



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children in Key Stage 2 are already very excited about our upcoming talent show, 'Chardstock's Got Talent'. Pupils are invited to take part, either individually or in small groups, to showcase their talents. Those taking part will be performing a wide range of acts and the show will take place on 9th February when our younger children and Key Stage 1 children will have the opportunity to enjoy watching this fantastic variety show. We are very much looking forward to celebrating the many talents across the school. So far, I have heard of magic acts, gymnastic routines, dance groups, balancing acts (health and safety permitting!), poetry recitals, musical instrument performances and singers. Many thanks to Mr Jarad from Primary Sports for offering this opportunity, we are very much looking forward to the show.

The children are working hard across the whole school and it has been especially rewarding to seeing the quality of writing Squirrels class have produced when creating their own little story books based on 'Lizzy and The Cloud'. Last week, Reception class had a visit from a doctor who was able to answer their questions about the job and also enjoyed role playing with real-life doctor's equipment. This week they have had visits from the owner of a cleaning company and a tree surgeon, who were both able to talk to them about their jobs. The children in Owls class have been learning about circuits, conductors and insulators in their design and technology lessons. Over the next few weeks, they will be using these skills to create their own working torches using empty plastic bottles, batteries, wires, split pins and aluminium foil. Foxes class have been grappling with electrical equipment as part of their science and design technology project and their electronic greeting cards are beginning to take shape. It has been fantastic to see such a great range of card designs; some lucky recipients are in for a lovely treat.

The children in Owls and Foxes classes have been working hard to learn their weekly spellings using our new online learning platform, Emile Spelling. They have been engaging with the programme both through home learning and with in-class teaching sessions. The children have been enjoying these sessions and are speaking enthusiastically about the challenges provided. As always, your support in encouraging children to practise their spellings at home, learning of times tables and reading with your children is greatly appreciated. It really does make a significant difference to their progress and enjoyment of learning.

Today, we were delighted to host an amazing cricket day, during which each class took part in a training session. The children thoroughly enjoyed developing their skills and working as teams. Many thanks to Chris Brown from Devon Cricket for providing such a fantastic opportunity and for inspiring our pupils through sport.

Best wishes, Donna Butler  
Head of School

Our Core Value  
this half term is:

**Perseverance**

### Spring 1 Clubs -

**Monday - Gymnastics Club (Rec - Y3) Mr Troman/ Mr Jarad**

**Monday - Homework Club (Y5-6) Mrs Whitehead**

**Wednesday - Multi-Sports Club (Y3-Y6) Coach Dom**

**Thursday - Forest School Club First Aid (All Years) Mrs Gordon-Watson**

**Thursday - Construction Club (All Years) Mr Evans**

**After school childcare is also available Monday - Thursday 3.30-5.30pm**

Thought for the Week:

**Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow."**

### Attendance - last week

**Whole School - 96.4%**



### Classes:

Hedgehogs Class - R

Squirrels Class - Y1/2

Owls Class - Y3/4

Foxes Class - Y5/6