



SLPS SPRING NEWS

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Happy Easter



COMING UP		TIME
Sun 5 th	Exeter Vineyard Church Easter Egg Hunt and Free Breakfast!	10.30am
Mon 13 th	NON PUPIL DAY	
Tues 14 th	Start of summer term	8.30am

Note from the Head

On Monday I changed my screensaver on my laptop to a wonderful photograph of mud covered, tutu wearing folk from the school, parents and staff. The group were taking part in the Rock Solid Challenge to raise money for Brain Tumour UK. When I log on, the photo reminds me of the a whole host of things: the importance of teamwork, courage, being resilient but most of all the deep and abiding love we hold for every pupil who has been part of SLPS. May you have a wonderful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 14th April.

Momentum Thank you for your support for Year 4's cake sale; they raised £105.12p. The next cake sale is Year 3's on **Friday the 24th of April**.

The next Momentum meeting will be on **Monday 20th April**, 7:30 @ Mount Radford Pub, Magdalene Rd, everyone is welcome.

Momentum would also love to hear from you regarding volunteering and fund raising for our Summer Fete on **27th June** at Bull Meadow Park.

This year we are expecting to have an awesome Summer Fete as St Leonard's Primary School, St Leonard's Pre School and Bull Meadow Playground Project are joining forces. Any help is much appreciated so if you fancy manning a stall, face painting, cake baking or helping to marshal please get in touch via momentum@slpscloud.co.uk

Fun for everyone is at the top of the agenda but we also need to raise money for all three groups. In addition to helping on the day there may be a way that you and your employer can help through a scheme called Match Funding. There are many companies in Exeter that offer their employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise. So if your stall raises £100 they will boost it to £200. It really is easy money! If your company offers Match Funding and you would like to help out at the Summer Fete this year you could be doubling the amount raised, how amazing is that!

Please check out the link below to see if your company is on it or just ask them direct and get in touch with hannah@forrow.co.uk.

<http://tallships.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Companies-Currently-Running-Match-Funding-Schemes.pdf>

SLPS Brave Rock Solid Challenge! The Rock Solid crew thank everyone for their support; they had a very challenging, fun time and managed to reach their target of raising £1,000. If you would like to boost their fundraising total you still have time to do so at www.justgiving.com/slpsrocksolid.

Year 4 Site Visit to Kier Kier are part of the Considerate Constructors Scheme, CCS, a national initiative to improve the construction industry's image with the public. The scheme has a mascot called "Ivor Goodsite"! Kier invited some of our Year 4 children to interview the CCS inspector to find out what the scheme is all about. They found out that Kier give fruit to all of the people working on their site and they encourage healthy eating. They also have showers so that people can go home clean and fresh! Kier are doing lots of other good things and Year 4 felt that they are considerate constructors! They have also offered to help the school build our new outdoor classroom, the Roundhouse. Tony from Kier said a big thank you to the children involved, Joseph, Sophie, Freddie and Lily. The inspector said that he was very impressed with the children, their attitude and their research.

Cardboard Boxes We would still be grateful for donation of newspapers for craft activities throughout the school and Year 5 still need cardboard boxes which can be painted as evacuees suitcases.

Thank you Thank you to Brian Moore, Exeter School's music teacher, who has been visiting Year 5 to work on two songs. He was accompanied by some of his very talented Year 11 students.

A big thank you from Year 4 & 5 to the music and drama group from Isca; and another big thank you to the Maynard's sports leaders who provided Year 3 with some fantastic sporting activities.

Sustrans Big Stride Thank you to everyone for supporting our focus on travelling to school actively. Prior to the week commencing 68% of children were travelling actively, the average last week was an amazing 83%. A particular well done to 2JN, for two days they had all children in the class travelling actively, and also to 2AS, they achieved 100% on

the last day. Prizes have been awarded to these classes. It has been great to see lots of bikes and scooters also in this week.

St Leonards Forest School Club (SLFS) SLFS are pleased to announce that starting in the summer term, there will be a Forest School Club once a month. This will be on either a Saturday or a Sunday to give all children the opportunity to attend regardless of existing commitments. The summer term dates are: Saturday 9th May, Sunday 14th June, Saturday 4th July. The sessions will be three hours long and will be designed to support your child's development at school. Forest School activities will be linked to the National Curriculum. There will be a session for Foundation and Key Stage 1 in the morning and a session for the Key Stage 2 children in the afternoon. If you have any questions please email: jnorman@slpscloud.co.uk or ehowlett@slpscloud.co.uk or catch us at school!

Roundhouse Project The next volunteer working day for the Round House project will be the 25th April 2015 from 9.30am - 12.30pm ish! If you would like to help please feel free to turn up on the day or email: jnorman@slpscloud.co.uk or sjones@slpscloud.co.uk.

Exeter Vineyard Church EVC are holding an Easter Egg Hunt and free breakfast at school on ***Sunday the 5th of April*** at 10.30am. It will be followed by a Family Easter craft session with more hot refreshments and pastries!

Lunchtimes There have been some lovely older children in the playground this week, helping the younger ones and playing with them. Felix and Angus, Year 4 and Summer have all been really helpful. With spring in the air, some of the children in the lower playground have been using our new brushes to clean up the playground. Thanks to Momentum for funding these, as well as the Double Scooter boards and new Pedal Rollers. The ping pong tables continue to be well used and with the sun shining, lots of children have been eating in the courtyard. We have welcomed Becky Jones, Foundation TA, on to the lunchtime team this week, and she is looking forward to meeting some of the older children.

The children's week

YF: Last Friday we had a fun afternoon experimenting with lots of science activities. We have continued to talk about it this week and experiment further. On Tuesday we took part in a chick hunt in the woodland area - we want to say a big thank you to Momentum for a very well organised and exciting afternoon. In maths this week we have been talking about time. As well as reading clock faces, we have been looking at seasons and months. We hope you all have a fantastic Easter break - see you all in the summer term.

Y1: This week year 1 have been learning about time including days of the week, o'clock and half past. We have been plotting events in time diaries. We have been writing about castle careers. We have been learning about the real meaning of Easter - new life and new beginnings. Our topic next term is turtles so if you do any beach combing over Easter - please bring in your treasures for our aquarium role plays.

Y2: We have been finishing off our topic on toys and reviewing our learning. We have been enjoying some fun Easter art and craft activities!

Y3: This week in year three we have continued to make vehicles and trailers in DT. We connected them with magnets and used weights in the trailer to test the magnets strength in science. In English we have been working on writing spectacular sentences, this week we have learnt about conjunctions and how to use commas correctly. Sadly this was the last week of the Maynard's sports leaders visiting us; the children had a great last session using a parachute for some fun activities.

Y4: We enjoyed working alongside Keir, our school builders to design and make bridges as a team building activity, it was great fun! We have been using animation clips to inspire our writing in Literacy and in Maths we have been learning about equivalent fractions. Next half term our topic will be 'Groovy Greeks' - look out for the home learning suggestions in your child's Home Learning book.

Y5: Year 5 has had a very busy week. They have been creating their own Google Cloud websites and have written their own 'Metamorphosis' writing for a new display outside the classrooms. They were entertained by music/drama students from ISCA on Tuesday and thoroughly enjoyed welcoming families to 'The Ugly Bug Ball' on Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who came along to see the children singing and dancing. It was a great success! Congratulations to both Year 5 classes for their fantastic efforts on Sumdog. Both classes won a 'daily winner' certificate and 5DM even won the 'overall winners' award!

Y6: Year 6 has worked tirelessly to prepare for the Anglo Saxon Feast, held in the 'Great Hall' on Wednesday afternoon. We all thoroughly enjoyed the experiential approach to learning about the Anglo Saxons this term and would like to thank Dr Jon Nichol for his hard work in writing our history topic and supporting us in its delivery. Thanks also go to the parents that were able to attend on Wednesday; the children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their work with you all and the model village was a great centrepiece to show off our learning. To finish the week, the children belatedly celebrated Shakespeare Week and enjoyed learning about one of the world's most famous playwrights!

We are all very proud of the high level of effort the children have put into their learning this half term. The children have some home learning to complete for the Easter break, but we hope they have a chance to fully relax.

It's been lovely to talk with many of you at Parents' Evening this week about your child's progress. Hopefully you also found this change in timing of the meeting helpful at this midyear point. Although we won't have another Parents' Evening scheduled for this academic year, we are always happy to meet with you if you have something you would like to discuss.