

Friday 21st June 2019



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Dates

- ◆ Sports Day – Fri 5th July (pm)
- ◆ Open Afternoon – Thurs 11th July
- ◆ KS2 Play – 16th July (eve) & 17th July (pm & eve)
- ◆ Disco – Fri 19th July
- ◆ Leavers Assembly – Tues 23rd July
- ◆ Term Ends – Tues 23rd July

School Uniform

Any donations of school uniform to our school uniform sale rail would be much appreciated. We are particularly short on red school jumpers and cardigans and boy's trousers ages 5-6, 6-7 years.

Thank you for continuing to support us to provide a pre loved uniform option for parents without your support this would not be possible.

Staffing

Following the appointment of Rachel Shaw to the post of CEO across Exeter Learning Academy Trust, Justin Stone will be based full time back in St. Thomas Primary. We are congratulating both Eddie Brown and Gemma Ridge for next year. Mr Brown has been successful in achieving his first headship. This is well deserved after providing such positive leadership to St. Thomas over the years. I would like to thank Mr Brown for his hard work, support and dedication over the years and wish him every success as he takes on the role of Head Teacher in his new school. Mrs Ridge is a highly skilled SENCo and Babcock International has recognised this and seconded her for 12 months to provide an advisory role in other schools. We wish her every success for next year and look forward to welcoming her back in September 2020. As there is a bit of change for next year it is hoped that over the next couple of weeks we can finalise the staffing arrangements.

Year 5 and 6

This week as part of their work on rivers, Years 5 and 6 met with employees from the Environment Agency. The children were able to interview them about their role and see the equipment they used, before walking to see the flood defence scheme that is being developed around the Quay. Despite the weather, the children were also able to explore different habitats specifically looking at diversity.



School Gateway

Thank you to all parents who have signed up to School Gateway and downloaded the app. Upcoming trips are now on the Gateway so that payments can be made rather than sending money into school. From September menu choice and school dinner payments will be made through this app. It is easy to set up – just download the app and follow the instructions. The school office is able to help anyone who needs a little help.

Reception

It has been very exciting in Reception with their theme on Pirates. Today the children have dressed up, been on a treasure hunt and performed a Pirate Dance!



Summer Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Summer Fair and to FOSS for organising the event. The weather was really kind and it was a fantastic afternoon. I am really pleased to write that over £700 was raised for the school.