



NEWSLETTER

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	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
19-23 Feb	Lunchtime Recorder Club* Library open after school Primary Sports Football Club 3:30—4:30pm	Breaktime Library open Lunchtime EYFS/ KS1 Multiskills Club* Lunchtime KS2 Chess Club*	Lunchtime Skylarks/ Kingfishers Fitness Club*		
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*Children can sign up for Lunchtime Clubs at school. Click [here](#) for information on how to book a place for Football Club

Dates for your Diary

27 February	The Bookery visit
1 March	Year 6 Secondary School Offer Day
6 March	Skylarks trip to Exmoor Zoo
7 March	World Book Day
8 March	9:15am Robins Mother's Day Assembly
	Years 3/4 Netball at Chulmleigh College
11 March	Years 3/4 Netball at Haywards Primary School
16 March	PARENT POWER DAY
	7:30pm FLS Bingo Night
18 March	Parent Consultation Week. Dates to be confirmed MOVED TO w/b 25th March
28 March	LAST DAY OF TERM
29 March—14 April	EASTER HOLIDAYS

Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a wet start we had to the second half of the Spring term! Our first Forest School sessions of the year were certainly a little damper than we had expected and hoped for, but spirits remained high and the children still managed to have a wonderful time exploring their natural environment.



Last week we welcomed Nicky Willis, a Director at Chulmleigh Academy Trust, to the school to talk with staff and children about recent improvements to behaviour. Nicky spent most of the morning talking with myself and Mrs Healey about the impact of improved behaviour on children's learning and allowing us to explain the recent changes we have made to our behaviour policy. We went to see this in action, with a visit to all classes before Nicky spoke to some children to ascertain their views on pupil behaviour. All children talked confidently about our Golden Rules and could explain why they were important. They also talked positively about the recent changes, explaining to her that improved behaviour helped them to learn better.

Also on Tuesday, Kingfishers plunged straight into their new Rainforest topic with a virtual workshop from the Eden Project. Children were given the opportunity to experience the rainforest through the 'super senses' of a bat, a bee and a mosquito. They discovered the invisible signals, senses and relationships between plants and animals in the rainforest before deciding what they think humans can learn from them. It was a wonderful way to start their new topic and hook them in to their learning.

The Bookery visit - Tuesday 27th February

Today we are looking forward to our visit from The Bookery. The Crediton based independent bookshop will be bringing a selection of their newest titles to share with the children to promote a love of reading amongst our pupils. These visits are a super way for children to find out about the latest titles and authors and also to open their eyes to new genres. The children will take part in a short age appropriate session where volunteers from The Bookery will read key excerpts from the books leaving the children desperate to hear more!

We will be purchasing a set of the new titles for our school library so everybody will get a chance to enjoy these new books.

Have a wonderful week.

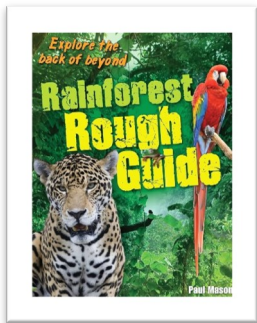
Mrs Wright



Kingfishers Spotlight



The Kingfishers enjoyed a virtual visit from Robbie, an educator from the Eden Project, last week. He had some fantastic information to share with the class all about rainforests. The children got to take part in a virtual tour of the Rainforest Biome and learn about all the different plants that are found there. Robbie and the children then completed some activities on 'Animals of the Rainforest' where they grouped animals by their characteristics, and thought about their special superpowers such as how a stingless bee can see ultraviolet colours which helps them find the Star fruit tree, their favourite plant to feast on! They all loved learning interesting and unusual facts and have retained the information.



The children have been working hard on learning their new text 'Rainforest Rough Guide'; a non-fiction book. They have enjoyed exploring the text structure, picking apart what they like and dislike about it, as well as any patterns and questions they might notice.

In Maths, Kingfishers have worked hard to deepen their understanding of multiplying 2 digit numbers, exploring the column method further and Year 4 have even had a go at multiplying 3 digit numbers, during which they have shown great resilience and ambition.

Some children have also started to practise partitioning 2 digit numbers to divide, which they have practised through a fun practical activity.





Opal Update



Saturday 16th March 2024 Parent Power Day



We held a competition for children to create a poster for the upcoming Parent Power Day at LPS on Saturday 16th March.

Ruby in Herons was the winner with her imaginative and colourful poster. Well done, Ruby!

GOLD AWARD

Congratulations to Gabbie for receiving our Gold Award. Her nomination for the award was suggested by Mrs K, who had spotted that Gabbie had created a horse-riding game on the field and set up activities using loose parts, which many children have been able to use. Gabbie has been creative, and this has enabled many children to use their imaginations to play some wonderful games throughout lunch times together.



WORLD BOOK DAY

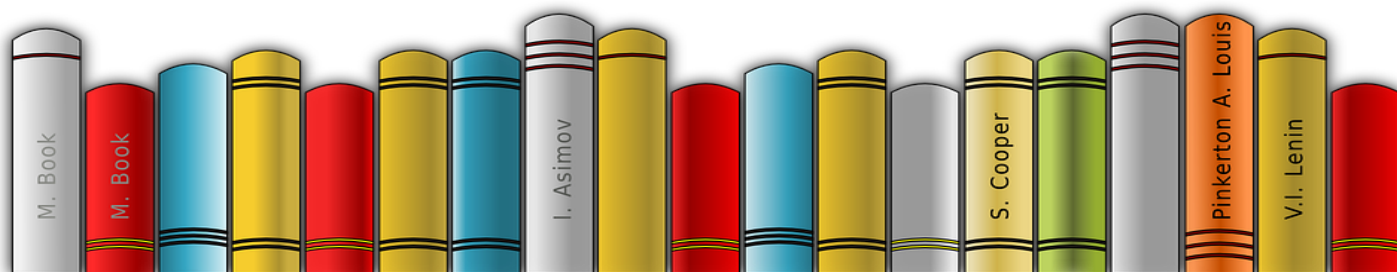
7 MARCH 2024

World Book Day is nearly here!

In preparation for Thursday 7th March, there are many resources going live to encourage children to read. The World Book Day organisation have released some free audiobooks that can be accessed online via <https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>.

They group their audiobooks accordingly: Beginner Reader, Early Reader, Fluent Reader & Independent Reader and provide a range of fiction and non-fiction titles. Some examples include: '5 Minute Sleepy Stories', 'Maggie Sparks & The Monster Baby', 'Meet the Ancient Egyptians', 'The Solar System', 'Danny Chung Does Not Do Maths' and many more.

Why not introduce them to your child at bedtime, whilst driving or when cooking dinner to get them listening and loving more books?



LAPFORD PRESENTS 10

BINGO NIGHT

4 90 6

IN AID OF FRIENDS OF LAPFORD SCHOOL

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

DOORS OPEN 6.30 P.M.
EYES DOWN 7.30 P.M.

LAPFORD VICTORY HALL

Donations of raffle prizes welcome
and can be dropped to the
school reception or contact
Stacey on 07891 556884

LICENSED BAR
RAFFLE AND
GREAT PRIZES

WINKLEIGH YOUTH FOOTBALL

Come Join Our Club !

**U6 & U7 (Yr 1 & Yr 2) Sunday training,
9am @ Winkleigh sports centre**

**U8 (Yr 3) Monday training, 5 - 6pm,
@ Winkleigh sports centre**

**U9,10,11 (Yr 4, 5 & Yr 6) Monday training,
6.15 - 7.15pm, @ Winkleigh sports centre**

FREE !
For all players 19.02 - 25.03
(£2.50 PER SESSION AFTER OFFER PERIOD)

Training Starts w/c 19/02/24

Contact winkleighfc@outlook.com to book!

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Stars of the Week - 23rd February



Congratulations to Louise, India, William and Alfie!



Lapford Legends—23rd February



Congratulations to Rollo, Noah, Grace, the Kingfishers class and Casey!





**YOUR
SCHOOL
LOTTERY**

1

JOIN OUR LOTTERY



2

BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS



3

WIN CASH PRIZES



It's As Easy As



- Join our weekly lottery from just £1 a week
- It's an easy way to support our school and help raise funds
- 40% of ticket sales go straight to our school funds
- There's a guaranteed winner every week as well as the chance to win £25,000

[**Click Here to Buy A Ticket**](#)

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

CHULMLEIGH ACADEMY TRUST

School Terms and Holiday Dates - 2023/2024 Academic Year

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01 April 2024 (Easter Monday)
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