

Hooray!

We will soon be able to welcome back the rest of the school as we return to our new normal on March 8th! We are delighted and are already keenly making preparations to receive the children who have been remote learning.

If your patterns have been more flexible at home during lockdown to juggle all the various demands made upon the family, you may wish to consider trying to get back into routines for bedtimes, getting up, getting dressed etc. so it isn't such a shock for the children on the first day and help the children prepare for their return to school. Please can you ensure they also have their contact books, reading books and any other equipment they normally bring on the first day, however, they don't need pencil cases.

Drop offs and Pick ups

On March 8th please can I remind you that we still need to maintain social distancing at drop off and pick up times. I have been informed of some positive cases within the village in the last few days so we wish to make sure we are keeping everyone as safe as possible. Please drop your children and go, then collect and go at the end of the day. Whilst we appreciate that the children have been cooped up and want to play together it would be helpful if the class bubbles didn't cross outside of school.

Morning Drop Off

Time	Silver St Park	Drive	Somerlea
8:50am	5G RM	1P	6N
8:55am	RJ	1HR	6S
9:00am	5WM 2A	3WB	4W
9:05am	2R	3C	4L

Afternoon Pick Up

Time	Silver St Park	Drive	Somerlea
3:15pm	5G RM	1P	6N
3:20pm	RJ	1HR	6S
3:25pm	5WM 2A	3WB	4W
3:30pm	2R	3C	4L

Every Mind Matters

It is always important to look after your mental health and wellbeing but with current lockdown restrictions meaning we are spending more time at home and away from friends and family, it's now more important than ever. The following coronavirus wellbeing advice is designed to help anyone who might be feeling more anxious or worried at the moment and covers topics such as coping with loneliness, coping with uncertainty and change and looking after your mental health whilst staying at home.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

PE Days

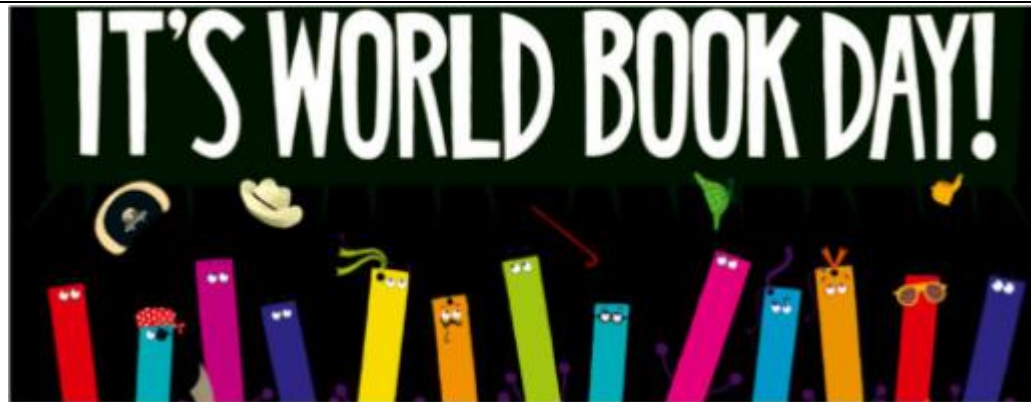
PE days will remain the same as we advised before Christmas. Where at all possible the children will still be going outside as it is safer for them so please make sure they have adequate PE clothing to keep them warm .They can continue to wear this to school in the morning. Please note PE days will be:

Days Classes having PE

Monday	YRJ, YRM, Y4L, Y4W, Y5WM
Tuesday	YRJ, YRM, Y4L, Y4W, Y5G
Wednesday	Y1HR, Y2A, Y2R, Y3WB, Y6N, Y6S
Thursday	Y1P, Y2A, Y2R, Y3C, Y5G, Y5WM
Friday	Y1HR, Y1P, Y3WB, Y3C, Y6N, Y6S

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Thank you to all of those who have sent in entries for World Book Day Devon School Library Competition.

Here are a variety of different ways that you can celebrate World Book Day at home this year.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/> Free audiobooks

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

Take a look inside the £1 books available this year. The book tokens will be distributed in school in the week beginning 8th March.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/events/>

There are some extra special FREE digital events. And what an amazing line-up it is too. You can watch them LIVE right here (on the link), or our YouTube channel – and they'll remain on YouTube for you to watch back time and time again!

Weds 3rd at 10:30 (7+) Books that Make you LOL!

Starring: Humza Arshad, Alex Bellos & Ben Lyttleton (Football School), Jonny Duddle and Zanib Mian

Thurs 4th at 10:30 (4+) World Book Day special – Bringing Reading to Life

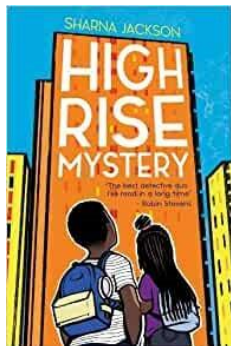
Starring: Joseph Coelho & Fiona Lumbers, Tom Fletcher and Lydia Monks and special guest Rob Biddulph

Fri 5th at 10:30 (9+) Books and the Real World

Starring: Sita Brahmachari, Jess French and Katherine Rundell

<https://www.worldbookday.com/bookclub/>

Talking about books together makes them more fun, memorable and magic. From April, tune into YouTube and read with us. We'll share our favourite monthly read, talk to authors and more. Join in at home, in school & in libraries!



The very first Book Club title will be.... *High-Rise Mystery* by Sharna Jackson, published by Knights Of. We love this middle-grade page-turner and can't wait to talk about it more with you all in April.

Finally, there are lots of activities based around books on these websites – look for your favourites

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/superpage/activity-packs/>

<https://www.andersenpress.co.uk/free-stuff/>

<https://nosycrow.com/activity-sheets/>

Tiny Owl has lots of their stories being read aloud on their Youtube channel as well as videos showing craft activities <https://www.youtube.com/c/TinyOwlBooks/videos>

Usborne have a range of activity sheets to download and art ideas <https://usborne.com/gb/activities-for-kids/activity-sheets>

Walker books have a range of activity sheets and extracts available to download <https://www.walker.co.uk/grown-ups/activity-sheets.aspx>

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

British Science Week



British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that will take place between 5-14 March 2021!

In school and online, we will be celebrating with activities and competitions across the school but we would also like your help!

What do you envisage when asked what a scientist looks like? Are you picturing lab coats, goggles and conical flasks? How about the person? Are they a white man with grey hair, who resembles someone like Albert Einstein?

If that's who you pictured – you aren't alone. But it's something that we want to change!

The science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) sectors are so much more diverse than this stereotype suggests. There are people working in labs, at universities, in innovation centres, in businesses and out on construction sites, who come from so many different backgrounds, and who have taken lots of different routes into their career. Not only that, but the jobs people do and the ways that they work as a scientist are so broad and diverse, we could never list them all! The aim is to celebrate that diversity as part of the British Science Week Smashing Stereotypes campaign. It aims to encourage STEM employees and researchers to share their stories about what they do in their day-to-day work – to highlight the diversity of the STEM workforce, the broad range of jobs and careers available, and that scientists are just like other people.

If you work in the STEM sector or use science in your job, please can you get in touch (via admin@willand.devon.sch.uk) and let us know! Photographs of you at work would also be fantastic! It would be great to share possible STEM careers with the children in school and show them the wide range of opportunities that science brings.

If you are able to, please can you also support the campaign by sharing your stories on social media using #SmashingStereotypes

Junior Bake Off 2021

Applications have recently opened for the 7th series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

They are looking for young budding bakers between **9 -15 years old**.

Filming would take place from July 2021, but **applications close on Sunday 28th March 2021**.

Interested bakers can apply online at - WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

Lunch Menu for week commencing 1st March 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
West Country Sausages	Italian Bolognese	Roast Pork Apple Sauce Gravy	Chicken Curry Naan Bread Rice	Harry Ramsden Fish
<i>Vegetarian Sausage</i>	<i>Vegetarian Omelette</i>	<i>Cheese & Onion Pasty</i>	<i>Macaroni Cheese</i>	<i>Vegetarian Bites</i>
Creamed Potato or Pasta Baked Beans or Peas	Pasta Garlic bread Sweetcorn	Roast/Creamed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy	Green Beans	Golden Fries or Pasta Seasonal Vegetables Tomato Sauce
Syrup Sponge & Custard	Lime Jelly & Pineapple	Ice Cream & Mandarins	Meringue Nest with Fruit and Cream	Iced Sponge
PASTA POTS with Italian tomato sauce or cheese. Every day except Wednesday				

Keep safe and keep well

Anne Hawkins

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