

# February 2nd 2023 School Newsletter



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Attendance: 92.02%  
Target: 96%

## Dates

- ◆ FOSS Disco Friday 3/2/23
- ◆ Half term Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February
- ◆ Whole School Author visit 28/2/23
- ◆ World Book Day 2/3/23
- ◆ Parents evenings week starts 20/3/23
- ◆ FOSS Quiz Friday 24/3/23
- ◆ Last day of term Friday 31/3/23

## School Disco

This Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, it's the school disco, £1.50 on the door.

KS1 5.30 - 6.30pm  
KS2 6.45 - 8pm

## Wow - this half term has flown by!

As we speed through 2023 I've been reflecting on how amazing our school is, different languages, cultures, and with a real family feel. I'm excited to introduce a new **Deputy Headteacher, Sarah Prince**, who will help me lead the school. She is employed by The First Federation in Sidmouth but we have borrowed her till the summer. She has already commented on how friendly the children, parents and staff have been.

## Meal Time Assistant Role

As some of you may have seen this week we have a Meal Time Assistant role at school. The hours will be Mon-Fri for 1 hour 15 minutes a day from 12 - 1.15pm. Responsibilities include supporting children eating their lunch, and speaking and playing with the children. What a great job! I will post the official job application in class dojo in the next few days - thanks.



## Deputy Headteacher

Hi, my name is Sarah Prince. I'm excited to be joining St Thomas as Deputy Head. I have been working as a Deputy Head for 6 years at Sidmouth Primary School. I LOVE walking by the beach, catching up with friends, leading a youth group and of course, working with children. My favourite place to visit is Cornwall (and I think the cream should go on top of the jam!!) - *er, Mr. Jenkins here and please don't hold that last statement against her!* ☺

## Around the School

At St Thomas we've always known that learning happens everywhere, not just in the classroom! Year 3 and 4 visited **Paignton Zoo** today to learn about habitats. On Monday Year 6 sung in **Exeter Cathedral** in front of the Mayor, the TV cameras and even Judge Rinder to mark National Memorial Holocaust day - everyone was so impressed. Great job to all involved!



## Guitar lessons coming

Hi, my name is Alan Webster and I am looking for pupils who want to learn the guitar. I teach music and TAB reading and I can take pupils through classical, acoustic, rock and theory exams if this is suitable. I usually teach in small groups of 2 for 20 minutes, 3 for 30 minutes or individually depending on the number of pupils I have and their age and ability. The cost of lessons is £6.50 per lesson, payable termly.



## Netball Champions!

This term our Year 6 Netball Team have been part of a tournament on a Monday evening at West Exe School. We were playing the other schools in the Exeter Learning Academy Trust (ELAT) and were crowned **champions**. We beat Alphinton 3-2 in a close game, Ide 5-2 and Bowhill 7-1. Great work everyone!

