



A message from Mr Bladon:

Thank you to everyone for coping so well with the School Closure last week. It was a difficult decision but we felt that the health and safety of the children, staff and parents on site was important. Any diary dates that were missed as a result of the closure will be rescheduled. The children have told me that they had a wonderful time sledging and building snowmen!

Miss Diggle and her partner Sam have given us the wonderful news that their son Arthur James Manaton was born on the 27th February at 9.30am. Very many congratulations to them! We look forward to meeting him – Miss Diggle promises she'll visit us very soon.

Welcome to Ben Keenan, our supply teacher for Stag Class. I know everyone will make him feel welcome.

As a result of the school closure, **World Book Day** obviously had to be postponed. Therefore we will be celebrating it this Friday 9th March with a Celebration Assembly at 3pm. Scholastics Book Fair will also be here by then and books can be bought after school. Thank you to PTFA for manning the stalls. They'll open it on Monday and Tuesday from 3 as well.

Well done to our **Youth Speaks team** who did so well in the Regionals in Barnstaple. The competition was set at a very high standard and the child delivered their speech very well, answering a particularly tricky question. We were all really proud of them.

The **Fire safety talks** from Devon and Somerset Fire were well received by Squirrel and Stag class. It was an informative presentation on what happens when a 999 call is made, how to make one and what happens if it's a hoax call. The children asked some really pertinent questions and it was good to see them so engaged.

Well done to everyone who took part in the first **Exmoor Challenge practice walk**. There was a range of ages involved and the Year 6 teams from Stag class showed some real resilience and determination. Good luck this weekend on the next practice walk, which is 9.5 miles! Remember to make sure that the correct walking attire is worn and you have some healthy snacks to keep those energy levels up.

School dinners are now up to date. There is a new option on the dinner payments for us to send you a low balance reminder. There's also the option now to pay as a Paypoint voucher. If you use Paypoint elsewhere and think this would be useful please see Mrs Bull in the office.

Some of our Year 4 children are off on their Bristol Residential this week. Have a fantastic time and we look forward to hearing from their adventures!

Term Dates (*more dates on [school website](#)*)

Thurs 1 March: World Book Day

Tues 6-Fri 9 Mar: Y4 Bristol Residential

Friday 9 March: Rescheduled World Book Day

Fri 9-Tues 13 Mar: Scholastics Book Fair Stall at school

Sun 11 Mar: 8am, Station Road Car Park. Exmoor Challenge Practice Walk 2: (Landacre/Simonsbath)

Tues 13 Mar: KS1 Trip to "We the Curious"

Thurs 14 Mar: KS2 Trip to "We the Curious"

Fri 16 Mar: Ilfracombe Swimming Gala

Sun 18 Mar: Exmoor Challenge Walk 3 (*please note change from original advertised date*)

With all the grit around on the paths, a gentle reminder to avoid bringing buggies into school please. This for health and safety reasons and it also brings grit into class.

Next newsletter: 16th March

We are recruiting for a Meal Time Assistant! If you'd like more information on this role do please see the office.