

# **Elburton Primary**





Devon Teaching School Partnership

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Number 6

# **Great News**

After 5 years of trying we have finally secured the funding from the DfE to replace the temporary classrooms. John Dobson deserves so much credit for this success as he has spent hours working on the planning and preparation for the bid. The block will be in the area between the hall and the Key Stage 2 classrooms. It will be two stories high and also allow the hall to have more useable space. We are really excited with the opportunities it offers the school. Planning permission has already been secured and we are now putting together the final details for the tendering process. It is anticipated that work will begin in the summer holidays and take 30 weeks to complete. Once we have more up to date drawings we will display them for your perusal.

## **Improvements**

During the Easter holidays we had a few improvement jobs at the school. Some trees that were becoming troublesome were removed and we extended the path from the bottom gate. We are so pleased that many of you have chosen to use this route into school and are grateful to the St Matthews Church for allowing us to use their car park to ease congestion around the school at pick up and drop off times. Congratulations also to Jake Abbott who has won the Rotary Club Art competition held at the Brittany Ferries terminal.

### Teachers and classes 2017-18

The following years are intended to be taught by these teachers in 2017 and 2018:

- Foundation Mr Smithers, Mrs Churchill, Mrs Sammels (Mrs Baldwin covering Mr Smithers leadership time)
- Year 1 Miss Greatrex and Mrs Jenkins
- Year 2 Mrs Holmes and Miss Lyndsey (Mrs Lake will be going on maternity leave and will return in 2018) Mrs Hatch
- Year 3 Mr Griggs and Mrs Paterson with Mrs Lake until she goes on maternity.
- Year 4 Miss Marriott, Miss Norton plus Mrs Baldwin
- Year 5 Mrs Bates and Mrs Light
- Year 6 Mr Agnew and Miss Jones
- Mrs Lakey and Mrs Johnson will work in the Learning Zone and Mrs Baldwin, Mrs Sumner, Mrs Hatch and Mrs Booth will work with groups of children throughout the school.

### Athletics

Year 6 Quad team were victorious against 24 other school at Brickfields and now go one to compete in the Devon finals. It was very impressive to

watch the determination of all members of the squad in all their activities.

# Children's university

Children from the school graduated at the Children's University last night. Many thanks to Mrs Jenkins for

organising this at the school and from whom further details about the Children's University are available.

### **Absences**

I am being asked how the recent court case will impact on unauthorized absence at the school. As of yet, I have received no guidance or direction from Plymouth City Council. As soon as I receive guidance I will let parents know. However, I would as always urge parents to avoid any unauthorised absence.

## **Year Dates 2016-17**

19-04-2017 - 26-05-2017 05-06-2017 - 21-07-2017 01-05-2017 May Bank Holiday

## 2017-2018

06-09-2017 - 20-10-2017 30-10-2017 - 19-12-2017 03-01-2018 - 09-02-2018 19-02-2018 - 29-03-2018 17-04-2018 - 25-05-2018 04-06-2018 - 20-07-2018 07-05-2018 May Bank Holiday

### Twitter

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# Sports Team and Year 6 leavers photographs

These will take place on 22nd May.

As you can see Year 5 are having great fun at the PGL camp in Torbay. We look forward to seeing them back and hearing their stories later today.



