. This is fantastic news and is something I am keen to promote. However, I’m afraid that bikes or scooters are not permitted to be ridden on the school grounds (and this again includes ‘ride-on’ toys). This is because our school is such a busy environment at that time of day and we need to protect everyone walking along the paths. Thank you for your support in this matter – it is much appreciated!

Sports Day

We’re now preparing for our sports days and look forward to supporting the children in a variety of sporting activities. Please can I ask if any parents or friends of our school would be prepared and available to support one or more of our sport days by selling refreshments. Without your support, we are sadly unable to provide our lovely families with beverages. The dates (and reserve dates in case of inclement weather) are:

Yr 5/6: Wednesday 12th June, 10:00am.

Reserve date: Thurs 27th June, 10.00am.

Yr 3/4: Wednesday 12th June, 1:30pm.

Reserve date: Thurs 27th June, 1.30pm.

Yr 1/2: Tuesday 18th June, 1.30pm.

Reserve date: Tues 25th June, 1:30pm.

Nursery: Wednesday 26th June, 9.30am.

Reserve date: Tues 2nd July, 9:30am.

Reception: Wednesday 26th June, 2pm.

Reserve date: Tues 2nd July, 2pm.

Read to Succeed - A big thank you to all parents/carers who have been supporting our KS1 and 2 children with the Read To Succeed (home reading) initiative. When a child’s reading journal (handed in every Monday morning) has been signed by an adult 3 times or more in any week to show that they have read for a sustained period on 3 occasions or more, they receive a ticket. Tickets are then collected in at the end of each half term. This week, one ticket from each classes’ collection was drawn in a special assembly and prizes awarded to the lucky owner.

I would like to offer a special well done to pupils in 5CW, who won the overall class award for the most tickets per child. I would also like to congratulate pupils in Year 1 who scored highly and have only just started the scheme!

Reminders & Notices

School Uniform As summer approaches, may we also remind parents that the wearing of shoes with heels or sling-backs is not permitted; they can cause nasty accidents and are not in line with our school uniform policy. Sensible flat shoes that are suitable for active playtimes are strongly recommended. I would also like to ask that children still have a coat or waterproof in school to cover all circumstances! Earrings are permitted, however, these must be small stud like earrings and not dangly or large ones. Multiple earrings up the ear are not permitted; there should be no more than one earring in each ear. I ask that parents adhere to the school policy as children will be asked to remove inappropriate jewellery.

Lost Property We again have a large pile of lost property which we are very keen to return to owners. We ask that all items (clothing, lunch boxes etc) are **clearly named** to help us to quickly return any lost items. Thank you for your support with this!

PE Kit With the warmer weather approaching, there are more opportunities for extra PE slots outside including practices for the forthcoming sports days. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day so they can play a full and active part in our sports programmes.

Sun hats and Suncream Please help us to protect your children further when outside this summer. Please provide them with a sun hat making sure it is clearly labelled with their name. Regarding sun cream, we ask that you apply a high factor sun cream to your children before they come to school and do not send creams or lotions in with them. However, if your child has a particular sensitivity to sunlight or if you have any concerns, please speak to their class teacher to discuss this further.

Some children have eyes sensitive to the sun, especially if they suffer from hayfever, once again, we are happy for them to wear sunglasses to school. Please make sure that these are plastic because of health and safety issues. Prescription sunglasses or reactive lens glasses are also acceptable.

Cashless School

As a school, we are currently looking into the possibility of all payments becoming cashless from September. If you have any thoughts with regard to this, we would really welcome your feedback so please come and speak to the office team!

Change of address/telephone number/email/allergies etc If your contact details change, please let us know as a matter of priority so we can keep in touch at all times.

With best wishes,

Mrs C Neal
Headteacher

2nd half of the Summer Term 2019

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2019	Half-term holiday
Monday 3rd June 2019	Non-pupil day – staff in
Tuesday 4th June 2019	Children return to school
Wednesday 5 th June 2019	Yr 1 Pennywell Farm trip
Monday 10 th June 2019	Yr 6 Junior Life Skills
Tuesday 11 th June 2019	Yr 2 Paignton Zoo trip
Wednesday 12 th June 2019	Yr 5 & 6 sports day 10.00am
Wednesday 12 th June 2019	Yr 3 & 4 sports day 1.30pm
Tuesday 18 th June 2019	Yr 1 & 2 sports day 1.30pm
Tuesday 18 th June 2019	Yr 6 Exmouth Beach trip
Wednesday 19 th June	Parent workshop JM Singing
Thursday 20 th June 2019	Summer Fete
Monday 24th June 2019	Occasional day – no school for pupils or staff
Wednesday 26 th June 2019	Nursery sports day 9.30am
Wednesday 26 th June 2019	Reception sports day 2.00pm
Friday 28 th June 2019	Non-uniform day for £1.00 donation to charity
w/c 1 st July 2019	Grenville House week
Wednesday 3 rd July	9:15am new nursery parents meeting cohort 1
Thursday 4 th July 2019	City wide transfer day + New R intake
w/c 8 th July 2019	Yr 5 Bikeability week 1
Monday 8 th July 2019	New Reception 2 nd transition visit 9:15 – 10:45am
Monday 8 th July 2019	Yr 6 Production 6.00pm
Tuesday 9 th July 2019	9:15am new nursery parents meeting cohort 2
Tuesday 9 th July 2019	Yr 6 Production 9.30am
Wednesday 10 th July 2019	Yr 6 Production 1.45pm & 6.00pm
Thursday 11 th July 2019	New Reception 3 rd transition visit 1:15 – 2:45pm
Thursday 11 th July 2019	Meet the new teacher 3:30 – 4:30pm
w/c 15 th July 2019	Yr 5 Bikeability week 2
Tuesday 16 th July 2019	9:15am new nursery parents meeting cohort 3
Tuesday 16 th July 2019	School discos 5:00 – 6:15pm FS/KS1 (with parents) 6:30 – 7:45pm KS2
Tuesday 23 rd July 2019	Last day of term for children
Tuesday 23 rd July 2019	Leavers assembly 2.00pm
Wednesday 24th July 2019	Last day of term for staff