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Newsletter - September 2019 [1]

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to first welcome all our new children to our school, both in Foundation and across the school. Throughout the year we have many exciting events, activities and opportunities planned for this year.

Diary Dates for September

Having listened to parental comment we are going to try to reduce the number of parent mails we send out, therefore we are going to put the diary dates for the month at the beginning of each newsletter and we **will not** be sending any reminders about these dates.

Wednesday 4 th	Pm – Year 5 and 6 swimming at Newton Abbot swimming pool
Thursday 5 th	New Head of Coombeshead Mr R Coles talking to Year 6
Tuesday 10 th	Year 4 and 5 involved with the archaeological dig at Ipplepen
Wednesday 11 th	Pm – Year 5 and 6 swimming at Newton Abbot swimming pool Pm – Year 1 Spanish at The Grange
Thursday 12 th	PTA AGM – all welcome - The Wellington at 7.30pm
Sunday 15 th	Café Church at Ipplepen Primary
Tuesday 17 th	TT Rockstar launch – come to school dressed as a rock star
Wednesday 18 th	Pm – Year 5 and 6 swimming at Newton Abbot swimming pool 3.30 - Parent Information meetings 4.30 - Parent Information meetings [repeat]
Friday 20 th	Year 4 - Willow Class assembly at 9.15 am
Monday 23 rd	All <i>school</i> run clubs will start this week
Wednesday 25 th	Pm – Year 5 and 6 swimming at Newton Abbot swimming pool Pm – Year 1 Spanish at The Grange
Thursday 26 th	Year 6 visit to The Grange residential home

Maths

We will be continuing to use Times Table Rockstars which is a fun challenging programme designed to help master the multiplication facts. The goal is to be a Times table Rockstar by answering any multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 in less than 3 seconds. To relaunch this super programme we are going to hold a 'come as a rock star day' on Tuesday 17th September.

Reading Programme

In Key stage 2 we are going to be following the accelerated reader programme. The programme will encourage children to read texts at their individual reading level and then answer quizzes to check comprehension. In the next few weeks further information will be sent about this new programme.

Safeguarding

As a school we take this issue very seriously and we are constantly reviewing our practises. Just a reminder that parents and carers should say good bye to their children at the playground door. Adults should not be inside the school building, a member of staff will be at the door to greet the children. If you would like to speak to the class teacher, can we ask that you come to the office and either make an appointment or leave a message to be passed on.

Foundation and year 1 children will be met by a member of staff at the gate in the playground and parents will need to say goodbye here as no parent will be allowed access into the school. **To clarify, there should be no parents entering the school building.** Gates will be locked at 9.00am. At the end of the day, children will leave school through their classroom door, with the exception of Year 5 who will use the back door next to the year 4 classroom. When the children have left, the doors will then be locked. If you need to speak to someone, please see the teacher on the back door, or, use the front entrance and make an appointment at the office. The gates will be locked at 3.30pm.

Health and Safety

Playground

Can we remind all parents and carers that the climbing frames in the playground should not be used at the end of the day by the children at school or their siblings.

Staff Car Park

Please can I ask everyone to be very careful at the front of the school, especially in and around the staff car park? No child should be in the car park as it is in constant use. Please ensure that pathways and pavements are used and that you also take extra care when crossing the road at the entrance to the car park. The car park should not be used by parents or carers.

Additionally, please be considerate of our neighbours when parking your vehicles at either entrance to the school. Parking too close to, or opposite their driveways can block them in.

Cycling and Scootering

It is great to see the children cycling, scootering and walking to school. If children wish to cycle, they will need to do so with an adult. If they are 10 years of age or over, have completed a Bikeability course and have written permission, they can cycle alone.

Bikeability has been organised for Years 5 and 6.

To help ensure children stay safe, all children who cycle or scooter need to wear a helmet.

Please can we also remind you that they should not ride their bikes or scooters on the school grounds

Tempest photography

Tempest will be in school Tuesday 19th November to take individual photographs

Application for a Secondary school place

For children in Year 6, please remember that applications for a place at secondary school need to be submitted by **31st October**. You need to apply online at **www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline** to have the best opportunity of gaining your child's chosen place.

Over the next few weeks secondary schools will be holding open evenings / days which are an invitation for parents and children to go and have a look at different secondary schools.

Please can I remind the parents of children in Year 6 that your children will sit their SATs in the week beginning the **11th May**. Please could we ask that, during this week, you try to make appointments either for the afternoon or for after school, and that you do not take any holiday.

School meals

School dinners for KS2 are £2.30 this term.

Please remember that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are able to have a free school meal, so they do not need to pay. They just need to know what they would like for their lunch each day. Please keep your ParentPay school meal account in credit.

On **Thursday, 3rd October**, we are having a '**Fantastic food day**'. Schools receive government funding based on the number of children who are eating a school dinner on that day and we hope you will encourage your child to have a school meal on Thursday 3rd October. The ParentPay system accepts single payments of £2.30 if your child normally brings a packed lunch but would like to give School Dinners a try. The children will have the chance to win a prize – one from each class. Thank you.

Clubs

The clubs list will be coming out soon for the children to sign up to. We have again tried to ensure we have a wide selection of clubs for both key stage 1 and key stage 2. Having reviewed our collection arrangements we would like parents to wait outside the front of the school by the office and the adult running the club will bring the children around to ensure all children are collected safely.

If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Amanda Lacey
Head of School

Dates for the term

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October	
2 nd	Year 6 serving at community lunch Pm – Year 3 and 4 swimming at Newton Abbot swimming pool
3 rd	Fantastic food day
4 th	School Harvest Festival - St Andrews Church at 9.30 am
w/b 7 th	Bikeability am and pm for Year 5 and 6
9 th	Virgin Care Immunisation – Year R - 6 Pm – Year 3 and 4 swimming at Newton Abbot swimming pool Pm – Year 1 Spanish at The Grange
10 th	Year F, 1 and 2 Grandparents afternoon with afternoon tea.
11 th	Year 5 - Acacia Class assembly at 9.15 am
w/b 14 th	Bikeability am and pm for Year 5 and 6
16 th	History Society lunch History Society Presentation Pm – Year 3 and 4 swimming at Newton Abbot swimming pool
17 th	Year 4 visit to The Grange residential home
18 th	Last day of term
November	
4 th	First day of term
6 th	Year 6 serving at community lunch Pm – Year 1 Spanish at The Grange Work showing
7 th	School open morning for prospective parents of 2020 Foundation stage children – 9.30 -11.30
Sunday 10 th	Eco – councillors attending Remembrance Service at St Andrews church
15 th	Children in Need Day Year 6 - Sycamore class assembly at 9.15 am
19 th	Tempest – Individual photographs
20 th	Year 6 – Grandparents lunch at 1.00pm
25 th	Parents evening – 3.30 – 6.30pm
28 th	Parents evening – 3.30 – 6.30pm
30 th	Ipplepen Lantern Procession
December	
4 th	Year 6 serving at community lunch
9 th	Year 1, 2, 3 Dress Rehearsal to Grandparents, Saplings and rest of school at 2.00pm
10 th	Year 1, 2, 3 Production at 6.00pm
11 th	Year 1, 2, 3 Production at 2.00pm
18 th	Christmas lunch
19 th	Christmas parties