

# Teignmouth Community School, Mill Lane

## Autumn 1 Newsletter

### Welcome to our first newsletter of 2022!

*We have certainly had an exciting start to the year. From fun dressing up on Dahlicious Day, to a range of exciting trips, the children have been enjoying lots of exciting experiences. One big change this year has been our timetable— pupils now have more music, computing and other subjects built into the week. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm in which children have engaged with this change. Following our Parent Forum, we have also been working to improve our communication— we hope you find next half-term's diary dates useful. Overleaf, you will see some information about key moments from Autumn.*

*Wishing you a restful and exciting half-term break,*

*Mr Marchant*

### Exciting trips

We have had some wonderful trips this half-term making the most of our local area. Years 3 and 4 have visited Dartmoor, Reception have been to the beach, and Year 6 have enjoyed a fun-filled Residential. We look forward to more exciting events next half-term!



### Outdoor Learning

Outdoor Learning continues to be a real strength at the school (see our OFSTED report for more details!) and some of this half-term's activities have included den-building, mini-beast hunts and plenty of singing around the fire!



## Diary Dates

Following parent feedback, we have put together our key dates for the next half-term. KS1 and Years 5 and 6 are also holding trips this half-term, and will be in contact once their arrangements are complete.

1.11.22	First day back– children return on Tuesday 1st November
2.11.22	Reception Tea Party– children bring in party clothes and teddy
8.11.22	Year 6 ‘Bakes and Books’ sale after school raising money for year 6 leavers’ events.
10.11.22	Year 5/6 Quest Day – the children are invited to come in dressed as Victorians.
14.11.22	Anti-bullying Week. Activities will be happening in school all week to raise awareness.
16.11.22	Parents of children in Reception are invited in to join their children for some nursery rhymes at Outdoor Learning.
16.11.22	Year 3/4 Quest Day – the children are invited to come in to school dressed as chefs.
18.11.22	Children are invited in wearing ‘Spots and Socks!’ to celebrate Children in Need and Odd Socks Day for anti-bullying week.
21.11.22	World Children’s Day. Activities will be happening in school to celebrate.
21.11.22	Tempest Photography in to photograph children in Nursery, Reception, Years 2, 4 and 6.
30.11.22	Reception trip to Torquay Museum
9.12.22	Year 1/2 Quest Day – children are invited to come dressed up in costumes inspired by ‘weather’.
12.12.22	Parents of Nursery children invited in to join their children for Xmas crafts, songs & a performance.
12.12.22	Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert (two evening performances – more details to follow).
13.12.22	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day (Father Christmas will be visiting the children too!).
14.12.22	Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas performances – more details to follow.
15.12.22	ELF Fundraising Day - more details to follow.
15.12.22	Parents of Nursery children invited in to join their children for Xmas crafts, songs & a performance.
16.12.22	Review Day.
19.12.22	Christmas Holidays begin.
4.1.23	Children return to school for the spring term.

### Parent and pupil feedback

Following our changes to the timetable, we have been eager to see what our pupils and parents thinks! At the parent forum, parents commented on their children’s enjoyment of the range of lessons. In pupil interviews, pupils told us how they find the new timetable ‘exciting’ and that they feel they are ‘learning even more’. Our lunchtime changes– where Years 1-6 all have opportunity to mix with each other– have also gone down well!

### TT Rockstars

Well done to the pupils who have been logging on to Times Tables Rock Stars regularly! Just a few minutes’ daily practice is all that is needed to help build this important skill for all our children. If you are a KS2 parent who needs support accessing this, please see your child’s class teacher.



### Have you joined our Facebook Group?

To keep up to date with more of the exciting things happening in our school, look for ‘Teignmouth Community School, Mill Lane’ on Facebook. You may even see some interesting outfits!

