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

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Note from Mrs. Moore

What a glorious burst of sunshine to take us into half term! Fingers crossed it stays with us as we head into a jam-packed Summer Term 2.

We're cheering on Year 4 as they tackle their multiplication tables check and sending lots of encouragement to the children in Ocean Class who will be completing their phonics screening. You've got this!

Transition days are just around the corner – both for our Year 4 pupils moving on to their next adventure and for the whole school during our trust-wide transition day. Add in our school trip, Sports Day, and the colourful chaos of the Colour Run, and we've got a half term full of excitement.

A plea for support for the PTFA at **Piddlefest** and for to join us at the **Piddletrenthide Fete**. The children have been practicing brilliantly and can't wait to shine.

We also say a heartfelt goodbye to **Reverend Stephen**, who has inspired our pupils with his collective worship every fortnight. As he moves on to lead Exeter Cathedral, we send

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.

him our warmest wishes.

Enjoy a well-earned half term break — let's come back ready to smash Summer 2 together.



Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week: **92%**

Preschool: **95.9%**

Reception: **90%**

Year 1: **96%**

Year 2: **91%**

Year 3: **90%**

Year 4: **90%**

Literacy Reading Award

Caleb

Iza

Niamh

Brian

TT Rockstars

Olivia

Jakub

Class News and other bits

Forest Class

This week in Forest Class we have been celebrating World Bee Day! We learnt about the different types of bees and why they are important to nature. We looked at how honey bees make honey and learnt some key facts about them. We created some 'bee art' by using a printing method to create a honeycomb effect, and then added some bee pictures.

In maths, Reception have been looking at the composition of the number 7. We have been looking at the different ways 7 can be made from two numbers. Pre school have also been looking at the composition of number, but with the number 4.



Reception have been finishing off their Literacy Unit on 'The Night Pirates' by creating an instruction book on how to be a pirate. To finish off our journeys unit of work, Pre School have been reading 'The Way Back Home', which is about a little boy who goes to the moon.

Have a lovely half term and enjoy the sunshine!



Ocean Class

This week Ocean Class finished their RE unit all about Shabbat and Sukkot and got to experience the setting up of the Shabbat table (minus the real wine of course!). They each got to try some homemade Challah bread and watched many Jewish families prepare for Shabbat and see their traditions. The children were surprised that on Friday evenings and Saturdays, Jewish people aren't allowed to touch anything electrical until Saturday evening, but they were impressed by their volunteering efforts on Saturdays. We finished our coding unit too and were able to consolidate all of the programming and debugging that we have been practicing over the last few weeks, after reflecting on what went well and what we could improve after our workshop last week.

Thank you to those parents who are logging their child's reading on Learning with Parents, it's great to see so many children doing lots of reading!

Well done to Ocean Class for all of their hard work this half term, their handwriting is improving enormously!



Amazon Class

This week has been a really good week in Amazon Class.

They have completed their narrative writing and have begun to turn their stories into books and have also been illustrating their stories.

They have almost completed their Money topic in Maths which the children have persevered to achieve. When we return after half term, we will look at solving money word problems.



They have completed their 'Plants' topic and were very surprised by the results of their investigation from last week. That they found that the seed still grew roots even though there was no soil in the pot.

They have completed their Humanism topic in RE and have really engaged with the 'Golden Rule' of Humanism and made links to other religions but also realised that they practice having good morals and don't worship a God like we do and that a Humanist school would have similarities and differences to our school.

This morning, the children once again delivered a brilliant dance showcase and then enjoyed a sunny forest school session this afternoon.

As the weather begins to warm up, could I please ask that children bring plenty to drink and a sun hat to school.

Have a lovely holiday!



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.](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk)

Saturday 6th June
Piddletrenthide Fete - Children Singing 1pm

Clubs for Spring Term 1

School run after-school clubs that will be available for the next half of the summer term will be shared after the holidays. These clubs will begin in the second week back. Please note that Forest School Club will restart in the first week back. Please speak with Luca directly for Kickboxing dates.

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

Friday 3rd July
Whole School Trip - Longleat

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

Friday 17th July
Year 4 Leavers Assembly

After School Club

4.30/5.00/5.30pm pick up options

Monday -

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

Tuesday -

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

Wednesday -

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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