



The Beacon

Church of England (V.A.) Primary School

Living life in all its fullness. (John 10:10)

Dear Families and Friends,

Highlights of the week.

RC: Finding out about the people who help us (emergency services).

1M: Making fun sentences that are joined with 'and'.

2P: Writing our own Mrs Armitage stories.

3S: Writing letters and giving advice to our favourite animals.

4L: Exmouth Schools' Conference on Climate Change and Protecting our Environment. Learning about our local wildlife, reducing, re-using and recycling, damage caused to our oceans, bug hotels, seed bombs and lots more! Thank you Exmouth Town Council for organising a great day!!!

5C: Creating art work to demonstrate the 8 phases of the moon.

6J: Researching evolution and adaptation – why's the giraffe evolved in this way?

'I Believe in Unicorns' We are all very excited about our Theatre Alibi production on Thursday next week. This will take place during the morning in school – it's a story about loving reading and getting totally lost in books and stories. It's the event that's going to launch our drive to inspire a love of reading for all our children – do share your favourite books at home, we're all going to be talking about them next week.

Please download our new APP now!!! Alongside our new school website we have an app which we will be using to notify you about **upcoming events, news** and lots more. In particular **notifications** about last minute changes will be coming via the app. Please download it now as we are working on **Parents Evenings being booked** online so you will need access very soon. The App is called School Jotter, once you've downloaded it, you need to log in to our school with the name and postcode– The Beacon C of E Primary EX8 2SR <https://www.schooljotter.com/school-jotter-mobile-app/>



Sports Day – We were very disappointed to have to postpone our Sports Day. Unfortunately it is not going to be possible to hold it this term, so we will re-book for the summer and let you know the date once we've got one! Thank you for your support and understanding.

Harvest festival Thank you for the donations today, School Council have decided they will go to Open Door.



Friday 27th September 2019

Our Stars of the Week



**RC: Omar 1M: Tristan 2P: Tommy
3S: Rakin 4L: Ginny
5C: Lily 6J: Joshua**
Very well done to all of you!

Next week:

Collective Worship Theme:

Generosity, God loves a cheerful giver
– thinking about how the way we give a gift is as important as the gift itself.

Monday

RC Forest School
3S Beach School
Games Club Y 1, Y2
Netball club Y4, 4

Tuesday

Morning football Y5, Y6
Lunchtime Choir Y4, Y5, Y6
Dance Club Y1, Y2
Chatterbox Club Y5, Y6

Wednesday

Solihull parent group 1.15 – 3.15pm
RC Forest School
Choir, Y4, Y5, Y6
Multi-Sports Club Y 5, Y6
Art Club Y1, Y2 - CANCELLED

Thursday

Census day – please have school dinner!
1M Forest/Beach school
Orchestra (by invitation)
Construction Club - CANCELLED

Friday

Celebration Worship 9am at Church
2P Beach/Forest School
Samba Club Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
Multi Sports Club Y3, Y4
Computing Club Y2, Y3

Sunday 6th – Pet Service, 4pm, Church



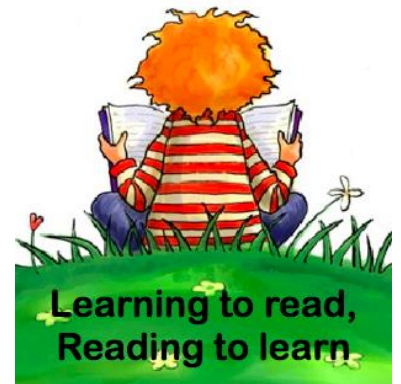
Christmas Cards – PTFA design your own cards. Do look out for the information coming home soon – deadline to pass designs back is Friday 11th October.

RC and 1M Parent and Carer Reading Events take place soon. We have invested in new reading books – come and find out how we're changing our approach to learning to read and how you can help! We are holding two sessions for each class, both will be the same – please do come along and find out what happens in school and what we are asking you to do at home to support your child's reading.

RC Monday 7th October at 2:30-3:30 or 7:30-8:30pm

1M Wednesday 9th October at 2:45-3:30 or 7:30-8:15pm

Mrs Betty Jones's funeral takes place on Wednesday 2nd October in Holy Trinity Church at 4pm. To allow staff to attend, there will be no Art Club on that day.



Staff training – we love learning too! We have highlights of the week for our children, but the teaching teams are doing some extra learning next week that we're looking forward to! On Tuesday after school we will be reflecting on how to make the most of reading opportunities, and being introduced to our new guided reading system – Rethink Reading! Our regular volunteers will be joining us so that our children have the same quality learning opportunities right across the school. On Thursday, our Educational Psychologist will lead the first of two sessions teaching teachers to coach each other, as part of our drive to share and develop best practice in high quality teaching and learning across the school.

Pet Service at Holy Trinity: See the flyer being emailed with our newsletter. Everyone's invited to bring their pets along for a Sunday@4 Pet Service on Sunday 6th October, 4pm at Holy Trinity.



Erasmus+

Logo Competition.

You may have heard that we have been successful in gaining

a grant for our ERASMUS+ project with primary schools in Spain, Italy, Greece and Slovenia. As a group we are holding a **competition to design our logo**. Our project will investigate the local trades and crafts of each area, how the local geography and history impacted these, and investigate the 'European group' of children's ideas about how they may evolve into the future. Every child at school will have an opportunity to design a logo – a winner will be chosen from every entry across our 5 schools. Over the next two years, small numbers of children in year 6 will have the chance to visit each country, with most of the costs covered by the grant.

Watch out for more information once Mrs Billington and Mr Chalkley return from our planning visit to the Spanish school in October half term.



Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Anne Billington