



UPDATE

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to a restful weekend. Fingers crossed it will start warming up some time soon.

DAVID HILL - PARALYMPIAN

We are very excited to be welcoming top athlete **David Hill** to the school on **Monday 5th February 2024**.

David will be leading a **sponsored fitness circuit** with all pupils, followed by a **motivational assembly**, and **Q&A** session.

The aim of the event is to **inspire the pupils** to be more physically active, but just as importantly, encourage them to discover and pursue their **passion in life**.



The event will both connect the pupils to an extraordinary athlete role model and **raise money to improve physical activity** in the school, as well as supporting both athletes and para-athletes, so that they can continue to inspire the next generation.

Next week, children will come home with a sponsorship form for this event. You can also sponsor your child by visiting: www.sportsforschools.org and clicking on the button "**Set up a Fundraiser Page**".

As a thank you, pupils will receive the following thank-you gifts for meeting these milestones:

Raise any money: **an A5 sheet of motivational stickers**
Raise £5 or more: **a blue Sports for Schools wristband**
Raise £15 or more: **a blue wristband, and a red wristband with David's signature**
Raise £30 or more: **all of the above, plus a signed David Hill poster**

Please ensure that the sponsorship form and money are returned to the school office **1 week** after the event has taken place. We will send out messages closer to the time reminding you of this deadline.

YEAR 1 FAMOUS FOR 5 MINUTES



The children in Year 1 really enjoyed their Famous for 5 Minutes topic launch this week. What a variety of famous people we met on the day.

FISH TANK



I wanted to say a huge thank you to everybody who responded to our newsletter plea for help with our fish tank which had turned a funny shade of green before Christmas. We received an offer from Richard Cale, who has managed to fix the problem and has agreed to monitor the tank moving forward. The fish are looking much happier and we are looking to make a few additions when the tank has completely settled down.

Richard runs 'Leaf Culture' which is located on the Industrial Estate in Cridton. They sell an impressive range of houseplants and pots and are open to the public Monday to Friday, 9-530pm and Saturdays 10-1pm.

Alternatively shop online www.leafculture.co.uk

Address: Leaf Culture, 2 Creedy Vale, Down End, Lords Meadow Industrial Estate, Cridton, EX17 1HN.

Thank you, Richard.



HERO DAY

We will be having our first Hero Day on Friday 2nd February to coincide with Children's Mental Health Week. Our Hero Day sees the children work in their Hero Teams, rather than in classes for the day. Brothers and sisters get to work together for the day, as do the youngest children with the older. Children move around a range of activities throughout the day which, this year, will be focussing on Mental Health and Well-Being.

We invite children to wear their Hero Team colours for the day. It could simply be a coloured band if they choose:

Sam	Green
Amy	Blue
Lucy	Purple
Max	Yellow
Jake	Red



CELEBRATION OF YOUTH EVENT

Monday 22nd January 2024 14:00—18:00

Cridton Town Council and QE are writing to invite you to attend their 'Celebration of Youth' event on Monday 22nd January 2024, at Mid Devon Leisure Centre, from 14.00. This exciting, flagship event is a product of a collaboration between various voluntary and statutory bodies working in Cridton. We are bringing together our wonderful organisations in Cridton, who provide youth provision. We will be welcoming sports clubs, creative and artistic groups, societies and youth clubs. There will be freebies, refreshments and prizes to win!

EYFS POLICE VISIT



Reception have had a visit from Crediton Police this week. We have found out what a Police officer does and how they can help us. We got to look inside of the Police van, as well as seeing the lights, hearing the sirens and listening to the radio. We had great fun!

VOLUNTEER REQUEST

The PTA have been amazing in helping us get started with the new Hayward's 'ReNew' shop, which provides good quality clothing for our families. We were hoping for some new volunteers who can help staff the shop on some evenings after school. The shop is open from 3:30—4pm and the day can vary to suit a persons availability. If you are interested, please email renew@haywards.org. Thank you for your support.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS



Well done to Aurora for some brilliant writing, to Leo for some great phonics and writing, to Catherine for some brilliant writing about Monty's trip abroad, to James for some great writing and for settling so brilliantly into his new school, to Colby for some excellent writing, to Harry for completing the next stage in his swimming and to Lily for working hard in school and growing in confidence all of the time. Well done everybody!

PICK N'MIX DATES

Wednesday 7th February 2024
Wednesday 27th March 2024

CENSUS DAY 18th January

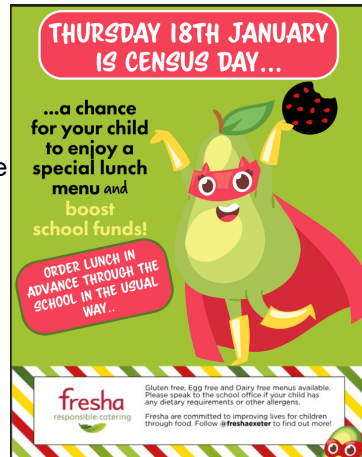
As you know, Census Day Lunch numbers have a big impact on the budget that is allocated to schools in the next financial year. We would be grateful if your child could please try a school lunch, even if you bring along a packed lunch too. Many thanks for your support.

Lunch Options of the Day:

Option One—Ham Pizza
Option Two—Margherita Pizza
Option Three—Jacket Potatoes

Dessert:

Jelly, Fruit or Yoghurt



OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YEAR 6 GIRLS

An exciting opportunity for our Year 6 girls.

Children are welcome to join an introductory session on Thursday 25th January from 6pm to 7pm.

More details can be found at Crediton Rugby Club's website:

<https://creditonrfc.rfu.club/>



PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATION SEPT' 24

The window for primary school applications is shutting on **Monday**. If you have a child (or know someone who has a child) due to start school in September 2024, please remember to apply for a primary school place through the Devon online system by clicking on the following link: https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en

Dates and Events for the Diary:

Tuesday 16th January @ 3pm
Year 1 Phonics Screening Meeting

Friday 19th January
School Panto—Aladdin (PTA Funded)

Friday 2nd February
Hero Day (More details to follow)

Friday 9th February 3pm: Year 2
Year 2 Poetry Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd February 2024
Parents' Evening (Details to follow)

Monday 4th to Friday 8th March 2024
Year 6 Residential to Grenville House

Wednesday 20th March to Friday 22nd March 2024
Year 4 Residential to Great Potheridge House

Friday 22nd March 3pm: Year 5
Year 5 Poetry Celebration Assembly

Friday 17th May 3pm: Year 4
Year 4 Poetry Celebration Assembly

w/b Monday 10th June 2024
Phonics Screening Week for Year 1 Pupils

Friday 12th July 3pm: Year 1/EYFS
Year 1 and EYFS Poetry Celebration Assembly