



‘Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up’

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Thankfulness	Compassion	Perseverance	Forgiveness	Courage	Friendship
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Newsletter – Friday 25th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels like Autumn is really setting in now - colder weather, darker mornings and more rain! Please make sure your child brings their coat to school every day so that they are able to go outside for play times.

This week, all the children in Years 2-6 were completing some school based assessments. The purpose of these is to give us an idea of every child's starting point and to help us to find out where the biggest gaps are. This will help us to move forward with our planning for this year. We have been so impressed with how resilient and calm the children have been whilst completing their assessments. Well done, Everyone!

As you will be aware, we have been using these first few weeks to support the children to settle back in to the routines and procedures at school. In some classes, children are beginning to start their new topics. This term, our School Theme is 'Saving the World!' Every class will be looking at this in a slightly different way. Please look out for your child's class newsletter which will be coming home alongside this newsletter.

As the nights draw in, it is important to ensure your child's safety if/when they are playing out without adult supervision in the evenings. Although there is no legal limit for how old children have to be before they play out alone, the NSPCC have drawn up some clear guidance to help you decide whether or not your child is ready to play out independently. I have attached this guidance to this newsletter.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/1103/out-alone-keeping-child-safe.pdf>

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

All the best,
Miss Ratcliffe

Parental Consent & Pupil Information Booklets

Thank you to everyone who has returned there Parental Consent Booklet, It is really important to have all returned ASAP, to keep our records up to date.

Permission Forms for G-Suite – Children in Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 will have a consent form for G-suite for Education. Please complete this forms and return to school early next week. Thank you.



Flu Vaccination

Your child is due to be in Reception to Year 6 from September 2020 and they are therefore eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.



It is anticipated that this will be delivered in schools between October 2020 to December 2020; this will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time.

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "no" consent. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

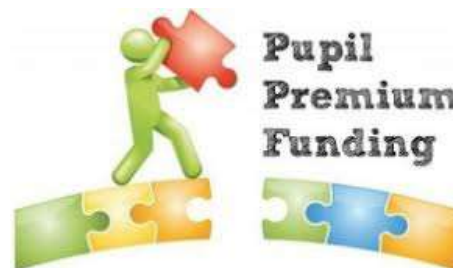
<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

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 Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

Pupil Premium

Introduced in 2011, the pupil premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children. This is based on research showing that children from low income families perform less well than their peers. The pupil premium is intended to directly benefit the children who are eligible, helping to narrow the gap between them and their classmates.



Ways in which we spend our fund include:

- Extra one to one and small group support
- Employment of extra teaching assistants
- Catch up sessions for children needing extra help
- Breakfast and After School club support
- Funding educational trips (50% funded)
- Music lessons for children who cannot afford to pay for them (50% funded)
- Paying for additional help such as speech and language support
- Investing in resources that boost learning such as laptops and tablets
- Free school meals



Please take advantage of this if you think you are eligible. All you need to do is visit this website www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals and fill out a quick form through the Devon Citizens Portal to see if your child could be in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. We are currently offering a **£10 book token** incentive to every successful applicant. Alternatively speak to Kelly if you have any questions.



School Dinner Menu week commencing 28th September 2020

Week 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Sausage Rolls	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Salmon or Cod Fish Cakes
Vegetarian	Vegetable Bites	Quorn Bolognaise	Cauliflower Cheese	Cheesy Pasta with Leeks	Cheese Wheels
Sides	Creamed Potatoes & Seasonal Veg	Crusty Bread, Peas & Carrots	Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Potato wedges & Seasonal Veg	Golden Fries, & Seasonal Veg
Dessert	Fruit & Yogurt	Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Platter	Iced Chocolate Cake	Cornflake Crunchie

School Dinners - with the cold weather approaching it would be great to see more children enjoying a hot school dinner from KS2 and Pre-School. Don't forget there is also the choice of a jacket potato with cheese or beans as an alternative to the main course and the option of having fruit or yoghurt for pudding all for £2.30 (£1.80 for Preschool) – Please inform Mr Wiggans on arrival in the morning and payment for all lunches are via Parent Pay.

Pre-School Parents

Applications and reconfirmation 30-hour Funding with HMRC

We have been advised by DfE that if a parent faces a reduced income due to coronavirus, they will be treated as meeting the minimum income threshold for 30 hours until 31st October and should therefore be able to reconfirm their 30 hour code.

If a parent has been made redundant whilst they are in receipt of the 30 hours entitlement, they will be able to claim 30 hours until their next reconfirmation date (parents need to reconfirm eligibility every 3 months). After this reconfirmation date, they will enter a grace period during which they can still access 30 hours. If at any point they regain employment which takes them above the minimum threshold, they will be able to reconfirm and continue their 30 hours without a break.

With regards to the length of the grace period, parents who fail to reconfirm their eligibility in the first half of a term are able to retain their childcare place until the end of that term (31st December); parents who fail to reconfirm in the second half of a term are able to retain their childcare place until the end of the following term (31st March).

We would strongly encourage those who become eligible in autumn to apply in good time, ahead of the 31st December deadline so they have 30 hours code confirmed and ready to access hours in the spring term (from 1st January 2021).



School Term Dates 2020 / 2021

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
First Day 7th September 2020	First Day 5th January 2021	First Day 20th April 2021
Half-term 26th - 30th October 2020	Half-term 15th - 19th February 2021	Bank Holiday 3rd May 2021
Last Day 18th December 2020	Last Day 1st April 2021	Half-term 31st May - 4th June 2021
		Last Day 22nd July 2021

Non pupil days:

3rd & 4th September 2020

4th January 2021

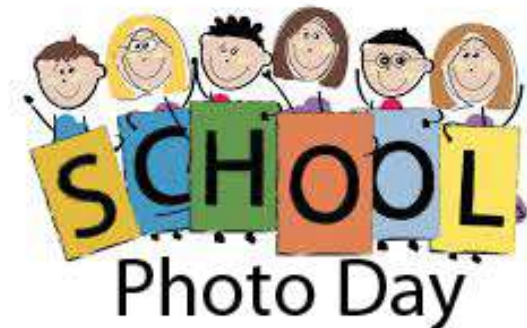
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23rd July 2021

Tempest Photography

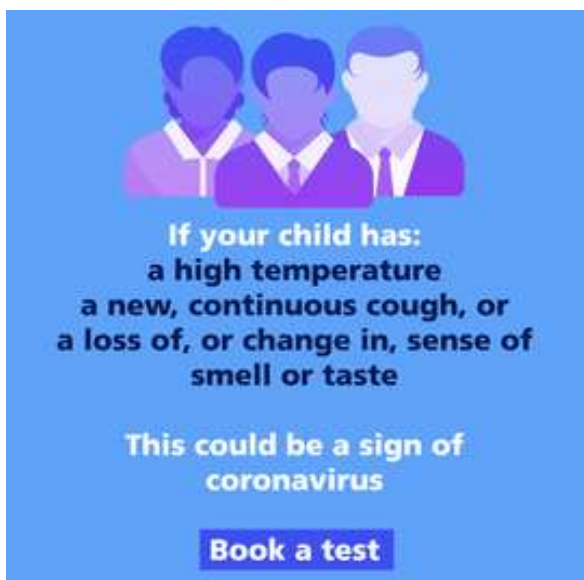
Wednesday 30th September, H Tempest Ltd photography will be visiting to take individual school photographs of the pupils.

Under Data Protection guidelines, GDPR, parental consent is required for a child's image to be taken by an external provider. The image will be owned by H Tempest Ltd and retained on their records indefinitely. For more information on how Tempest Ltd operate under GDPR please visit <https://www.tempest-photography.co.uk/gdpr>



Please understand that giving permission for your child to be photographed does not mean you should feel obliged to purchase a photograph. Unless consent is received via ParentPay we will be unable to allow your child to have their photograph taken.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

Book a test

An infographic with a blue background. At the top, there are three stylized human figures in purple and white. Below them, the text lists symptoms: 'a high temperature', 'a new, continuous cough, or', and 'a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste'. It then states 'This could be a sign of coronavirus' and includes a button that says 'Book a test'.

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
**not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP

Another infographic with a blue background. It lists symptoms that are not typically associated with COVID-19: 'a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell'. It then states 'These are not normally symptoms of coronavirus' and provides advice: 'Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP'.