



Learning for Life

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Attendance Figures

Last week Devon County Council released attendance figures for schools. Currently they stand at 83% nationally and 90.1% in Devon, after any Covid related absence was taken out of the equation. Our school attendance is currently 97.4% up to last Friday. This is fantastic as it means that the children are in school and are learning. Thank you for ensuring that your children are attending school, against the ongoing backdrop of uncertainty and challenging times.

Bubbling Up

With two and a half weeks left of this term, I am sure that everyone wants to enjoy their Christmas, regardless of whether or not they intend 'bubbling up' into bigger groups or not. Therefore, we need to do all we can to get through these next three weeks as best as we can, keeping our whole school community safe. If a positive case comes to light right at the end of term, then this would impact on the entire Christmas holiday for whichever people were in contact with that individual. Those contacts would then have to isolate and as a consequence, it would mean their families not being able to 'bubble up' at Christmas. So please continue your excellent efforts in these last few weeks to remain socially distant. I know it is appreciated by everyone. We all depend on each other to try and ensure we all make it through to the end of term and can enjoy some special family times in the holidays.

Covid Symptoms

If **anyone** in your household shows any signs of Covid you must all self-isolate until you have a negative test result.

Christmas

Whilst the Christmas build-up in school will be different this year, some of the traditional activities are still happening and we are also improvising new ones! We have begun to decorate the school with lots of trees up around the building and a beautiful one on KS1 playground donated by Mole Valley Farmers so that all the children can see it. (Have a look on our Facebook page). Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 16th December, some children eating in the hall and some in their classroom. KS1 Christmas parties will take place on Tuesday 15th and KS2 parties on Wednesday 16th. Home clothes /Christmas jumpers can be worn on these days.

Christmas Lunch

Could you please let us know your child's choice for Christmas dinner by Friday 4th December by following the link https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=GdMOUN_j0E6x2H7k253a51TVkbMNgW5AnYrKwxFBlyJUQ0IRV1FJVE85RTZJMVNSQUJMSTNETUdBNy4u below. If we have not heard from you by that date, we will assume your child will be having a packed lunch.

Christmas Cards - Reminder

Sadly, this year the children will not be able to exchange Christmas cards at school. We are sorry.

Rosemoor Trip

Year 2 are going on a visit to Rosemoor on Tuesday 8th December. If your child is on this trip and needs a packed lunch provided by the school then please let the office know by Friday 4th December.

Wellington Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Jack M, Callum Y, Dexter and Igor in Y6 who competed in the Wellington School Maths Challenge last Friday. We have just had the results in and they scored an incredible 17 out of 25 and won a bronze award! Well done!

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

Cold Weather

Part of our risk assessment is that classrooms must be well ventilated which means that the windows must be open at all times. Now that the weather is getting colder, your child may need to wear additional layers e.g. a long-sleeved top underneath their polo shirts in order to keep themselves warm.

Petroc College

Enhanced Adults Skills for the Future - Redundancy Support

COVID-19 has had a huge impact on our nation's job market. Petroc is there to help anyone at risk of redundancy, or who has been made redundant, within the last three months. This course will support you with the tools that you may need in order to regain meaningful employment.

For more information on this FREE programme, please visit:

North Devon:

<https://www.petroc.ac.uk/content/courses/enhanced-adults-skills-for-the-future-redundancy-support1>

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Lunch Menu for week commencing 7th December 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pepperoni Pizza	Pork Meatballs	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken Fajitas Wrap Tortilla Chips	Salmon Bites
Cheese Pizza	Meatless Balls	Quorn Sausage	Vegetarian Curry	Vegetarian Pizza
Potato Wedges or Pasta Sweetcorn	Spaghetti Mixed Vegetables	Roast/Creamed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy	Rice or Pasta Green Beans	Golden Fries or Pasta Seasonal Vegetables Tomato Sauce
Tinned Fruit & Ice Cream	Sticky Toffee Pudding & Caramel Sauce	Fruit Smoothie or Cheese, Cracker & Apple Slice	Flapjack & Custard	Homemade Cookie

Best wishes

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