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Dear Parents,

Here we are at half term already! The children have been working extremely hard on their school and home learning. As ever, our school is always busy and there has been lots of exciting things going on.

## South African Educational Trip



We had an exciting whole school assembly on Wednesday where we had actually got to talk to Mr Ward live from a school in South Africa! Isn't modern technology fantastic?!

Mr Ward was in Skukuza Primary School near The Kruger National Park. We met some of the children who told us amazing facts about the school, their families and where they lived. The children get to see the 'big five' almost daily - lions, leopards,

elephants, rhinos and buffalo - as well as zebras, giraffes, snakes, hyenas and many more wild and exotic creatures. The children thought it was far more exciting than the seagulls we have swooping around the playground! The children sang us a song and then we all sang a song back in return. We had the opportunity to ask lots of questions and speak to the teacher and children.



We can't wait for Mr Ward to return so he can tell us all about his adventures in South Africa, meeting the children of Skukuza and showing us all the photos he has taken.

## That's the Way to do it...

We were very lucky at the start of term as we had a visit from Professor Mark Poulton who is a professional puppeteer. He has performed Punch and Judy shows for over 40 years and can still be seen every summer season on Weymouth beach! His visit linked to the creative topics in years 1, 2, 3 and 4. He taught us all about the history of Mr Punch, the different types of puppets and how to put on a good performance. We learnt lots of things from him. He then did an actual Punch and Judy show for the whole school which we all loved!

## Year 1 & 2 Class Showcases

A massive thank you to all the parents that came to our class showcases this week. It really was heart-warming to see so many of you there and I know how excited the children were to share their work with you. Of course I have to mention George, in Mr Bennett's Class for his amazing puppet show, which he did write, produce and direct! The rest of the class more than played their part as well. I am so proud of all the children in both Mr Bennett's and Mrs Bower/Miss James' classes. Well done.

## Retirement

Mrs Bligh will be retiring from teaching and her role as SENDco at Furzeham School at the end of this term. Mrs Bligh has been in education for over 40 years and at Furzeham as SENDco for the last 5 years having a significant impact on the children, families and staff to which she has served and worked alongside. Mrs Bligh will be enjoying spending retirement time with her family and grandchildren. She will be sorely missed.

## World Book Day

World Book day on 2nd March 2017. The children will be dressing up as characters from their favourite books and there will also be a sponsored read and other activities. More details will follow.

## Music festival

On the 28<sup>th</sup> March our choir are performing at the international Rivera centre in Torquay. Our choir are busy rehearsing with Mrs Thompson for this event. More details to follow.

## Football Clubs

Our newly formed Year 3 and 4 boys football team have had a brilliant season so far. On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, we played against Curledge Street Academy. Considering the weather, all of the children played a fantastic game. Darragh began the game as our goal keeper, making so many brilliant saves. Our team defended so well, and even though the final score did not go our way.....they all walked off the pitch at the end with their heads held high, feeling immensely proud of how far they have come! Jack was named player of the match, for his brilliant defending, his super tackling skills, and showing a brilliant attitude throughout the entire game. Well done boys!

## SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Miss Walker is collecting the Active Kids vouchers this year. The vouchers help to buy much needed equipment for the children in school. There is a collection box situated by the school office, please ask Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles, neighbours and friends who wish to donate to our school. Thank you.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

We are receiving a high number of telephone calls from parents advising of a different arrangement for collection of their child at the end of the school day. Please can you make sure these arrangements are given to their class teacher at the beginning of the day, unless it is an emergency situation.

## Diary Dates

23 <sup>rd</sup> February	JFO Football - Year 5 / 6 at BC
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Second block of Swimming for Mrs Hewitt's and Miss Morley's Class
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Boys Football match Year 5/6 Preston (Home) Girls Football Match (Home)
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Dental Health Survey (Reception and Year 1)
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	WORLD BOOK DAY
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Multi Skills - Year 1 / 2 at BC
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Frisbee Golf - Year 3 / 4 at BC
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Multi skills year 1/2 BC 12.45- 2.30pm
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Boys Football Yr 5/6 Brixham C of E (Home) Boys Yr 3/4 Brixham C of E (Home)
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Mrs Hewitt's Class Frisbee golf year 3/4 BC
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Jennie Moss BC - working with Ellie Morley & C5 Gymnastics (JF) 2-3pm 3.45 Boys Football match Yr 3/4 St Margaret Clitherow (Away) and Girls Football Match St Margaret Clitherow (Away)
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Boys Football Match Yr5/6 Collaton (Away)
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photographs
20 <sup>th</sup> March	THE BIG PEDAL 2017 20 March to 31 March
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Boys Football match Yr 3/4 Galampton (Away)
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Mrs Hewitt's class Showcase Problem Solving at BC Miss Morley's Class Boys Football match Yr 5/6 Eden Park (Away)
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Miss Morley's class Showcase
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
28 <sup>th</sup> March	MUSIC FESTIVAL NIGHT AT ERC
30 <sup>th</sup> March	BC Yrs 5/6 Mrs Wilkinson's Class Rounders
<b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Last day of Spring Term</b>

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