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Trust in each other, **Respect** one another,
Shine for yourself!

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Note from Mrs. Moore

What a lovely week it has been in school. The children all looked wonderful in their class photos, and the individual photos for our Year 4's brought a tear to my eye. They are growing up so quickly, and we are so proud of them.

Ocean Class had a fantastic time taking part in the Vitality Coding Adventure. Although our volunteers were unable to attend, the children embraced the challenge and enjoyed the experience just the same.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the dance showcase at the Alton St Pancras Fete on Saturday 23rd May due to low uptake. Perhaps next year we can plan for a maypole dance instead, where numbers won't matter quite so much.

A quick reminder about **PiddleFest** and the **Piddletrenthide Fete**. The children usually sing at around 1.30pm, and it is always a lovely community moment. If any parents are available to help with the school stall on the day, your support would be greatly appreciated.

Next Friday marks the start of **half term**, and then we head into the final term of the

Whole School News

PE Days - Thursday and Fridays

Forest School - Fridays

Facebook: Please follow our school Facebook page, **Piddle Valley CE First School**, where we will share regular pictures and updates.

Easy Fundraising - Please remember to keep supporting us via **Easyfundraising** every time you shop online. There are over 8,000 retailers that will donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us - it is completely FREE

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/piddle-valley-ce-first-school/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-fb1

Clothes recycling bank: If you are having a clear out, please remember to use the clothes recycling bank in our school car park. The school will get a donation each time for the amount recycled.

Reminder: Please **DO NOT** send your child into school with anything containing nuts.

academic year. Hopefully you have all received the information about **Sports Day** and the **Sponsored Colour Run** — both promise to be fantastic events.

We will also be saying goodbye to **Reverend Stephen** on Friday 22nd May. He has been appointed to an important new role at Exeter Cathedral, and while we will miss him greatly, we wish him every success. As a result, we will not be holding our leavers' assembly in the church this year. Instead, we will celebrate with a special leavers' service at Piddle Valley, where parents are warmly invited to join us. This will be followed by the traditional "rolling down the hill" and the ringing of the bell — a treasured rite of passage for our Year 4s.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend — and let's hope for plenty of sunshine.

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week: **84.5%**

Preschool: **91.5%**

Reception: **65%**

Year 1: **76%**

Year 2: **88%**

Year 3: **88%**

Year 4: **90%**

Class News and other bits

Forest Class

We have had a fantastic week in Forest Class this week. In Literacy, we have been reading 'The Night Pirates'. On Monday, we found a map in the classroom, and a note asking us to go on a pirate hunt! We found lots of pictures of pirates around the school. We also found a treasure chest in the classroom, with a message asking us to learn the pirates favourite song. We made our own pirate hats and then went outside onto the pirate ship where we all became a pirate from the story.

As part of our Understanding the World topic we are learning about journeys. We each drew a map of the school. We used the maps to lead us to the pirate ship, where we found a treasure chest!

We all really enjoyed looking at our baby photos this week as part of our RE learning.



We tried to guess who was who and talked about how we are all unique. Thank you to everyone who sent their pictures in for us to look at.

Have a lovely weekend

Ocean Class

This week we have been celebrating fantastic writing on our Wow Wall! We have been writing some excellent character descriptions of Jim and the giant from Jim and the Beanstalk using exciting adjectives and commas to make expanded noun phrases. After their great stories from last week, the children have carried on their amazing effort, which is great.

We were lucky to have a coding workshop on Monday afternoon where the children were part of the Eco Coding Adventure with Professor Trice who guided us through the task of programming a robot (or an Ocean Class member pretending to be a robot!) through a pretend supermarket to avoid products which have lots of plastic, and pick up ones with eco-friendly packaging or no packaging at all. We had lots of fun and could apply our coding knowledge from this term to help us create an algorithm.

In Maths, we have been finding fractions of amounts using cubes and plates to share and have started to feel more confident using fractions and identifying them.





Amazon Class

Amazon class has had a busy week, continuing to work hard.

They have been writing character settings for our English text. They have now finished reading the book and will be completing their final text next week.

The year 4s have done really well with their new maths topic of decimals demonstrating their understanding through the rapid completion of tasks.

Year 3 are definitely demonstrating their perseverance with telling the time this week, facing the challenge of finding start and finish times using strategies they know from other areas of maths.

They have all been enjoying the RE topic this week which focus on Humanism and this is not something they have learnt about before but are very aware of how important the golden rule is to Humanists.

The children have also been setting up investigations in science. They have made predictions for what they think will happen in each case and will be recording their result over the coming week.



They have enjoyed PE lessons this week doing dance and orienteering.

Have a lovely weekend.

Dates for your Diary

Please keep an eye on this section each week. More key dates will be added as they arise.

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May
Summer Half Term

Saturday 30th May
Piddlefest

[Piddle Fest event tickets from TicketSource.](#)

Saturday 6th June
Piddletrenthide Fete - Children Singing 1pm

Friday 3rd July
Whole School Trip - Longleat

Thursday 16th July
Sports Day (AM)
Colour Run (PM)

Friday 17th July
Year 4 Leavers Assembly

Clubs for Spring Term 1

Breakfast and all After School Clubs are to be booked and paid for via Arbor.

Lunchtime clubs can be joined on the day by informing your teacher.

Breakfast Club
Open every day from 8.00am

After School Club
4.30/5.00/5.30pm pick up options

Monday - Book Club (Author & Illustrator)
3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session
(All sessions must be block booked)

Tuesday - Construction & Lego
3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session
(All sessions must be block booked)

Wednesday - Board Games
3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session
(All sessions must be block booked)

Thursday - Kick Boxing
3.15-4.15pm - £8 per session
(Payable via Kickstart Vitality)

Friday - Forest School
3.15-4.15pm - £4.50 per session
(All sessions must be block booked)

Lunchtime Clubs

Monday - Shine Squad
Friday - Gardening Club

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