

15th September 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

Clubs

Club emails are coming out for children today. If you don't receive an email, then your child has not got a place this time. All the children who requested a space are on a waiting list, so if spaces become available we will be in touch. Some of the clubs could have been filed three times over! We will keep a list of children who have not been successful and they will have priority in the next round of clubs.

Year Six Parents

As you may be aware, you have until October 31st to apply for your child's secondary school place. Applications are completed online through the Citizen's Portal. If you are unable to apply online and would like a hard copy of the application form, email admissions@devon.gov.uk or telephone 0345 1551019 to request a copy.

Citizen's portal link:

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en

Many schools are holding open evenings and the dates can be found on school websites.

Year One and Two

On Tuesday 19th September, all Year One and Two parents can come to a phonics workshop run by Miss Pilkington and Miss Shawyer. This will be in the Community Room from 9 o'clock and should be about 45 minutes. Why should you come? So that you can understand how children are taught to read so that you can support their reading at home. All research shows that children who read at home, become better readers and because they are better readers, they perform well in school. We have also started with a new phonics scheme this year which may be slightly different to your previous experience. Did you know that 85% of the curriculum is accessed through reading?

Reception

On Tuesday 26th September, all Reception parents are invited to a phonics workshop with Mrs Elworthy. We have changed our phonics programme this year and it will really help you to support the children reading. As they get older, children access 85% of the curriculum through reading and it is so important we get it right from the start rather than have to catch up.

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Photographs

On Friday 22nd September, the photographer will be in school to take individual photographs of children. If you would like a family photograph, you need to arrive early and take a ticket. The photographer will be onsite from 8am so we will open the doors early and parents can wait in the hall until they have been photographed. After this, parents can leave through the community room and be in the playground. Sibling photos can only be done with parents present.

School Lunches

There is a change to the menu on Monday. There are no chicken burgers, so the cook will make chicken pizzas as the main meal option. The other options remain unchanged.

Breakfast Club

On Friday, when the photographer is in, breakfast club will take place in the nursery, so please drop your children there directly. Thank you.

Ding a Ling

A reminder that the toddler group will be up and running again and is free and open to any children under five. Obviously this will not be on when the school photographer is in!

PE Kit

It is lovely to see children coming in on the days they have PE in their kit. Please can I remind you that the school kit is plain white T shirt and plain black or navy shorts and trainers or plimsolls. If they are not in this kit, they will be given spare kit to wear.

Free School Meals

Remember to check on the citizen portal whether you are eligible for free school meals. It attracts extra money for the school!

Taster Sessions

We will be running some taster sessions for school meals at the end of the school day on Tuesday 26th in the playground. Come along and see how amazing our meals taste!

NURSERY

Sign of the week



Friend



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The new nursery children have settled in beautifully and our existing children have welcomed them as good friends should! We have been reading 'Hello Friend' this week and have been focussing on getting to know each other's names. Some lovely friendships have been made already in our nursery. Well done!



RECEPTION

Reception has been settling into school life really well. They have had their first lunches at school and playtime in the big playgroup. Lots of new friends have been made and lots of fun has been had!



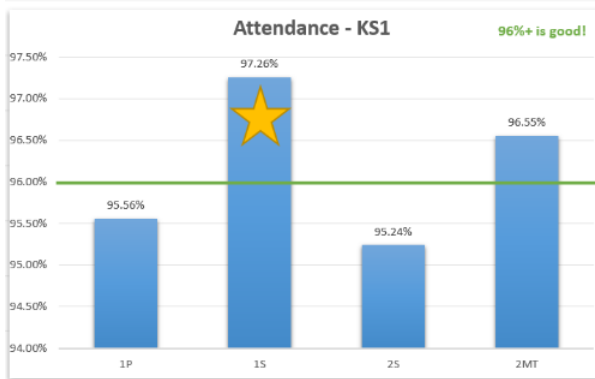
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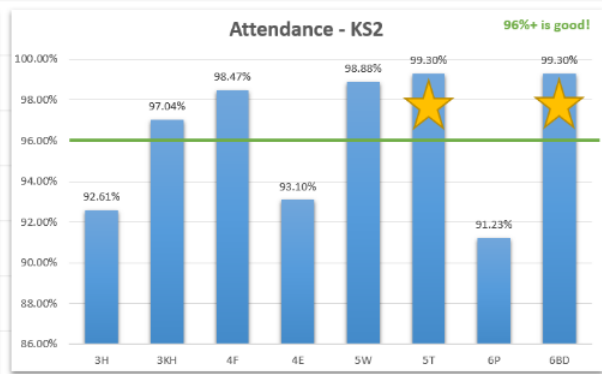
In Y1 we have loved exploring our new classrooms and have been showing great friendship and teamwork as we've explored. Across the week we have completed some careful observational drawings and have been story mapping Little Red Riding Hood, so we're ready to write some sentences.



ATTENDANCE - SINCE WE'VE BEEN BACK!



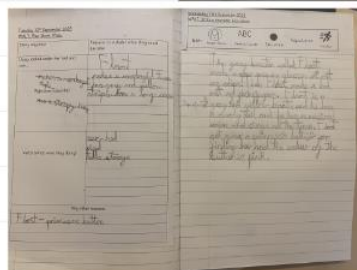
Well done to 1S - the top attending class in KS1 this week! Well done to runners-up, 2MT, who also had super attendance! We will share Reception's attendance after their first full week in school.



Lots of classes had excellent attendance in KS2 this week - but your joint winners are 5T and 6BD! Well done!

YEAR 2

Our Year 2 children have had a fantastic start to the year! Some highlights have been: visiting the library to choose books that we can enjoy sharing with our families, making a great start to our first writing project using the book 'The Beasties' and mixing primary colours in art.



2MT Friday Flyer - Alice
2S Friday Flyer - Tym



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal
Chicken Pizza with Wedges and Salad Bar	Macaroni Cheese with Focaccia Bread and Peas	Toad in the Hole with Mashed Potato, Carrots and Sweetcorn and Gravy	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Focaccia and Salad	Chicken Bites, Chips and Baked Beans or Peas
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option
Vegetable Biryani with Mango Chutney and Salad Bar	Winter Vegetable Frittata with Saute Potatoes and Peas	Halloumi Traybake with Mashed Potatoes, Carrots and Sweetcorn	Leek and Potato Bake, Potato Wedges and Salad	Homemade Vegetable Sausage Roll, Chips and Baked Beans or Peas
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo
Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert
Flapjack Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Banana Marble Cake Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Ice Cream Pot Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Cake Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Cookie Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt