



Dear Parents,

Watching the invasion of Ukraine unfold has been devastating and incredibly hard to see and I know that the sense of disbelief, sorrow, anger and a desire to 'do something' has rippled across our whole community.

The diversity of our school is something that we are proud of and something we celebrate, alongside our core values of Trust, Friendship, Compassion, Justice, Forgiveness and Respect. The values that hold communities together and the school culture/ethos we work hard to create are under attack, and as a school we feel hurt and deeply saddened by what we are witnessing.

It is difficult to know what to do in such a situation but we feel that we must do something to show our solidarity and support towards the people of Ukraine. Please see below some ways you may wish to support.

We will be continuing to plan for conversations and lessons that may need to be shared with the children as events unfold. Class teachers have shared child appropriate collective worship resources that give some context to the invasion, and have provided opportunities for conversation and discussion at an appropriate level.

Below are also some resources you may find useful:

This link gives suggestions of what to do if you are upset by the news—[Click here](#)

This talks about the history between the two counties—[Click here](#)

This article explains what is currently happening in Ukraine—[Click here](#)

All the best and thank you for your continued support.

Fran Brinicombe

Cristian's Together are collecting supplies to take to refugees on the Ukraine border: These items can be handed in at either of the Polish Shops listed below:

⇒ Zap Regime, 81 South Street, Exeter, EX1 1EQ

⇒ 01392 427607

⇒ Maja Exeter, Buller Road, St Thomas, EX4 1AU

⇒ Tel. 01392 477428

The following items are required: NEW or VERY GOOD CONDITION

- Sleeping supplies - Duvets, camp beds, inflatable mattresses, bed linen, sleeping bags. All in packaging please to protect them in transit
- Electric heaters with European plugs
- Towels of varying sizes, in original packaging or good condition
- Toys for children of varying ages
- Children's clothes, shoes, and toys
- Hygiene products (new and packaged) - e.g. Toothpaste, toothbrushes, sanitary products, nappies of varying sizes
- Covid masks, antibacterial wipes / alcohol gels, paper towels / tissues
- Candles, torches, batteries, matches
- New first aid kits
- Medicine, painkillers

If you would like to make a donation to the Ukranian appeal through Christain Aid then please

[Click this link](#)

# Spring Term Friday 4th March 2022



**Term Dates**  
Easter Holidays—11th April-22nd April  
Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May  
Half Term—30th May returning 7th June

## Welcome Back

We hope you all had a lovely half term after the rather abrupt and very blowy end to the half term.  
We hope you all kept safe and we are thinking of all of the families in the Ukraine and their friends .....

## World Book Day

Anne Parson's—Author of Archie—Jump! And Archie -Walk I joined us for the day yesterday and a fantastic time was had by all. Anne was so complimentary of the children and our school. She was very impressed by the way they listened, interacted and showed interest. Individual classes also joined in the fun one creating a Charlie & the Chocolate Factory Science Lab. Thank you for a great day!



## STAR LEARNERS

## St David's Football Team

This week our new Y5/6 school football team had their first training session. We have a mixed team of boys and girls, and the plan is to train together this term with the aim of taking part in tournaments and matches against other schools in the summer term. Don't they look smart!



## Ruby Class

**EYFS—Isaac** for always being in the right place at the right time, doing the right thing. We are so lucky to have Isaac in our class. This half term he has continued to try his best in both phonics and maths. Well done, Isaac.

**Year 1—Teetha Sri** for her outstanding sentence writing this week! She listened to feedback prior to writing and applied all of her phase 3 sounds. I am very impressed with you Teetha Sri, Thank you

**Reading certificates: Freddie—120 & 150 Reads Fatima 75 & 100 Reads Pearl & Elena 75 Reads Fraser & Berry 100 Reads**

## Emerald Class

**Year 1—Jason** for his wonderful role play during our history afternoon! Jason really got into his role as a nurse in a hospital and he remembered lots of information about the body.

**Year 2—Wiktor** for his wonderful story writing this week! the grown ups have been so impressed with all his efforts this week.

**Reading certificates: 50 Reads— Jason 75 Reads—Fares 125 Reads—Arthur & Ella 150 Reads—Rosie**

## Sapphire Class

**Year 3—Amelia JS** is a delightful member of Sapphire Class. She enjoys playing nicely with her friends outside in the playground and is an amazing artist. Her detailed drawings are often based around an imaginative story which she is always keen to share with an adult or a friend. Well done and thank you Amelia!

**Year 4—Isabella** is a wonderful member of Sapphire Class. Her hard working and enthusiastic attitude is truly remarkable. She is always keen to help and support others in class. Isabella enjoys a challenge and often takes her learning deeper. Well done & thank you Isabella. !

**Reading certificates: - 25 Reads: Amber 50 Reads: Nico 100 Reads: Mayer 200 Reads: Amelia H & Iowa 275 & 300 Reads: Ted**

## Diamond Class

**Year 5: Ralph** was fantastic during our World Book Day author visit and showcased his amazing vocabulary! Well done and thank you Ralph!

**Year 6: Ollie** made several excellent contributions during our World Book Day author visit, sharing his fantastic ideas and asking mature and insightful questions. Well done and thank you Ollie! !

**Reading certificates: 75 Reads—Dawid,& Phoebe Johnson, 100 Reads: Kaiya & Jake 125 Reads: Dylan 200 Reads: Hamza**

As you will be aware, over the past couple of years our schools have been providing more and more documents and communications to parents via email. Feedback received confirms that this enables the vast majority of parents to access information immediately, and it also reduces the quantity of paper and photocopying needed in schools. We have now come to the decision, as a group of schools, to stop receiving printed copies of the Primary Times Magazine, and this means it will no longer be available in our schools. If you feel you would like to continue reading the magazine, you can find an electronic version on their website, by following the link [Family activities and events for primary school children | Primary Times](#)

## Churchyard Tidy

There will be a Churchyard Morning at **St David's Church** Exeter on Saturday 5th March from 10am until 12noon to work on our wild flower areas and tidy up and remove unwanted plants & litter. Free refreshments will be provided and everyone is welcome!

## School Meal Bookings

Please ensure all school meals are booked via [ParentPay](#) By 3.30pm on the Wednesday before.

## March Stay and Play

**3.20-5.15pm**

Places for March S&P, must be booked using this link

[CLICK HERE](#)

Each Stay and Play session, must be paid for via ParentPay, at time of booking.

## Messages from the Church

Please note we now have a designated page on our website giving the latest news and messages from our Church's

St Michaels and St David's

[MESSAGES FROM THE CHURCH LINK](#)

## DCC Childcare survey

DCC are asking schools to share this short [survey](#) with parents and carers. They would appreciate your support in completing it whether or not you currently use childcare. Thank you

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## Our Christian Values

Respect Forgiveness Compassion Friendship Justice Trust