

# School Newsletter – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024



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## Attendance

Last week: 93.7%

Year to date: 94.6%

National average: 94.4%

Target: 96%

## Dates

- Year 3 Tag Rugby Festival - 24<sup>th</sup> January
- Reception/Year 1 Teeth Visit - 24<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 1 Church Visit - 25<sup>th</sup> January
- Whole School Author Visit - 1<sup>st</sup> February
- Year 5 Exeter Mosque Visit - 1<sup>st</sup> February
- Parents Evening - week of 5<sup>th</sup> February
- Year 3/4 Theatre Alibi Set Design - 8<sup>th</sup> February
- Half term - 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February
- Reception & Year 6 Height & Weight Check - 21<sup>st</sup> February
- Year 4/5 Girls' Football Tournament - 21<sup>st</sup> February

## Mr Jenkins' Message:

It's great to see so many of you enjoying the music at the gate every morning - any requests and I'll see what I can do! As you can see our attendance has improved from this time last year - we know that children's life chances are greatly improved if they attend school regularly (over 96%) so thank you for sticking to your guns on those cold, dark mornings and coming in every single day - post COVID - getting back into those routines are so important!

## Year 3 Tag Rugby Festival

Year 3 will attend a tag rugby festival on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January** from 9.15-12pm at West Exe School. This is intended to be a relaxed introduction to the sport and the children will be accompanied by staff members from St Thomas.

## Reception/Year 1 Teeth Visit

A small number of children in reception and year 1 will have received a letter regarding a teeth check visit in school. If your child was one of those selected, **you must please consent** (send the letter back) for them to have their teeth checked.

## Whole School Author Visit

On Thursday 1st Feb, local author and poet Louise M Dickens will be visiting us at St Thomas Primary! Louise has written two children's books based on her adorable pugs, who will also be joining us. Louise will introduce us to her pugs, talk to us about her career as an author and provide a short poetry workshop for all year groups. Louise will be available in the school library from 3:15 if children would like to purchase a signed copy of her books (£7.99 each or 2 for £14). <https://alfredandfriends.co.uk/>



## Red Fleeces

We will be making a bulk order for red fleeces from a local supplier. Please keep an eye out for how to make your order and payment.

## Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be held during the week of the 5<sup>th</sup> February. 10 minute appointments will be released on Parent Gateway during the next week.

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## Year 3/4 Kents Cavern Trip

The two classes had a great time this week finding out how the caves were formed, about the people and animals that lived at Kents Cavern throughout the Stone Age and exploring Stone Age artefacts.

