If you have any concerns at all about anything to do with school please do come in to discuss it with us as most problems can be solved easily and quickly if we work together. This newsletter can also viewed on our website www.tidcombe.devon.sch.uk

Child Protection—if you have any concerns about any child, then please contact Simon Green (Headteacher) or Helen Edwards (Deputy Headteacher). Further contact details are on our website.

Snow!

We hope you all have lots of fun in the snow today...or even better, cosied up in the warm with a good book!

See you all on Monday.
Congratulations to Year 1 who once again had the best attendance last week—99.23%! This is really impressive with everyone in, ready to learn!

Don’t forget, the PTA are looking for donations of fabric and any wrapping paper for the fete (as well as plants for the plant stall). Please pop them into the office. Thank you.

Meetings with Teaching Staff

Please may we remind you that if you require a meeting with one of our teachers, this can be arranged through the office by either telephoning 01884 252973, in person or by emailing us via admin@tidcombe.devon.sch.uk

If you need to pass on a message (for example, someone different collecting from school or a medical appointment etc), please catch one of us on the gate in the morning or again, drop the office a message as mornings are a time to get the children settled ready for learning. Thank you.

Leaping To Life

It was great to capture our Nursery class enjoying their morning gym session this week. Mrs Smith and Mrs Thompson are really proud of how well the children are climbing, jumping and using their bodies so well.

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Year 3 St Andrew’s Trip

On Wednesday, Year 3 visited St Andrew’s Church to learn about the Holy Communion Service and different symbols in the church.

The children were able to take a small wafer, which in Christianity represents the body of Christ. Father Richard also let the children smell the incense which is used as a symbol of the prayer rising to heaven.

Thank you to everyone at St Andrew’s for giving us all such a warm welcome.

Wet Weather Wear

The weather since the beginning of this term has been quite cold and occasionally wet. We still wish to give the children the opportunity to run around with their friends at lunchtime but understand that parents and carers get a bit upset if they’re coming home with wet clothes and shoes regularly. We have some indoor activities that the children can choose - colouring for Early Years and KS1 and quiet reading for KS2. We have explained these to the children and they know where to go if they want to do these activities. We have also asked them to make sensible choices if they do decide to stay outside when the playground is wet.

You can help us by making sure your children have waterproof coats and sturdy shoes and talking to them if you would prefer them to choose the indoor activities. We are also asking the Early Years and KS1 children to bring in their wellies (clearly named) in a carrier bag that can be hung on their coat pegs. Then, if the puddles prove to be irresistible, they will at least keep their socks and tights dry!

Thank you so much for your help with this.

Please note that due to the closure today, there will be a slight change to the menu on Monday. The choices will be: Fish Finger Butty, Quorn Sausage Roll or Jacket Potato with either Baked Beans or Cheese. Thank you.
Thank You

Thank you for all of your donations for our Bag2School collection on Wednesday which raised £64 for our school.

This week we also sent home letters about an exciting weekend camping trip to Woodlands that we have in the pipeline...if you would be interested in coming, please return the slip to the office by next Friday, 7th February.

Our Stars

Well done to Keeley, Calum, Abbie, Isla, Daisy, Lucy, Maddie, Jezimae, Imogen, Lottie, Niamh, Kayra, Nevaeh (and not pictured) Imogen, Alexa and Alice for recently taking part in this year’s Sign Post Club pantomime, “Cinderella” at the New Hall. We were even lucky enough to be given a sneak peek at some of the dance routines!

Bugsy is in Town!

Tickets are now available to purchase from Twyford Photography for this amazing show which is being performed by Tiverton Junior Operatic Club. Come along to the New Hall for a fantastic evening (or Saturday matinee presentation). The show will take place from Tuesday 19th – Saturday 23rd February.
Cold Weather Arrangements

The temperature has certainly dropped this last week so we’d just like to remind you about the arrangements we have in place, should we have a need to close the school due to snow or severe weather; we expect to be able to make a decision by 7.45am, this will be via our school Facebook page, our school website and also via Heart FM (FM 97.0 MHz/103.0 MHz) BBC Radio Devon (MW 990 KHz or FM 95.8). Please check these sources of information to avoid contacting the school by telephone. Thank you.

Reading Awards

Congratulations to all those children who received a Reading Award Badge last week—this is a fantastic achievement and it shows that you have been reading every night at home!

Dates for the Diary:

Friday 15th February — Non Pupil Day
Monday 18th—Friday 22nd February — HALF TERM
Wednesday 27th February—Friday 1st March — Year 4 at Hooke Court
Wednesday 27th—Friday 29th March — Year 3 at Heatree House
Monday 1st April — Class (Group) Photos
Monday 8th— Thursday 18th April — Easter Holidays
Friday 19th April (Good Friday)
Monday 22nd April (Easter Monday)
Tuesday 23rd April — PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

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