

2nd October 2020

Dear Parents,

You can not believe how exciting it is to have a giant sized egg hatch and to find a baby dinosaur in the hall on a windy Wednesday morning. It certainly gave and excited buzz to the school and it has stimulated so much learning. The week has been full of BIG questions and thoughtful wonderings.... What if...? I wonder why...? Today someone suggested it could be a carnivore—I certainly hope it isn't!

Thanks you to everyone who continues to park and drive sensibly in the vicinity of the school. However, today, a blue Mitsubishi people carrier was observed driving very fast outside the school at drop off time.

Can I please request, *once again*, that parents take care and reduce your speeds... children are unpredictable and road safety is not always their top priority when they see a friend across the road or are rushing to get in to class. As adults we MUST take care and ensure it is our priority even if we are running a few minutes late. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Have a lovely weekend, Fran Brinicombe



### Ruby Class

Ruby class were super excited to see the egg hatch this week. We have continued to look at our text 'Zog'. We have created some missing posters for him and made maps to help him find his way back to Ruby class.

### Star Learner

**Reception : Mason** is our star learner this week because he has really worked hard to join in with routines! He has been putting his hand up and becoming more vocal in the classroom. Well done Mason

### Sapphire Class

In Sapphire class this week we have been journalists, writing informative newspaper articles based on the recent unusual findings in Ignis. The children impressed their newspaper editor and their articles made front cover news! In Maths, we have been continuing with our place value topic; partitioning numbers and using the whole-part model to represent this. We have also been considering what a true friend is and we have discussed the key values in a good friendship.

### Star Learner

**Year 3: - Nina** is a responsible and reflective learner. She has used these values well to write an informative newspaper report based on the recent unusual events in Ignis.

**Year 4: - Dawid** has written an informative newspaper report based on the recent unusual events in Ignis. He has used an eye-catching heading, detailed the main events and used quotes from eyewitnesses to create a balanced article. Great journalism Dawid.

### SEND

Useful websites and resources to support families and children with SEND

#### **Communication & Interaction team:**

Resources and support for schools and parents

<https://www.babcockldp.co.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-support-for-schools-parents-and-pupils/links-for-home-schooling-resources-and-activities/communication-and-interaction>

#### **DIAS:**

Information and advice given to families regarding SEND:

<https://www.devonias.org.uk/>

#### **BBC Happy People:**

Help to develop your child's communication skills

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

If you have any concerns and would like to speak to the schools SENDCo please contact Clare Bedford via: [stdavids@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:stdavids@ventrus.org.uk)

### Emerald Class

This week Emerald class have been busy counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and using these skills to solve different number problems. The children were very excited to find the mysterious egg has hatched and are hoping that the dragon can be trained so that it is not a threat!

### Star Learner

**Year 1 : Otto** has settled so well into Emerald class! He is always carefully listening and following instructions. He always tries his best when completing any activity. Otto has been a fabulous role model in Emerald class this week!

**Year 2 : Manisha** because she has completed to great pieces of writing this week. It has been great to see Manisha's enthusiasm for her learning this week. Well done Manisha! Keep it up!

### Diamond Class

This week the children in Diamond Class have created a new team of dragon experts: 'Wings, Roars and Claws'. They visited the newly-hatched dragon in the school hall and then accepted a mysterious commission from the Ruling Council of Ignis. This commission turned out to be less favourable than they had originally hoped: the Ruling Council would now like them to eliminate the dragons in the town!

### Star Learner

**Year 5: Celeste** has had a very industrious week, producing a fantastic piece of artwork for our 'Wings, Roars and Claws' team logo. Well done and thank you Celeste!

**Year 6: Olivia** has had a fantastic attitude since the beginning of Year 6, and this week she has put the maximum amount of effort into all that she has done in class. Well done and thank you Olivia!

### Drink Bottles

Please ensure your child's drinks bottle is only filled with WATER and not juice or squash.

Many thanks



# Newsletter

**Please note we will be STRICTLY adhering to the Guidance below:**

If your child is unwell with any symptoms of Covid-19 **DO NOT SEND THEM IN TO SCHOOL** as this poses a risk to their peers, teachers, teaching assistants and our wider school community.

***Please continue to be alert for the main symptoms of coronavirus:***

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
  - a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
  - a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you or anyone in your household shows any of the three symptoms, everyone in the household must self isolate and not come to school. The person with symptoms should arrange for a test as soon as possible.

## **NHS Test and Trace - Update from Devon's Public Health Team**

- NHS Test and Trace was launched to support the next stage of the pandemic. This is a national function to help trace close recent contacts of anyone who tests positive and notifies them if they need to self-isolate. The objectives of NHS Test and Trace are to control the rate of reproduction (R), reduce the spread of infection and save lives.
- It is supported by new Local Authority responsibilities.

**If a child or staff member tests positive for Coronavirus then they will need to self-isolate at home for 10 days following the guidance given—the rest of their family will also need to isolate. Siblings must not attend school for 14 days even if they are asymptomatic.**

**It is important that you inform the school if your child or a member of the household tests positive as we are then required to follow a strict protocol.**

## **Free School Meals (FSM)**

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However entitlement will also have other benefits including the reduction in price of some trips and visits. Children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals & benefits (FSM):

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

**If you think you may be eligible please apply through the Devon Citizens Portal. This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.**

## **STAY & PLAY**

Please use the following link to apply for Stay and Play after school childcare places.

**[Click Here](#)**

*Please note there will be no Stay and Play sessions on the last days of term.*

*Friday 18th December*

*Thursday 31st March*

*Thursday 22nd July*

**There is be NO Stay and Play on Friday 23rd October due to a Non-Pupil Day**