



Sampford Peverell C of E Primary School

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Dates for your diary:

**All children return
8 March**

**STEM Week
15-18 March**

**World Book Day
19 March**

**Parents' Evening
29-30 March**

**End of Term
Thursday 1 April**

Due to the current lockdown, there are no stars of the week or golden leaves as all the children are being amazing!

We are currently reviewing our Relationships and Sex Education Policy, which can be found on our school website. If you wish to share your views on this policy, or have sight of any of the resources used, we would encourage you to contact the school office via email. The policy will be available to view until 5th March 2021.



Message from Sarah Price

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all children (and yourselves) back on the 8th March. An information letter about the return to school was sent out earlier this week but if you have any questions, please email Sampford@ventrus.org.uk. Mrs Scillitoe our SENDco has asked for me to share a back to school story from ELSA with you and this is attached as a PDF in email with this newsletter. ELSA offers support with social and emotional learning and I have included their website link here for anyone interested <https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/>

When the children return we will spend time in the first week helping them to reconnect with each other and re-establishing routines for the rest of the term. We are going to delay World Book Day, Science Week and International Mathematics Day until week beginning the 15th March so that we can plan for 4 fantastic days of STEM activities and finish the week with dressing up for World Book Day.

Please note that, due to all children returning to school, we have decided to move parents' evening until just before we break up for Easter.

First Steps (Pre-school)

This week in First Steps, we've had a couple of brand new children joining us who have already made lots of First Steps friends!

We've enjoyed talking about our home lives and experiences with a role play nursery; the children take wonderful care of the babies! And not forgetting my special birthday on Tuesday - what an experience! I just want to say a gigantic thank you to each and every child and adult who made it so special. It was a fantastic day!

Darwin Class (Reception)

What a busy first week back in Darwin Class! We have all enjoyed lots of time outside, especially now we've had a taste of spring; the children have commented on the sunshine and signs of new life! We've had a very maths focused week with lots and lots of addition. A particular favourite has been the water gloves to add two numbers together using the squishy fingers to count on!



Seacole (Years 1 and 2)

If you look outside you can start to see the beginnings of spring. We have been making the most of the sunshine this week and we are getting to work sorting out the raised beds to begin a new topic of plants. This is our science topic and a start of a gardening project. We have been digging, weeding and finding lots of worms. We can wait for all our friends in Seacole class to come and help us finish off getting the garden area ready and to help us to plant lots of plants! As well as looking at plants, Seacole class have been designing their own dragons. They have created beautiful, colourful and some scary looking dragons.



Lewis Class (Years 3 and 4)

Earlier on this week, the children did a great job of learning, remembering and performing a poem which had been inspired by a piece of art. They've worked hard to come up with some fantastic similes and metaphors about other pieces of artwork too. In art, we looked at some incredible art work by Todd Lockwood and Anne Stokes which has inspired our recent paintings of dragons.



Drake Class (Years 5 and 6)

This week in Drake class the children have moved on to a new topic looking at places around the world in geography. In these sessions, they have been using atlases to locate and plot places around the world - including continents, countries and cities. In English we are looking at a book written by James Berry called 'A Thief in the Village' and in particular one of his short stories called 'The Mouth-organ Boys'. In Maths the Year 6s have moved on to dealing with algebra and the Year 5s have been revising their knowledge on multiplication and division. In PE we took advantage of the beautiful sunshine and went outside and completed fitness circuits - seeing how many of each exercise they could complete in one minute.



New Defibrillator

Great News—Sampford Peverell Parish Council has recently commissioned a third Defibrillator to the village a “HeartSine Samaritan PAD 500P” and this is sited right outside our School. We wish to express our gratitude to Sampford Peverell Parish Council (for the project management), Simon of SOL Electrical Ltd (who provided the professional installation) and to Devon County Councillor, Ray Radford, and the Parish News for their financial grants. Thank you! !

Just a reminder:

If you are with someone having a heart attack you should immediately call 999 and start CPR. The person who answers the 999 call will tell you where the nearest defibrillator is and give you the code for it. But do not leave the patient – find someone else to fetch the defibrillator.

Link to Online information

HeartSine Samaritan PAD 500P training video

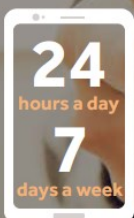
<https://youtu.be/1vrFD3aDAXA>

Why A Defibrillator is important How not to die Video

<https://youtu.be/L2z5bjrvYI8>



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