



Learning for Life

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Congratulations to two members of staff!

Mr and Mrs Montgomery and Miss Lewis are delighted to announce that they are both expecting! Normally we let you know when we have managed to appoint the replacement teachers but I believe the local grapevine has been very active so thought best to tell you now. We are in the process of appointing new staff and will keep you updated about who they are and when they will start as soon as possible.

Odd Sock Day Reminder

On Monday 16th November, we would like to ask all children to wear a pair of odd socks to school. This event is to help us participate in Anti-Bullying Week, which is a national annual event that shines a spotlight on ways to prevent and deal with bullying. The theme this year is 'United Against Bullying'. Children will be taking part in a range of activities to learn more including how to spread kindness.

Dartmoor Residential Trip Payment Instalments

For those who have chosen to pay for the Year 6 Dartmoor residential trip in instalments, a reminder that the first payment of £30 is due on Thursday 19th November.

Children In Need Day

We still wish to support Children in Need this year. To try to help make things easier in these difficult times, the children are welcome to wear home clothes this Friday 13th November and bring in a donation. If they wish to wear something spotty and you have something already at home, even better!

Park

A number of parents have raised concerns about the children in the park mixing before and after school. Whilst I appreciate the children need to let some steam off after school, we are trying to keep children separate in bubbles so that, should we have to close a bubble, the minimum number of children would be affected and have to stay at home. Can you please help us by not letting children from different bubbles mix together.

Year 2 Phonics Screening Check

As Year 2 did not take the Year 1 Phonics Screening test in June, the Government has decided that the children will undertake a statutory word reading test for all pupils in Year 2 this half term. For more information, please watch our Parent Video on Google Classroom.

Reception Classes Google Classroom

Please make sure that you have logged on to Google Classrooms using the log on details that we emailed you individually last week. This is essential for you to be able to access lots of our information and any Christmas activities.
Thank you.

School Policies

We have a range of policies for your information on the website.

Nuts

Please can we ask that you do not give nuts as a snack or in lunches due to some of our children having a severe nut allergy.

Reminder

A reminder that children are not to wear jewellery or nail polish to school. Thank you.

PTFA Chair

We are looking for a Chair, or initially a Co-Chair, to help run the Parents, Teachers & Friends Association. If you have ideas and an interest in what fundraising we do and how we spend the money we raise, please give me a call on 07983099324 or send me an email willandschoolptfa@gmail.com to find out more. It's a great way to get involved and to meet people and make friends too!

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Safeguarding - From time to time the school may need to make referrals to Children and Young People's Services

PTFA Fundraiser - Xmas4Schools

You should have now received your link for placing orders for cards, mugs and calendars etc. The artworks we received were really wonderful, and after talking to the printer yesterday, they confirmed receipt of a massive 107 drawings. Well done! We will receive £1 for each item purchased.

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PTA Fundraiser - Tesco Second-Hand Books

Our 'month' has had to be put back, so monies raised from second-hand books for sale at Tesco will now be donated to us in April 2021. Apologies if you rushed to get books in for this month, however, the money raised during this month will be going to the incredibly worthy Force Cancer Charity.

Theatre Alibi - recent visit

We've had some really lovely feedback since last week's Theatre visit. Thank you to those who have made contact to express their children's responses. This message was from one of our year five parents: "My child came home from school today so excited to have met a NASA pilot and full of space and space exploration knowledge. Sounds like the Theatre Albi visit was really great. They really imagined the spacecraft was nearby getting refuelled. So great to hear them so enthusiastic about learning. Thank you."

It's such a rewarding experience to be involved with the PTFA. This feedback is really wonderful to read and makes us feel really proud to be able to help fund something that stretches the children's imaginations and knowledge. At the moment, and possibly for a long time to come, we are fairly limited in what arts and cultural experiences the children can be exposed to. If you have ideas for other affordable and enriching experiences, speak up, or even better, join the PTFA!

Lunch Menu for week commencing 16th November 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken Grill	Italian Bolognese	Roast Turkey & Sage & Onion Stuffing	Homemade Sausage Rolls	Oven Baked Breaded Fish
Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Omelette	Quorn Nuggets	Cauliflower Cheese	Quorn Burgers
Creamed Potato or Green Beans or Peas	Pasta Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	Roast/Creamed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy	Creamed Potatoes Pasta Baked Beans Peas	Golden Fries or Pasta Seasonal Vegetables Tomato Sauce
Jam Sponge & Custard	Tinned Mandarins & Ice Cream	Strawberry Jelly & Tinned Fruit	Meringue Nest with Peaches & Cream	Iced Sponge

Best wishes

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