



Learning for Life

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Success!

We are very thrilled to share with you that we have received official notification on Friday of last week that we have achieved two national awards.

The first is the Leading Parent Partnership Award which the school has been working towards and had almost completed when the first lockdown began last year. Everything then had to be put on hold. The changes made as a result of your feedback to us however was very beneficial, particularly around our electronic means of communication. Without these improvements we would not have been in such a good place to be able to communicate with you all throughout the two lockdowns and support the children in their learning at home so the whole school community has contributed to this success. I would also particularly like to acknowledge and thank the members of the LPPA working party who attended meetings, read policies and protocols and helped with their suggestions and ideas to improve our practice.

The second achievement has been part of some research undertaken in association with the Education Endowment Fund. The school was selected to be part of a project to improve science teaching in primary schools. Miss Leather, supported by Mrs Maynard, have attended high quality training and shared this with staff. They have then collected a portfolio of science learning that has taken place both in school and at home during lockdown which has been recognised as such a good standard that the school has been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark Gilt. Associate Professor Jane Turner, PSQM National Director said: *"There was never a more important time for primary children to have a high-quality science education. The Coronavirus Pandemic has made everyone aware of the impact of science on our daily lives. Primary schools have an important role to ensure that children understand how science works and keeps us healthy and safe. Schools that have achieved a Primary Science Quality Mark have demonstrated a significant commitment to science teaching and learning, even at this challenging time for schools. The profile and quality of science in each awarded school is very high. Children are engaging with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science as well as secure scientific understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud."*

Many thanks to them both for their time and efforts and also to all of you for the fabulous science work undertaken at home!

DCC Free School Meal Vouchers

DCC have told us that some voucher codes issued for February half term remain unclaimed. If you received a code for one of these vouchers and have not yet redeemed it, please go to the [Black Hawk's 'Select' website](#) as soon as possible before it expires on Sunday 25 April.

Talkworks

Talkworks offers a range of free workshops including sleep workshops, parenthood workshops and workshops to help people to manage challenging times. There's lots of information and support available on their website: <https://www.talkworks.dpt.nhs.uk/nhs-mental-health-support/sleep-and-wellbeing-workshops>

Dartmoor

We have heard today that we will be able to go ahead with a Dartmoor Residential this year. We may not be able to take all the children at the same time but the children will be able to go and stay over-night. Please can we therefore ask for payments to continue as we have to pay the centre shortly. It is essential that we support the residential centres as they are at risk due to the fact that they have not been able to operate normally for the past year.

Year 1 Design Technology

Tomorrow on Thursday 1st April, children in Year 1 will be making and eating a sandwich for morning snack as part of their Design Technology unit 'Where does my food come from?' You can still send your child with an additional morning snack if you wish and free fruit will still be available for this break time.

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School Lunches

Just a reminder that all lunches must be paid for in advance. If your account goes into arrears you will receive a text to notify you that this has happened. Please then clear the account. If the total amount for your family exceeds £15 you will be asked to provide your child with a packed lunch until the debt has been paid. Should your child then request further meals they will be given a packed lunch which will be charged at £2.30

Hearts of Hope Balloon Race - PTFA

We are thrilled to announce our winners of our Hearts of Hope Balloon race.

1st place winning a £50 love2shop gift card is balloon named Izzy.

2nd place winning a £30 love2shop gift card is balloon named Nick Harwood.

3rd place winning a £20 love2shop gift card is balloon named Sarah Woods.

Congratulations to our top three winning balloons and well done to all of those who participated. We have loved hearing all the comments from parents about how much their children enjoyed watching the race. A huge heartfelt thank you to everyone who took part and supported our event. It has been fantastic, and with your kind support you have helped us raise an INCREDIBLE £526.66!

Registering for Income Based Free School Meals Could Raise Money for Willand School

We offer free school meals for all Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) initiative put in place by the Department of Education (DfE). Research has shown that healthy school meals improve children's learning and productivity. Our school meals meet strict nutritional standards, and the quality and sustainability of our meals is regularly monitored.

Did you know that schools can receive additional funding for Reception and KS1 pupils who would otherwise be eligible for **income based** free school meals? This funding is known as Pupil Premium. If your income means you are eligible, it is important to sign up (even though Reception and KS1 school meals are free). Registering can raise **additional annual funding of £1320 for up to 6 years** for the school from the DfE. This money can fund valuable support like extra learning, teaching assistants or after school clubs. Even if you do not want your child to receive a free meal, please register so that the school receives as much funding as possible!

We would remind parents whose children moved up to Key Stage 2 (Year 3) in September - if you think your child may be entitled to income based free school meals in KS2, please also follow the link

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live

Drinks in Book Bags

A gentle reminder please could you remember not to put drinks into book bags as drinks bottles often leak and then spoil the reading books.



SUMMER TERM 2021

19 April 2021	Start of Summer Term
3 May 2021	Bank Holiday
28 May 2021	Non-pupil day
31 – 4 May 2021	Half Term
23 July 2021	End of Summer Term

Week Commencing 19th April 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sausages	Pepperoni Pizza	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Chicken Fajitas Wrap/Tortilla Chips	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian Sausage	Cheese Pizza	Cheese & Onion Pasty	Quorn Fajitas Wrap/Tortilla Chips	Vegetarian Bites
Pasta/Mash Baked Beans or Peas	Potato Wedges/Pasta Sweetcorn	Roast/Mash Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy	Rice /Pasta Mixed Vegetables	Fries or Pasta Seasonal Vegetables Tomato Sauce
Lemon Cake	Angel Delight & Peaches	Lime Jelly & Pineapple	Chocolate Cracknel & Apple Slice	Oat Cookie

PASTA POTS with Italian tomato sauce or cheese every day except Wednesday

As we come to the end of another eventful term I would just to thank you all for your support. I hope you will all have a lovely Easter and some opportunity to catch up with family or friends in your gardens or elsewhere outdoors.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th April.

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