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#### Newsletter 2

# Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021



After a lovely start to the term it was great that year 6 managed to catch up on the bikeability they missed last year. The instructors were really impressed with the enthusiastic and determined approach our cyclists showed. Well done year 6! Hopefully the current year 5 will be able to do bikeability in March.

# Parent Evenings

A letter has been sent out with the arrangements for booking for parents' evenings which are taking place by phone / TEAMS the week of the 8th and 15th November. For those with children in Reception & Nursery letters will come out after half term.

### Contact detail and consent forms

Thank you for the quick return of the many consent forms and contact details. Please can any outstanding forms be sent in by Monday 1st November, after half term, at the latest.

#### Covid

In the light of cases of Covid 19 as we mentioned in the letter sent out on the 4<sup>th</sup> October and the letter from Devon Local Authority we are keeping our day to day arrangements under daily review. This term our arrangements have been very year group based and although we are no longer eating in classrooms the children are sitting in their classes for dinner in the halls. Staff have returned to wearing face coverings in communal areas and we temporarily stopped assemblies and will review this after half term. We continue to ensure handwashing and extra cleaning and are trying to maintain as many normal features of the school days as we can.

#### **PTFA**

We are delighted the PTFA is able to continue with some new volunteers taking on roles on the committee. The new committee have been making some plans and hope to be able to arrange some events for the children to enjoy this year.

#### Lateness

A reminder that children need to be in school for the registers which are at 8.55am after which they will be marked as late.

### Dogs

If your dog accompanies you to school please ensure they are on a short lead held by an adult, kept away from other children and adults and are not in the playgrounds (though may walk through playground by the railway line gate). You are responsible for your dog and whilst it is nice that many dogs can have a walk on the school run we need to ensure the safety of all on our site.

## Donations of toys

If you happen to have any of the following our school counsellor would be very pleased to receive them to build up a bank of toys to be used during her sessions with the children: cash register and toy money, play food, puppets, plastic animals (from nurturing to terrifying - including bugs, snakes, sharks, reptiles, dinosaurs), magic wand, blocks, games, dressing up clothes, balls, kettle and other kitchen things. Any donations could be taken to the bungalow.

## Queen's Jubilee

In light of the Queen's Jubilee and the additional bank holiday the school will be closed on Monday 4th July. This has been added since the term dates were originally sent out.

2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR			
TERM	FIRST DAY OF TERM	HALF TERM HOLIDAY	LAST DAY OF TERM
AUTUMN 2021	Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	Friday
	8 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER	-	17 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER
		29 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	
SPRING 2022	Wednesday	21st FEBRUARY	Friday
	5 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY	-	8 <sup>th</sup> APRIL
		25 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY	
SUMMER 2022	Monday	30 <sup>th</sup> MAY	Friday
	25 <sup>th</sup> APRIL	-	22 <sup>nd</sup> JULY
		3 <sup>rd</sup> JUNE	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> JULY 2022 – School Closed for Queen's Jubilee			