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A message from Mrs. Brimson



London October 2022

I would like to wish all the children and adults in Class Torridge a very enjoyable trip to London on Tuesday next week. I hope they have lots of fun and return to Devon full of all the exciting experiences they have had! Unfortunately, I am unable to be at school to wave everyone off, but I know that Mr Day and Mrs Benham will keep us all posted each day. Enjoy!



This year's harvest celebration is taking place at the church on Thursday 20th October. Please come along and join us, as each class will be celebrating harvest in their own way. On the day, if you would like to send in biscuits or dry goods - not fresh, we would be very grateful. These donations would then be distributed later in the term. Reverend Sue is going to be present and there will be an opportunity to join us in singing some harvest songs as well.

School News

Your child has been given a set of all the forms that we need you to sign on an annual basis, in order to keep our records up to date. It is vital that you also inform us of any changes to your contact numbers, email address and home address in case we need to contact you in an emergency. Please complete all forms and return them to the school office no later than Friday 14th October. Thank you.

Nasal Flu Vaccine

Your child is in **Year R to Year 6** from September 2022 and is therefore eligible for a free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.

The immunisation team will be visiting school on: **Friday 4th November 2022**

Seasonal flu vaccination remains one of the most important public health interventions to protect individuals and prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society. This contributes to reduce morbidity, mortality and hospitalisation associated with flu at a time when the NHS and social care will be managing winter pressures, potentially including further outbreaks of COVID-19.

For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible.

Full information about this live vaccination, including frequently asked questions and access to the NHS England information, are available when accessing the link. We recommend you discuss this vaccination with your child prior to the date of vaccination.

To consent to, or to decline the flu vaccination for your child please click on the link below:

<https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2022/devon>

Please note that this link will close at midnight on: Tuesday 18th October 2022.

It is important that you respond prior to this date for your child to receive their flu immunisation at the school session as there will only be one visit to school this season.

If you miss this deadline, your child(ren) will not be vaccinated at school, however you will have the opportunity to book them into a community catch up clinic. This also applies if your child is absent or refuses the vaccination at school.

After your child has been vaccinated (if consent provided) you will receive an automated email to confirm this and provide post-immunisation advice. Please check your junk/spam box on the day of vaccination if you do not receive this in your inbox.

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 (lines are open 9.00 until 16.30)

Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

Year 6 Parents secondary school transfer the deadline to make your application to the Local Authority for secondary education is the 31st October 2022.

You can apply online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or you can collect a hard copy of the application form from the school office. Please be advised that if you don't apply or apply after the closing date of the 31st October 2022, your application will be considered after all timely applications, and this may mean that you miss out on a place at your preferred or local school.

Places are not held in reserve for people that apply late. It is important that you make your application before the closing date to give your child the best chance of getting a place at one of your preferred schools.

Please don't assume you don't need to apply and that you will be allocated a place at the local secondary school if you don't. You must make an application and give the Local Authority your preferences. If you don't tell the admissions team where you want your child to go to school, you will run the risk of being allocated a place at a school that isn't the nearest school, or a preferred school, and it may also be a school to which you are unable to transport your child to.

If you need help or assistance with the application process, please speak to the school office or contact the admissions team on 0345 155 1019 or email admissions@devon.gov.uk

Year 3 Multi Skills Festival

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the Yr. 3 Multi Skills Festival, scheduled for next Wednesday, at Pilton, has been cancelled.

Wraparound care

Please may we remind parents to pay in advance for school meals and the breakfast and afterschool club. We understand that at times payments may be slightly delayed, but we are conscious of some of the large amount of debt that is accruing. Unfortunately, your child will not be able to attend, should this not be paid.

Trips

These trips are now available for payments to be made on ParentPay:

Gymnastics/swimming for Taw and Torridge Class

London Residential

Exmoor Zoo

Free School Meals

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically receive free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional 'pupil premium' funding to support learning.

From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are receiving any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

If you are eligible to claim, please go to the [Citizen Portal](#) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in an instant decision.

Privacy Notice

For your information, please find below a link to the **Main Privacy Notice** webpage and a link to the **Pupil Privacy Notice**

<https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notice/>

<https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2021-Final.pdf>

Romar Sports

Please see the flyer attached providing information of 'Football Holiday Club.'

Ventrus Job Vacancies

<https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers>

Dates for your diary

11 th October to 14 th October 2022	London Residential for Year 5&6
20 th October 2022	Harvest Festival in St Peter's Church at 2.15pm
21 st October to 28 th October	Half Term
3 rd November 2022	PTA AGM in school at 6:00pm
4 th November 2022	Nasal Flu Vaccine
8 th November 2022	Tempest Photographer
11 th November 2022	Coffee morning for parents
2 nd December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day
7 th December 2022	Christmas Lunch
9 th December 2022	Nativity Service in St Peter's Church 2.30pm
	Christmas Jumper Day
15 th December 2022	Christingle Service in St Peter's Church 2.15pm
16 th December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day & Last day of Autumn term
4 th January 2023	First day of Spring Term
13 th February to 17 th February 2023	Half Term
31 st March 2023	Last day of Spring Term
18 th April 2023	First day of Summer Term
1 st May 2023	Spring Bank Holiday
29 th May to 2 nd June 2023	Half Term
20 th July 2023	Leaver's Service in St Peter's Church
21 st July 2023	Last day of Summer Term

Please find attached to this newsletter the term dates for the year 23/24

PTA

The PTA would like to invite you to their AGM, in the school, on 3rd November at 6:00pm.

Community News

The Thursday Café

Every Thursday afternoon from 2-4.30pm the Village Hall will open as a Café, serving hot drinks, cakes, biscuits and other bakes. If you wish to host one or more of our Thursday Cafés, either as a fundraising opportunity for a Charity of your choice or to promote your business, please get in touch with Frances Mortlock on 07751 454906 or visit www.BFVH.uk for more details.

