

UPDATE



Week Ending: 30th September 2016

BOOKFAIR

Soon our school Book Fair will be here - from Tuesday 4th October through to Monday 10th October, inclusively. The book fair runs after school from 3.30 to 4.30pm and is a great opportunity to get the children excited about reading books. It also gives parents the opportunity to stock up on early Christmas presents. For each sale that is made through the book fair, the school also receives commission that can be spent on books to be used in school. If you are unable to make the book fair in school, we have sent home a catalogue to all families this week, so that orders can still be made. The children have been given details of a competition that we are running in school, there will be 5 prizes of a £5 book voucher to spend at our book fair.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Next Friday we will be holding our Harvest Festival Celebration in the Church at 1.30pm followed by our family open afternoon. The PTA will also be serving refreshments in the school hall after the Harvest Festival and the book fair will also be available at this time.

Once again the school will be supporting The Encompass Charity, this is a local community based charity that helps a variety of people in the community. Overleaf is more information on the charity and the types of food donations that can be made at our Harvest Festival Service to be passed on as food parcels to those most in need. If you would like any further information on suitable food donations to make or Encompass please contact the school, thank you.

OPEN AFTERNOON

After the Harvest Festival service, on Friday 7th October, we will be welcoming parents to come into school for our open afternoon, this offers parents the opportunity to come into school and view the children's work. The open afternoon starts at 2.30pm onwards. Please do come along, the children love the opportunity to be able to show their families what they have achieved this term so far.

OUTDOOR COMPETITION WINNERS

As part of our outdoor learning sessions last academic year, we entered a competition organised by CPRE Devon (Campaign to protect rural England.) We were so pleased and proud to receive the news that Bishops Nympton Primary School won the best overall school prize.

The winning prizes were presented during assembly this morning. We received a trophy alongside a cheque of £200 to be spent on our grounds project. A fabulous effort and congratulations to everyone who entered.

A special well done to those who also received a highly commended award for their individual entry. Olivia Selley, Tallulah Sullivan, Chloe Sanders, Lucy Duffett, Daniel Williams, Billy Forder, and Yi Lin.

To top it all off, Alex Ayre won the KS2 best individual entry. A huge well done to Alex and all our entrants. We are very proud of you all.

Mr Scandrett

MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who baked cakes and came along to the Preschool Macmillian Cancer Support coffee morning on Wednesday. The morning was a great success it was lovely to see so many people supporting an worthy charity.

LOST PROPERTY

The children are wearing a lot of unnamed uniform into school at the moment and this leads to problems for the children when they need to change for sporting activities and unfortunately results in the children going home in clothes that are not theirs. To help please ensure all items that come into school are clearly named.

Danny Griffin has lost a pair of black trousers, aged 4/5, they are named. So please could you check any trousers at home to ensure that they have not been taken home in error, thank you.

PTA

Thank you to everyone who came to our Sausage Sizzle last week, it was great to see lots of new parents and children. A special thank you to Lucy Bowden who donated the sausages and to the School Council who organised games for the children.

The PTA are a small team of Parents who run events to raise funds for our school.....we are always keen for new parents to come forward with new ideas and join us...our AGM is on Wednesday 12th Oct at 2pm.....ALL are welcome.

We are planning a Ghosts and Ghouls Disco before half term, A Christmas Family Bingo on 9th December and our Annual Christmas Bazaar after the Carol Service

So busy times ahead

ROLLER DISCO

Get your skates on! Fun roller disco for kids aged from 1 to 16 at North Molton Sports Club Saturday 1st October 12 -2pm and every fortnight. Bring your own skates and helmet - limited equipment available to hire on request. Please note that no helmet, no skating. NMSC members £3 per child (additional kids £2), non members £4 per child (additional kids £2). For further information email: vdubv@live.co.uk

Amethyst Achiever Awards

Class 1 achiever: Dulcie B

Class 2 achiever: Ollie RM

Class 3 achiever: Duggie RM

House Points

Totals so far this term

Ruby	252
Emerald	238
Amber	207
Sapphire	297

FUTURE DATES AND EVENTS

Mon 5th September - Friday 16th December - Autumn Term
 Tuesday 4th - Mon 10th October - Bookfair in school
 Friday 7th October - Harvest Festival Service - 1.30pm
 Friday 7th October - Open Afternoon - 2.30pm
 Thursday 13th October - Parents Evening 1
 Thursday 20th October - Parents Evening 2
 Wednesday 4th January - First Day of Spring Term

Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct - Half Term Break
 Tuesday 13th December - Preschool Nativity
 Wednesday 14th December - School Christmas Lunch and Party
 Thursday 15th December - Preschool Christmas Lunch
 Thursday 15th December - School Carol Service
 Friday 16th December - Last Day of Term

ENCOMPASS DINER SUPPORTS LOCAL PEOPLE

As the days get colder, a charity in Barnstaple is offering a service to help people in need in the North Devon area. The Encompass Diner, which is held every Tuesday at the Parish Rooms, Church Lane is providing free hot drinks and toast from 8.30am and a free three course hot meal from 12pm for those that are looking for advice and support.

Claire Fisher, operations director for the charity said: "The Diner is an essential service in the area that supports people with a variety of needs. Our guests may need advice on finances, homelessness or simply may just want to speak with someone as they are feeling lonely and isolated. As the weather turns colder, we see that many people can't afford to heat their house all day and so a free hot meal in a warm building can be a real life line during the winter."

At the Diner, guests are provided with the opportunity to speak to a qualified advisor to gain advice and guidance on a range of issues such as housing, debt and benefits in an informal, but confidential setting. It provides a key link into to other services offered by Encompass Southwest. On average, the Diner feeds between 30-40 guests each week and welcomes an extra 40-50 people who drop in for a coffee and advice throughout the morning.

Encompass relies on donations and currently are in need of the following items.

flour, caster sugar, stock cubes, gravy granules, jelly, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, pepper, brown sauce, coffee, tea, instant hot chocolate, washing up liquid, baked beans, tinned tomatoes. Any other non perishable donations would be gratefully received and would be used in food parcels. Ideally tins would ring pulls would be helpful as those clients who are homeless don't have tin openers.

Thank you for your support, the donations we received really do make a difference.

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