

Industrial Action Thursday 2nd March

Over the last week I have conducted a risk assessment and consulted the Chair of Governors and the decision has been reached that the school will once again need be closed to the majority of pupils, as unfortunately it cannot be guaranteed there will be sufficient staff to cover the children to attend school. (It is important for parents to understand that employment law does not require staff to notify the school of their intentions regarding industrial action).

As before, most children will need to remain at home and will not be able to attend school under any circumstances. Later this week we will be contacting those who we can accommodate but unfortunately we will not be able to include critical worker children as there are simply not enough staff to safely open the school for them.

On the day of the strike, we will not be able to offer online lessons, however there are a range of excellent resources available on the Internet, including BBC bite-size and the National Oak Academy.

It is possible that some staff may form a picket line outside the school. A picket line is where staff gather near the entrance to a workplace to protest in person and may be holding placards or banners. If that is the case, we would like to take this opportunity to remind all children, parents and carers that as a school we respect our staff's legal right to strike. Please ensure that any interactions you have with staff are as courteous and respectful as they would be on any other day.

If your child is usually entitled to benefits related free school meals we can provide a lunch for Thursday. We will contact you about this. (This does not include the Universal Free School Meals to which all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled.)

I appreciate that any closure may be disruptive for you but we hope that you understand that we, as a school, have had to take decisions to secure the health and safety of your child(ren) and any non-striking staff in consideration of anticipated reduced numbers of staffing.

Should the industrial dispute be resolved we will of course be open as usual.

Y6 Dartmoor Residential

Just a reminder that the fourth instalment for the Dartmoor Residential is due on 28th February.

WORLD BOOK DAY®

Changing lives through a love of books and reading.

Book on a Plate competition.

Just a reminder to have the entries for the Book on a Plate competition in by 24th February. They can be decorated in any way, as long as it relates to a book!

We will of course have lots of book-related activities in school on Friday 3rd March 2023 and look forward to telling you what we have been up to!

Homework Club

Homework club will finish on the last week of the Spring term and will start again on the first week of the Summer term.

Absence During Term Time

If you are thinking of taking your child out of school during term time, for any length of time, you **must** complete an absence request form **before** going away. The advice from Devon County Council is that 'parents should ensure that they know whether the absence will be authorised or not before they go away as an unauthorised absence will likely result in a penalty notice or court summons being issued to each parent for each pupil affected. It is therefore recommended that this completed form is sent into the school at least three school weeks before the intended absence.' Forms are available to download from the website or to collect from the school office.

Lost Property

We have three pairs of prescription glasses which have been handed in. If you or your child are missing a pair please ask at the school office.

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PTFA Meeting

The PTFA are having their next meeting, by zoom, on 27th February, starting at 8.30pm
Please join us on Monday 27th February at 8.30 pm via Zoom for our PTFA meeting. We would love for you to join us and share any ideas you may have! If you are new to the school or not sure how much time you can give you can just register the fact you are interested in helping at future events. Joining our meeting is a fantastic way if your child has recently joined the school to meet new parents and find out more about how we can support the school. Please use the links below to join the meeting which is in two parts. We look forward to seeing you.

Link 1 8:30pm till 9:15

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/3134266504?pwd=MW5lb2xLbXJYVmZjWjE0OTNYSjh6QT09>

Link 2 9:15 till 9:45

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/3134266504?pwd=MW5lb2xLbXJYVmZjWjE0OTNYSjh6QT09>

meeting ID 313 426 6504

Passcode S7vFuS

Proud to Care

Can you make a difference to your local community? There are full and part time vacancies in the community and residential settings as a care worker, administrator, cool, domestic and more. Register your interest and have an informal chat to find out more here:
www.proudtocaredevon.oug.uk/findyourcalling/

EVENTS

Please see the noticeboard outside the school office for the following events

Devon Junior Chess Tournament

Just a reminder of the forthcoming chess tournament at Teign School, Kingsteignton. Today is the final day for entries so if you would like to register please click on the following link

<https://devonjuniorchess.co.uk/content/devon-junior-spring-chess-tournament-2023-entry-form>

Gymnastics and Parkour

Excelsior ADC has spaces in its gymnastics and Parkour classes in the village hall on Tuesdays. Starting in school year 2 and working up to year 10.

For more information go to

<https://goteamup.com/p/3368599-excelsior-athletic-develo/>

Please note that we are unable to check on the validity of the companies or the people running the schemes, and if those working with children have the correct police checks.

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing 27th February 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Westcountry beef burger in a plain bap	Chicken goujons	Roast gammon and pineapple	Chicken curry Naan bread and rice	Harry Ramsden`s Fish
<i>Vegetarian burger in a plain bap</i>	<i>Quorn dippers</i>	<i>Broccoli and cheese bake</i>	<i>Macaroni cheese</i>	<i>Homemade Cheese Wheel</i>
Potato wedges/ pasta Baked beans/ peas Salad Bar	Rice/pasta Mixed vegetables Tomato sauce Salad Bar	Roast/mashed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy Salad Bar	Green Beans Salad Bar	Chips or Pasta Seasonal vegetables Tomato Sauce Salad Bar
Ice cream and peaches Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Syrup sponge and custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	American Pancake and cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Flapjack and custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Iced sponge Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
PASTA POTS with Italian tomato sauce, cheese or tuna JACKET POTATO with cheese, beans or tuna WRAPS WITH FILLINGS: Ham, Chicken or Cheese				

Keep safe and keep well

Anne Hawkins

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