

Dear parents and carers,

I just wanted to send you all a letter to give you several updates in one place.

#### Ofsted Parent Forum

Thank you to the parents who came to our Ofsted Feedback Parent Forum. We will soon be sending out some detailed information explaining our plans to address the four Ofsted targets identified in the report.

#### Neurodiversity Week

We have held our first Neurodiversity Celebration Week at Starcross Primary this week. We were visited by the Neuro Navigators on Monday afternoon, they held a coffee afternoon with parents. Mrs Pritchard led a very informative and colourful assembly on Wednesday and each child has made a star that symbolises themselves and we will create a whole school piece of art as a result. This will remind us that we are all different and celebrate us all as individuals but also how we belong together as a school community.

#### School Office

Those of you who have visited our school office recently will have noticed that Mrs Chappell is often working in there on her own. If when you arrive she is not in the office, please be patient as she is probably running a lunch box to class or delivering a message. If when you call the phone isn't answered immediately please leave a message on the answer phone and she will respond on her return. Alternatively, you could email us on [admin@starcross-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@starcross-primary.devon.sch.uk)

#### New interactive whiteboards

We are very grateful to the Ivy Education Trust as they have brought each class a new interactive whiteboard. Four have already been installed and are in use in Sandpipers, Razorbills, Avocets and Curlews. The three remaining classes will have theirs installed next week. Sanderlings already have a high-quality interactive board and therefore didn't need a new one.

#### Oystercatchers

This week has seen the arrival of Miss Webb, as the new class teacher for Oystercatchers. Thank you to those parents who came to meet her after school on Wednesday. The new dates for your Parents Evenings will be Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. The sign-up sheets will be available nearer the time. SEND children's parents please sign up for two back to back slots to enable you to review your child's My Plan. You will also be able to book an appointment with our SENDCo should you want to. The class trip to Lyme Regis will still take place as planned with Mrs Hext and Mrs White accompanying the class. Thank you to Mr Angel and Mrs Edwardson for also supporting the trip. If there are any other parents who had been approached by Mr Collett can you please let us know?

#### Lapwings

You will all be aware that Miss Patchett has been extremely unwell and that Lapwings have been taught by Mr Heath this week. We now know that unfortunately Miss Patchett will be unable to return to school until after the Easter break. We have managed to book Mr Heath for nearly the whole of the next two weeks with Mrs White teaching Lapwings on the last Friday of the term -4<sup>th</sup> April. The rescheduled Parents Evening will now be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 3:30-6:00pm. The sign-up sheets will be available nearer the time. SEND children's parents please

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#### Mr Bullock - our gardener

Mr Bullock who has been the gardener at Starcross Primary for many years, giving up his Saturday mornings, has decided to pursue his other interests. He has worked tirelessly to make our school front garden and school site look beautiful. I especially love the sunflowers he planted last year and look forward to seeing them again this year. I am sure that you will join us as we wish him well on his next adventure.

If there are any parents, relatives or friends of the school who would be keen to give up some of their free time to continue the good work of Mr Bullock please can you let us know via the school office and we will put them in touch with our site agent Mr Weston.

#### Football Success

Yesterday, Starcross hosted several football matches against Cockwood Primary School. Our year 5 and 6 teams played extremely well and displayed our Starcross value of Teamwork superbly. Afterschool today we are also playing against Bradley Barton Primary School and we know that whatever the end result our children will have done us proud.

Thank you for your continued support

Kind regards

Starcross Senior Leadership Team