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## Malborough with South Huish C of E (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a wet and windy week we have had again this week! We haven't let the weather dampen our spirits though and the children have had lots of fun with their learning.

### ECO CLUB BEACH CLEAN

Thank you to our Eco Club, their families and The Winking Prawn for an amazing beach clean in aid of 'The Great British Litter Clean' on Wednesday. We found lots of micro plastic, fishing nests and broken-down plastic bottles on the beach.

After their beach clean, the children were treated to hot chocolate and a giant cookie from The Winking Prawn as a treat for all of their Eco Warrior efforts this term.



## CULTURAL CHAMPIONS

This week we were delighted to welcome Ami Lee from 'Cultural Champions' who came into school to talk to the children about Judaism. The children enjoyed tasting the Shabbat Challah bread and learning about Jewish festivals, family life and the Torah.

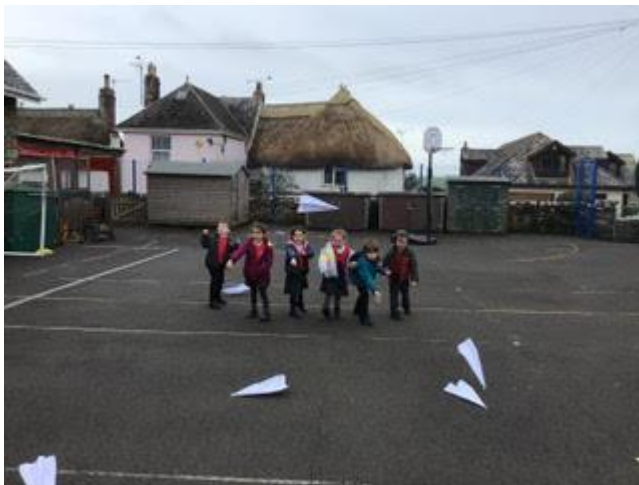


## PRESENTATION FROM LUSCOMBE MAYE

We welcomed Rose Winzar and Theo Spink from Luscombe Maye to school today. Rosie and Theo came to present the prizes to the winners of their 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday art competition. Congratulations to all of our amazing winners and well done to everyone who took part.

### AROUND THE CLASSES

Reception and Year 1 enjoyed making birds in their Forest School session this week. They used all of their forest school skills to tie the pipe cleaners and the string to secure the feathers. They made lots of different birds including our garden favourites Blue Tits, Blackbirds and Robins. I think you will agree the children have done a great job.

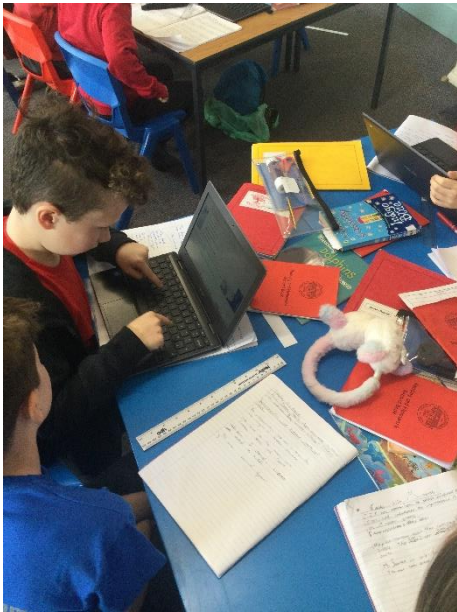


Reception has also made their own paper aeroplanes for an intense race on the playground. Working on their fine motor skills and carefully following step by step instructions, they created aeroplanes that demonstrated some fantastic flying!

Class 1 has planted the Broad Beans which they germinated in their window bags. They carefully removed their beans, looking at their newly sprouted roots and shoots, used wooden dibbers to create holes, placed them into little pots which they decorated with spring scenes and covered them with soil. We're looking forward to watching our beans grow!



In History, Class 3 has been learning about Ancient Greece. The children were asked to research one of the famous battles that the Greeks were involved in. They worked in their groups and discovered some great information. They then shared what they had found out with another group to teach each other and learn about different battles!



Class 2 have had great fun in their Music lessons this week. They have played different instruments to experiment with sound and rhythm.





### EASTER SERVICE

We will be holding our Easter Service in St Peter's and All Saints Church on Thursday 30th March at the revised time of 2.30pm. Please do join us if you can, everyone is welcome.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

We will be holding our Easter Egg Hunt next Thursday and would be very grateful for donations of Easter Eggs for the children. Please would you bring any donations to the school office. Thank you.



### EASTER BONNET COMPETITION

Our Easter Bonnet competition will take place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. For those of you who would like to take part, please bring your hat in from home. Each hat will be judged and there will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. We are looking forward to seeing some wonderful hat designs!

### ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 20/03/23

Reception	62%
Year 1	99.2%
Year 2	91.8%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	100%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>92.4%</b>

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forest School - Reception and Year 1 a.m. &amp; Year 4 p.m.</li> <li>Class 4 PE</li> <li>Parents' Evening - 3.30pm to 6.00pm</li> <li>PTFA Meeting - 3.30pm in Music Room</li> </ul>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE with Achieve4All (all classes)</li> <li>Achieve 4 All after-school club - 3.30pm to 4.30pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eco Warriors after-school club - 3.30pm to 4.30pm</li> <li>KS2 Tag Rugby Tournament at Loddiswell Primary</li> </ul>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easter Egg Hunt - p.m.</li> <li>Easter Service in Church at <b>2.30pm</b></li> </ul>
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March <b>LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easter Bonnet Competition</li> <li>Eco Warriors' Cake Sale</li> <li>Celebration Assembly at 9.15am</li> <li>Classes 1,2 &amp; 3 PE</li> </ul>

Please note that there are no after-school clubs this week apart from Achieve 4 All and KYFC Youth Club.



The School Awards this week go to:

Reception: **Lola**

Year 1: **Barney**

Year 2: **Cassius**

Year 3: **Dorothy**

Year 4: **Jack**

Year 5: **Mason**

Year 6: **Maddison**

The MTA award this week goes to: **Jake** for being caring and responsible at lunchtimes.

The Attendance Cup this week has been awarded to: **CLASS 4**

This week the House with the most points is: **SAINT DAVID**

Our Accelerated Reader this week is: **Amelia**

Well done everyone!

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Stallard  
Head of School

Mrs T Coulthard  
Executive Head Teacher

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### DIARY DATES - New events in 'Red'

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>NON-PUPIL DAY</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April		Water safety visit from RNLI Lifeguards
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April		Re-scheduled Fire Safety Visit
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April		Re-scheduled SWW visit
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3	Extended day visit to Forest and Beach
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>PTFA Cake Sale</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>		<b>MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May		Whole school church service at 9.15am - everyone welcome
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May		Bags2School
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Malborough Village Coronation Party at the Village Hall</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>BANK HOLIDAY FOR THE CORONATION OF HM KING CHARLES III</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2	Visit to Exeter Cathedral and Synagogue.
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>PTFA Cake Sale</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	KS2	Take 5 Wellbeing Festival at Buckfast Abbey - 10.00am to 2.00pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May		150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations & Open Day. Details to follow.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May		Break-up for Half-Term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June		Return to school
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Community Party at The Old Inn</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June		Whole school church service at 9.15am - everyone welcome
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6	Canoeing with 'Singing Paddles' - 9.00am - 12 noon
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4	Residential visit
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4	Multiplication Check Week
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5	Residential visit
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>PTFA Fathers' Day Pop-up Shop</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Years 5 & 6	Children's Mental Health Assembly at 9.30am
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June		Sports Day with PTFA refreshments
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Classes 1 & 2	Visit to Paignton Zoo. Depart at 9.15am.
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June		Surfing and water safety day at Bantham Beach
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>PTFA Cake Sale</b>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July		Whole school church service at 9.15am - everyone welcome
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 5 & 6	Children's Mental Health Workshop at 9.15am
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July		150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Summer Ball & Auction of Promises at Cliff House
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July		PTFA Summer Fair
17 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6	Residential visit
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July		Year 6 Leavers' Service in church at 2.00pm - everyone welcome.
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>		<b>PTFA Cake Sale</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>		<b>LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM</b>

### TWITTER

The South Hams Federation now has a Twitter page where you will find details of all of the latest events happening throughout the federation. Please take a look at:

<https://twitter.com/SHFederation>

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

### BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

### EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

### SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

### UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

### NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert: potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

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## Advice for Parents & Carers

### CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

### GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

### BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

### PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

### AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

### SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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