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The weeks seem to be flying by now and we are nearly at the summer holidays. Next week I will send out our plans to everyone regarding September opening. These plans will probably end up being tweaked but we want to give you as much notice as possible. I will send out an email before term starts of any significant changes. We are completely closed during the summer and I will check email periodically but will only respond to emergencies

### **Free School Meal Vouchers**

If you are entitled to means-tested free school meals, you will be sent a voucher for the school holidays. The value of the voucher is £90 and is designed to cover the whole summer break. This will come to you at the start of the holiday. We are unable to order smaller amounts, or split the vouchers.

### **Childcare**

If you need child care over the summer break and are struggling to find some, you can go on the Devon County Council website [www.devon.gov.uk](http://www.devon.gov.uk) and search for Pinpoint which has providers listed. This is also the place where there is information on support with provision for essential workers.

### **Front Gate**

Please do not let yourself in the front gate. We have a guard fitted now over the release button to prevent this. We need to monitor who is coming in and out of the premises so that we can keep everyone safe.

### **The Road**

There is good and bad news about the road! The good news is that the footpath will be maintained for the duration of the works except for one day, overnight when the bridge itself is installed in October. The works will continue until the end of the autumn term and this means that the footpath that runs along the bottom of the field will be shut for some months to come. This will make it very important that people do not park in the road outside the school.

### **Transition Documents**

We have loved the ones sent back in to school so far! We have really enjoyed reading them and are sending them on to the teachers they are having next year. Please can they be returned to school by the end of next week. If you cannot email them back, feel free to drop them in to school.

### **Library Books**

Thank you so much for returning so many library books! We now have 535 books still missing (it was over 1000). Keep on looking as they are very expensive to replace and that is about £3000 worth of books still to find!

### **Healthy Start Programme**

Please find information attached on the Government's national Healthy Start programme, which is being promoted across Devon at the moment. The programme helps families with young children

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get free food vouchers for milk, fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables and infant formula milk – along with free coupons for vitamins for children and pregnant women.

Families can find out if they are eligible on the Healthy Start website <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/> (if they have children under 4 or are pregnant and receive qualifying benefits). Families fill in an application form which can be printed off the website and posted to Healthy Start. Once they are registered the vouchers are sent directly to them. Families can use the vouchers in registered shops <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/healthy-start-vouchers/where-to-use-the-vouchers/> and vitamins are currently being posted to families (once they are registered) by Children's Centres.

If anyone would like support with applying just email school and we will give you a call, as I realise some people do not have access to printers.

### **Poetry Competition**

Life in lockdown has been a challenge for us all. The Children's Literature Festival want to hear about your experience in a poetic style of your choice. You can write your poem on any subject that you associate with being in lockdown. Entry Age 7-16

£100 book tokens

An author visit to your school

Closes 30th August

<https://www.childrensliteraturefestivals.com/my-lockdown-poem/>