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*Believe in ourselves, be the best we can be*

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## Newsletter- 11.3.22

### Year 5/6 Production- The Rocky Monster Show

After having to postpone the production in December, we were delighted to see our amazing Pioneers and Inventors have the opportunity to perform The Rocky Monster Show last half term. The children have truly loved the whole process of auditioning, learning songs, dances and the script as well as dressing up and some scary makeup! The Teachers have both said it has also been wonderful to see how supportive the children are of each other and their genuine excitement and delight at performing in front of an audience. It is such a special experience for our children and one we know they will remember for a long time. Thank you to Mrs Merrell and Miss Parker-Jackson for their hard work and support for the children. We are all so proud of what you have achieved and how you have thoroughly entertained your audiences!



### Dinner Money

We want to remind you that we would ideally like payments in advance of meals and that the online platform supports you with this as well as helping you to manage and monitor your payments. We have had some parents coming to the office to ask for further assistance with the app and we are always here to support you. We very much appreciate your understanding of this.

### Forest School Fun!

We recently had some fantastic feedback from a parent about her sons' wonderful experiences at Forest School. It means so much to the team to hear these stories and we love sharing what you have said with all involved. Both of this parent's children said what a wonderful time they had and how much they look forward to their time in our forest school areas. A reminder that FOBS still pay for the provision in the school day and your continued support with their fundraising activities will help us to maintain this provision for a long time to come!



## Preschool Update

The terrible weather hasn't stopped us from having fun and the diggers working on the path outside have added an extra element of excitement!

World Book Day provided an opportunity for us to see some amazing costumes as well as share some lovely books with the children.

Next week we will be fundraising for Red Nose Day – further details to be sent separately. Yeash Burkill- **Preschool Lead**



## Additional Support for Parents and Carers

At the end of this newsletter, Mrs Kay (SENDCo) wanted to share some various avenues of support that we have been made aware of that might be of interest to some parents or carers. Please have a read and see if there is anything that you might want to explore further. Mrs Kay would also be happy to give any further information that she might have or discuss further.

## World Book Day

Thank you for your support with World Book Day. The children had a brilliant day discussing, sharing, reading and even rapping books! We saw a great selection of characters from many of the children's favourite stories and it was wonderful to share the books that had been brought in with each other.

We hope you have managed to spend your World Book Day vouchers. If not, there's still time - the vouchers are valid until the 27th March.



## Pupil Voice

Before half term, we were talking in assembly about staying safe. We thought about how the adults in school keep us safe and, importantly, what the children can do to keep themselves safe. This aspect linked to our other recent focus on the children taking responsibility for things that they do and say. The children wrote some more wonderful reflections that I always try and share with others whenever I can because I love to hear the children's thoughts and ideas.

***'Adults in school help us stay safe at lunch and at break and in the classroom; but, one of the most important things I think the teachers do is they help us mentally and support us to feel safe. Outside of school at home I make sure I don't look at anything inappropriate, I listen to my parents rules and accept when I do something wrong.'*** Lizzie- Y5

***'Don't do everything someone tells you to do. If it seems unsafe then we need to think about how to stay safe too. For example, if someone said to jump off something high up we need to think about what could happen like we could get hurt and think about if we are safe.'*** Jimi- Y2

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



**Dave Killoran**  
(Headteacher)

## FUTURE DATES FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	Reports out parents (Explorers reports shared in the Summer term)
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Explorers Parents' Evening
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	Optional Parents' Meetings- more information to follow
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	Queen's Jubilee- day in lieu

## Additional Support for Parents and Carers

**Parent Autism Awareness Workshops (message from the Communication and Interaction team):** We are delighted here at The Communication & Interaction Team (Babcock LDP) to have launched and further developed our new Parent Autism Awareness programme and additional events. These are topic based workshops, available for parents/carers to choose from based on the priority needs for their child and desired knowledge and further understanding in these topic areas:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Trainer</b>
Wed 16 Mar	1-3p.m	Autism - Girls	Robert Good
Tues 26 Apr	9.30-11.30	Autism – Communication (pre/non verbal – support strategies	Laura Matthews

Mon 16 May	12.30-2.30	Autism – Communication (verbal – support strategies)	Laura O’Shea
Tues 24 May	9.30-11.30	Autism – Managing stress + anxiety	Alison Cann
Wed 15 Jun	9.30-11.30	Autism – Demand avoidance + PDA	Robert Good
Fri 8 Jul	9.30-11.30	Autism – Vulnerability + online safety	Paul Lamanna
Thurs 28 Jul	9.30-11.30	Autism – Sensory processing + integration	Kevin Jones

Apply direct by email to: [LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com](mailto:LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com) to secure a free place on any of the above programmes, or express your interest in forthcoming programmes. We will confirm your booking request and provide you with a direct link to the event. They will be delivered online ‘live’ via the ClickMeet platform.

### **How to Respond and not React**

Presented by Advisory Teacher, Linda Willmott and Family Worker, Jeff Cornish from the Social, Emotional and Mental Health Team:

**A free, informal workshop for parents and carers of Devon Primary School age children**

**This event will be held virtually on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 at 10am - 11.30am**

There are times when we all feel overwhelmed with our emotions. Children feel like this too. In this workshop, we will explore why your child behaves in the way that they do; how you can respond to help them calm and how to re-connect to strengthen your relationship with them. We will also offer some specific de-stressing techniques that both you and your child can start using straight away.

We are joined by a parent who will share his own experiences of family life and the transformational impact it had on his family when he changed his approach as a parent.

To book your free place, or for further information, please contact [Sue.Vanstone@babcockinternational.com](mailto:Sue.Vanstone@babcockinternational.com)

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