

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those who were able to attend the PTFA meeting this week. It was great to look back on last year and all the money that was spent on the children to enhance the opportunities at Mrs Ethelston's. The PTFA work tirelessly every year to provide exciting events for the school community to enjoy and raise much needed funds that are often used to subsidise trips and provide new experiences for our children. If you would like to be more involved in supporting the PTFA, please speak to your class rep.

As Mrs Ethelston's is now a Lead School for Music, with the Devon Music Hub, we are excited to announce that our Year 3 and 4 children will be participating in a Future Musicians Programme. I have attended the training for this and the children are already learning the pieces of music. The event is taking place at the end of November and is being hosted by Axe Valley Academy. More information about this exciting opportunity has already been shared with our Year 3 and 4 classes.

Some students from years 3 and 4 had a great time at the Woodroffe Netball-Bee, They attended 2 sessions in which they learnt some new skills and practised their passing. And on the last session 3 matches were played. It sounds like they had a lot of fun.

We have a very busy week ahead in school. On Monday everyone is welcome to join us in Church for our Harvest Festival at 9am. The gates will open on Tuesday at 3pm for our annual Enterprise afternoon and the children are excited to sell their products. Friday is our first Stop the Clock day of the academic year. Over the year we will have six of these special days. The children will be working collaboratively to learn more about #helloyellow. We would really appreciate a small donation following this link <https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/fundraisers/bethanystapleforth/hello-yellow?enref=805871b317e1e8c3856eb4f3de266f95>.

Behind the scenes, the Trust have been working very hard to move things forward with the building plans and are hoping to release an update for the school community next week.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,  
Mrs Allington

**Data Collection forms** - The children will be coming home with Data collection forms and SOE3a forms next week. Please can these be completed and returned by Friday 17th October.

Thank you

**Dates to remember**

Harvest Celebration - Monday 6th October  
Enterprise Day - Tuesday 7th October  
Wrens Class Worship - Friday 10th October  
Open Morning/Afternoon - Monday 13th October  
Celebration Worship and Ethos - Friday 17th October  
School Photos (change of date) - Thursday 23rd October

**Our Core Value this half term is Friendship**

**Whole School Attendance This Week**

**98%**

The winning house this week was

**ANNING**

Well done and keep earning those house points!

**CLUBS**

MONDAY-FRIDAY- BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

TUESDAY- RUNNING CLUB

WEDNESDAY- MULTI SPORTS

THURSDAY- TAG RUGBY/CHOIR CLUB

FRIDAY- FOOTBALL CLUB

MRS E'S CLUBHOUSE ART CLUB

ICT CODING CLUB

**PTFA Cake & Treat Sale Dates**

Fri 10th Oct - Yr6

Fri 7th Nov - Yr5

Fri 21st Nov - Yr4

Fri 5th Dec - Yr3



All proceeds go back into your class funds, to buy things for your children!

Please remember the PTFA Bags to School is Friday 10th October.

**Thought for the week**

