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Friday 15th November

The clocks have changed and so has the weather, everything feels a bit colder and a bit more damp as we head into the winter. However, as ever the children have come back really positively and have settled back into the start of the new half term really well.

We have made a slight change to lunchtimes now that the field is too wet to use. Key Stage 1 lunchtime now runs from 12.00 to 1.00 with KS2 continuing to have their break from 12.20-1.20. The times the children actually eat have not changed. This slight adjust means that the playground is not overcrowded and the children get more out of their break time.

This week Year 5 visited Marldon Primary where they enjoyed the Space Dome as part of their Science topic. There is plenty happening this term and the dates of events that are currently in place are listed on this letter, however, these will be updated especially as Christmas and festive events are finalised and we will ensure that you are kept informed of things as we move through the term.

We have returned to whole school assemblies in the hall. We are managing these within all guidance and are ensuring that there is still a level of social distancing and there is good ventilation but it is so nice to be able to get together as a whole school again. For some of our children they have never experienced whole school assemblies.

Here is to a great half term.

Kind regards

Marcus West
Head of School

Upcoming School Events

November

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| Wed 10th | Y2 Victorian Day |
| Thurs 11 th | Tempest Photography |
| Fri 12 th | Yr 4, 5 & 6 Cinema trip |
| Tues 16th | Football match vs. Kingskerswell |
| Thurs 18 th | Y2 Online visitor linked to Nursing topic |
| Fri 19 th | Children in Need |
| Mon 22 nd | Y2 & Y3 Cinema trip Y6 Football tournament |
| Week beg 22 nd | Parent evenings |
| Tues 30th | Y4 & 5 PE day |

December

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| Week beg 6th | Bikeability |
| Tues 7th | School Christmas Dinner |
| Friday 17th | Last day of term |

January 2022

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| Tues 4th | Spring term starts |
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Clubs

Clubs are now up and running and I have included the clubs list with this letter so that if you missed it or your child shows an interest in any of the clubs, please do email the office and we will try and ensure all children can attend the clubs they choose.

Cycling / Scootering

It is great to see so many children cycling and scootering to school. Please could I just remind people of two things. Firstly, children must not ride their scooters or bikes on school site. There are just too many people around and we would like to ensure there are no accidents.

Secondly, if children are coming to school on the scooters or bikes they really should be wearing a helmet. Thank you.

Christmas

We are still working on many of our plans for Christmas in school this year but we are very keen for parents to be invited to attend events, safely, this year. We will publish the dates for events as we finalise them and will send these out to you as soon as we can.

Uniform and coats

The children all look incredibly smart in their uniforms again, thank you for all your work on this. Please could all children bring coats to school daily. The weather is very changeable and we would like the children to be able to be outside at break and lunchtimes as much as we possibly can.

Tempest Photography

Tempest will be in school on 11th November to take individual & family photographs. Further information regarding this will be sent after half term.

Flu Vaccinations

Unfortunately, due to reasons beyond our control, Virgin Care have postponed the flu vaccination date from Friday 12th November to Tuesday 11th January. Please see the email from Virgin Care sent on November 5th for more details.

Application for a primary school place

For children due to start school in September 2022, please remember that applications need to be submitted by 15th January 2022. You need to apply on line at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline to have the best opportunity of gaining your child's chosen place.