

WE ARE A NUT, CHICKPEA AND SESAME FREE SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week - so many fun and exciting things have happened. C12 and C13 were incredible in their Christmas performance, well done to all the children and staff involved. Thank you to the PTFA for selling refreshments - they will also be there at the EYFS nativity next Wednesday.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Carols and Fayre - it was great to see so many of you there and the children enjoyed it - we will let you know how much has been raised next week. Well done and thank you to Miss Graves and all the other members of staff and pupils who made it such a success.

Finally we are pleased to share the news that we have appointed two new members of staff this week. Miss Woodward will be joining the Class 5 team and Mrs Gillard will be the new SENDCo. They have both written a message which you can read in this newsletter.

Happy weekend,

Attendance

Well done to this week's winners

Class 3 with a score of 97.9%.

Class 5: 95.5%

Class 4: 93.2%

Class 2: 91.7%

Class 1: 82.9%

New dates for your diary

Mon 15th Dec: Santa Run- new date

Wed 17th Dec: Early Years Nativity, 1:45pm

Thurs 18th Dec: Christmas Lunch

Thurs 18th Dec: Guitar assembly

Fri 19th Dec: Children break up

Mon 5th Jan: Children return to school

Mon 5th Jan: Yr4 Forest School sessions start.

Please look on the website calendar to keep up with the dates for the whole academic year.

Little Butterflies update

The afternoon provision will continue next half term. If numbers pick up, this will carry on in the new year.

However, if numbers remain low, Little Butterflies will run a pickup service instead. Please could you contact Little Butterflies if you would like to secure a place

Contact details are:

01271 321277

littlebutterfliesdaynursery@gmail.com

LUNCH MENU

Week 2 menu

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Tomato pasta (DF)	Sausage rolls	Roasted sausages (DF)	Lasagne	Chicken nuggets (DF)
Vegetarian		Veggie sausage rolls (DF)	Veggie plait	Veggie Lasagne	Veggie burger
Sides	Garlic bread	Potato crunchies, baked beans	Potatoes, gravy carrots, peas	Garlic bread	Chips or pasta and peas
Jacket Potato	Beans (DF)	Cheese	Beans (DF)	Beans and cheese	Tuna mayo
Pudding	Banana toffee pancakes (DF), fruit or yoghurt	Ice cream(DF), fruit or yoghurt	Fruit salad or yoghurt	Carrot cake (DF), fruit or yoghurt	Custard biscuit, fruit or yoghurt

DF - Dairy Free

A message from Miss Woodward who will be joining Mrs Brewer to teach in C15

I am absolutely delighted to be joining Instow School and am excited to get started. My teaching experience has been in Key Stage Two and, most recently, I have been teaching in Year 6 for the past few years. I have a genuine love of books and reading and enjoy sharing stories and inspiring a love of learning in the classroom. I am passionate about the creative arts, particularly theatre, and love finding fun, creative ways to bring learning to life! I am so pleased to be joining the school community and am really looking forward to getting to know the children and their families. I hope you all have a wonderful festive break, and I look forward to meeting you all soon!

A message from Mrs Gillard who will be starting with us in January as our new SENDCo

I am delighted to be joining Instow Community Primary and Pre-School and be part of this wonderful school community! With 18 years of experience in supporting children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in a special school setting, I have worked in various roles, including as a class teacher, transition and outreach lead, and Assistant Headteacher for SEND.

My background in Early Childhood Studies makes me especially excited to work in a school setting with a pre-school onsite, enabling us to identify children's needs and provide support from the very beginning of their educational journey. I am committed to my ongoing professional development in SEND, having recently completed my IPSEA SEND law training, and I am proud to be among the first cohort of professionals undertaking the new NPQ SENCO qualification.

I look forward to getting to know all the students, families, and staff at Instow. Together, we can continue the amazing work the school does to support and advocate for our learners with SEND.

BEAVERS


Scouts
1st Fremington Beavers

Would you like to become a Beaver Scout?



1st Fremington Beavers meet at the Scout Hut on Seaking Road in Fremington every Monday during term-time from 17:15 to 18:30.

Our motto is **Fun and Friends** so please come along to enjoy lots of different activities and games, including crafts, fitness, exploring, experiments, and adventurous stuff like climbing wall, crate stacking and Archery. You will also get to earn lots of badges as you take part!

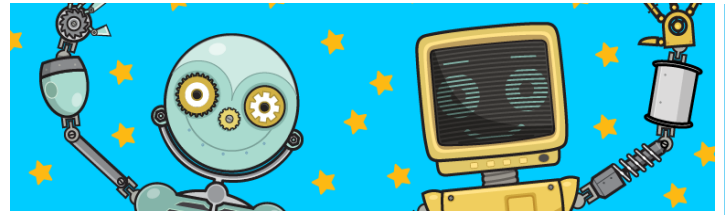
We accept girls and boys from the age of 5½ through to 8 when you will be able to move on to Cubs and beyond.

If you would like to join us, please get your parent to email Taz (one of our Beaver Leaders) at

Wardalem@yahoo.co.uk

or WhatsApp on **07500 500436**

Your Top Doodling Classes this week!



Here are the Top Doodling classes at Instow Community Primary School for the last seven days:

DoodleMaths: Lundy Year 4 (67% of pupils in the green zone)

DoodleTables: Lundy Year 5 (9% of pupils in the green zone)

DoodleEnglish: Hartland Class - Year 3 (14% of pupils in the green zone)

DoodleSpell: Year 2 (38% of pupils in the green zone)

Congratulations to all of the pupils in the green zone – they should be really proud of themselves!

CELEBRATION CERTIFICATES

A huge well done to all the children who have been recognised this week for their outstanding attitude towards learning or for their citizenship skills. We are all very proud of you.

Windmills: Emily and Matteo

Eddystone (CI2): Whole class for their performances

Hartland (CI3): Whole class for their performances

Lundy (CI4): Ezra and Phoebe

Trinity (CI5): Primrose and Tristan



Raffle prize winners

If you have any of the following numbers, you have won a raffle prize. Please call into the office to collect your prize.

Blue 11-15

Blue 86-90

Blue 91-95

Blue 101-105

Pink 101-105

Pink 106-110

Green 31-35



FC
DEVON



AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Join our fun filled after school football club

PE or sports wear, water bottle &
shin pads recommended

Girls & Boys



<https://devon.ferdinandcollective.com/football/fc-schools>

Monday | Reception - 3 | 3.30 - 4.30pm

Thursday | Years 3 - 6 | 3.30 - 4.30pm

12/01/26 - 30/03/26 | 11 weeks | £77

15/01/26 - 02/04/26 | 11 weeks | £77



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