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Dear Parents,

Thank you to all those parents who supported our school and children in Early Years and KS1 and came to our class showcases. The class showcases were amazing and the children and staff demonstrated the new phonics scheme we have adopted this academic year. The children love to show off their work and feel a sense of pride in what they have achieved. Thanks also to those parents who attended our Read write ink phonic scheme launch, it was so lovely to see so many of you there. At Furzeham, we believe this parent partnership is vital to the success of the program and will allow your child to become a life-long reader. It was great to have your feedback forms too as this helps us to support you and your child on their journey. If you haven't brought your feedback form in, it's not too late, please drop in to your class teacher or the office. I'm sure you'll agree the progress our children have made in reading since September has been amazing and we look forward to building on this throughout this year.

Thanks to all parents who visit us regularly and help with reading, if you would like to support the school in any way either by helping to hear children read, or helping with the PTA, please let the office know. Please do not hesitate to come in and chat about anything to do with your child's learning journey. Teachers are available in the morning and after school for a quick chat or if you require a longer chat; please make an appointment at the main office. We look forward to seeing all our parents at our parent evenings later in the term. Furzeham Primary continues to grow and we welcome some new children to our Furzeham school community this term.

Attendance

As you will be aware regular attendance is vital for your child to succeed in their learning. At Furzeham we have been working hard to increase our attendance figures.

Furzeham choir

KS2 children have been practising for our next concert at the International Riviera centre in Torquay later this term and hope to sing some Little Mermaid songs. Look out for more details on how to purchase tickets.

Family Hub

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, our 'family hub' is situated in the house next to the school. We have some family learning courses running. Please enquire with Mrs. Smoothy or the office if you are interested, there is a crèche available.

PTA Coffee Morning

The PTA will be holding a coffee morning this Saturday (10th February) at Brixham Methodist Church Hall – Fore Street, to raise money for the school.

Contributions of cakes can be brought into school on Friday morning – 9th February.

The coffee morning starts at 8.30 am and finishes at 12.30 pm. If you are able to help serve teas and coffees or able to make some cakes to sell, please let the office know or speak to either Margaret Fensome (Chairperson) or Heather Ingram.

Scholastic Book Fair

28th February Scholastic Book Fair - Arrives for one week.

1st March World Book Day – Children to dress as a favourite book character (more details to follow)

Football results

Year 3/4 Football Club vs Collaton (away) - Final score 2-2

Bikeability



Our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils have enjoyed participating in Bikeability training provided by Torbay Council.

Fire Engine visiting Nursery

This half term Nursery children have been learning all about the special people that help us. We were super lucky this week to welcome Brixham Fire Station into our Nursery. We found out all about the special equipment they wear and we were even lucky enough to sit in the fire engine. Our favourite part was having a turn firing water out of the hose.



School Improvement since our last OFSTED inspection

It is now just over 1 year since we were inspected by OFSTED. Since the inspection the school has been working hard on focussed priority areas identified within the report. The key areas for improvement included:

- Improving our phonics outcomes at Year 1.
- Improving our consistency and writing opportunities across Early Years Foundation Stage.
- Improving our attendance.
- Developing problem solving and reasoning in maths.

I am pleased to report that since our inspection, 2017 outcomes at EYFS, KS1 & KS2 have improved as has our attendance rates.

Amanda Spielman – Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector wrote to the school to say how pleased they were with the leadership of the school in accurately identifying areas for improvement and bringing about improved outcomes. As a school we are extremely proud of what we have accomplished since our inspection, this is because we have a shared effort and commitment between governors, staff, parents and of course our children!

School Council Meeting

We have held 3 school council meetings since September, and as always, in all three of the meetings, the children have been actively voicing their and their friend’s opinions on particular things happening within our school. Most recently topics have included: lunch time, and how we can make lunch time even more enjoyable for everyone! We have lots of things happening over the next few weeks, we will keep you updated. The next school council meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th February.

Farewell



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Walker, who will be leaving the school on Friday. Her hard work, commitment and contribution to supporting children over many years has been amazing. On behalf of the Governors and staff at Furzeham School, we wish her good luck for the future.

Thanking you for your continued support.

Mr. P Adams
Head teacher