

March 20th 2009 School Newsletter



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Dates

- ◆ 23/3/09 - Modern Foreign Languages week.
- ◆ 27/3/09 - PTA Disco
- ◆ 31/3/09 - Year 5 Healthy living evening 6 - 7:30
- ◆ Easter holidays 6/4/09
- ◆ 20/4/09 - Summer term begins
- ◆ 15/5/09 - PTA Quiz @ 7:30pm

Tudors

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about life in Tudor times and have produced posters, leaflets and power points to show some of their findings. I was very impressed by the children's knowledge of the monarchs during this period. This detailed picture of Queen Elizabeth I was drawn by Alisha.



Parents' Evenings

This has been another opportunity for me to meet a number of you continuing the long journey of matching the children to the relevant grown ups! With the parents that I had the opportunity to discuss the format of the evenings with, I was pleased that the meetings with the class teacher were both useful and informative. Where there are good relationships between school and home children are often more settled and develop a positive attitude to school and learning. If you are one of the few who were unable to make an appointment this week please arrange a date with your child's class teacher that is mutually convenient.

Healthy Schools Plus



In 2006 the school managed to achieve Healthy Schools status by ensuring that it complied with approximately 60 criteria around the health and well being of the children. In order to maintain this status we need to engage with

the next stage of the project. This is for schools in the local area to work together to address an identified health issue. Currently there is concern that a greater proportion of Devon children are at risk of developing inactive lifestyles. Studies have shown that children who exercise more are not only healthier and happier but are also more attentive with better learning attitudes. This naturally leads to increased progress and achievement. Over the next couple of years we will be exploring how we can build on the ways we encourage the children to become more active working with the other schools in the West Exe Learning Community.

MFL Week

How is your French? MFL stands for Modern Foreign Languages and next week there will be a greater emphasis on this subject. The children will be learning new words, songs and enjoying some aspects of a different culture. Why not ask your child if they can teach you a bit of French!

Clothes for a Cause

The PTA is looking at different ways to raise money and in the last meeting Clothes for a Cause was raised as a good idea. Bags and a leaflet explaining all have been sent home. Filled bags need to be back to school on 1st April and the school will receive £400 per ton!