



Dear Parents,

Y MUSCLES NEEDED! I'm sure you'll agree St. Thomas CAPs have made a brilliant start to the sensory garden and outdoor classroom, but now they need help. This Saturday they have managed to borrow a shredder, but need some strong volunteers to feed the branches they have cut down through the machine – can you help? If you have some spare time on Saturday please let us know TOMORROW, so that we can put you in touch with someone from the group.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS: School photographs are next Thursday (7th February). You will already have received a letter with the options, but if it hasn't arrived home yet please ask for another.

ANYONE FOR BASKETBALL? There is a basketball coaching session at Clifton Hill Sports Centre on Tuesdays between 4 pm and 5.30 pm, aimed at players aged 7 – 11 of all abilities. Each session costs £3. If anyone is interested contact Chris Shakya either on 01392 253353 or chris_shakya@hotmail.com.

OPEN AFTERNOON/ PTA 'TEA AND BUN': This event takes place on Thursday 14th February. From 1.30 pm onwards, parents are welcome to come into school to look at their children's work, with their child explaining what they have been doing. This is not a chance to have a discussion with the class teacher, as they will still have the rest of the class with them, but it is an opportunity to look at the children's current work, so that when you come to the face – to – face interviews with your child's class teacher after half-term, you will be better informed and ready to enter into a good discussion with them. At the same time on the 14th (from 1.45 pm to 4.00 pm the PTA will be holding a 'Tea and Bun Afternoon' in the school hall. We found that combining these two events worked really well last year, so we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on 14th.

YEAR 3 / YEAR 5: Please remember to return the slips about the two residential visits in the Summer Term to Beaford (Year 3) and Wembworthy (Year 5). A meeting will be arranged when more information can be shared with you, but in order to ascertain the need, we need to know the numbers of parents wanting information. It is hoped that all children in both years will go on the trips, as they are now an integral part of our curriculum.

HALF-TERM FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE: Exeter City's 'Football in the Community' department will be out and about again over the half-term delivering their popular 'Soccer Roadshows'. The fully UEFA qualified team will be coaching basic skills, holding fun competitions and running lots of small sided tournaments throughout the week. They will be in Exeter from 18th – 20th February at Exeter School on the astro turf. The cost for this three day course will be £45. The courses will run from 10 am – 3 pm. Please contact Jamie Vittles or Charlotte Perry on 01392 255611 or Jamie_vittles@exetercityfc.co.uk / charlotte.perry@exetercityfc.co.uk for more information or to book a place.

2008 SCHOOL RESOLUTIONS: 'Have fun and smile – remember each day is a new beginning'. The children worked on 'New Beginnings' in their PSHE work during the Autumn Term, and thought this was a good resolution, especially for those of us who find it difficult to put sad or troublesome times behind us.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MESSAGE: We are still waiting for your suggestions about projects for our £200 budget. These have to be with us before half-term.

Just two weeks and a day to half-term, how time moves on! Half – term will be a very busy time at school – more news next week!

Yours sincerely, David Pugh (Headteacher)