



NEWSLETTER 9

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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

Last week, our whole school's attendance was 99.4% which is above our target of 97.5%. Well done everyone.

FLU IMMUNISATION FOR ALL CLASSES

From September 2020 all children in Reception to Year 6 are eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.

The vaccinations will be administered on 30th November 2020, 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.

If you have already consented to your child having the vaccine but have changed your mind or they have already had the vaccination please follow the link below and 'decline' the vaccine, this will update your preference.

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.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

REMOTE LEARNING

Any children who are self-isolating due to COVID related issues will be able to continue their education at home via Google Classroom (for Classes 1-6) and Tapestry (for Reception). A letter will be e-mailed to you from the office.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY- WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Our Christmas lunch this year will be held on the above date. Unfortunately due to the current COVID restrictions, the children will not all be able to eat together in to the Village Hall as they have done in previous years, but will follow their current lunchtime routine. The menu for Christmas lunch is as follows:

MAIN MEAL - Roast turkey with all the trimmings

VEGETARIAN - Vegetarian roast

PUDDING - Christmas biscuit or yoghurt

They are also allowed to wear a Christmas jumper to school on this day.



CLASS 3/CLASS 4 CHRISTINGLE

Due to Covid restrictions we are unfortunately unable to hold our annual Christingle service in St Michael's Parish church this year. As an alternative the children in Class 3 and Class 4 will still be making their Christingle in class and will conduct their own mini service in school which will be recorded and shared as an assembly with the rest of the school on Thursday 3rd December. On Monday 16th November, the children will bring home the Children's Society envelope as we usually support this charity by having a collection in the church. We appreciate that it is a financially challenging time for some of you but would appreciate any loose change that you can give to this worthy cause. Please can you ensure that the envelopes are returned to the school by Thursday 3rd December as they will then be collected.

Thank you for your support

NOROVIRUS SEASON

In order to reduce the spread of Norovirus this winter please remember that any child who suffers from vomiting and/or diarrhoea should stay away from school until they have been free of symptoms for at least 48hours. Other advice from Public Health England states to:-

- Keep hydrated by drinking fluids
- Phone the GP or 111 if symptoms persist (more than 48hours)

Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water regularly particularly after toilet visits and before eating and handling food. Alcohol hand gel is not effective against Norovirus.

ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2021/2022

The application facility for places in Primary Schools for the 2021/2022 academic year will open on 15th November 2020 and close at midnight on 15th January 2021. Parents are invited to apply between those dates and express three preferences via the online application facility at www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline. Applications cannot be made online after the closing date, hard copy forms will have to be requested via the Helpline 0345 1551019. Late applications will not be considered before timely ones where schools are oversubscribed.

'THINK FOOTPRINT' CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION FOR SCIENCE

SHORTLISTED ENTRIES

Well done to ALL the children who took part in the 'Think Footprint' creative writing competition for science. Miss Kemp really enjoyed reading through all the entries. Six have now been shortlisted, three at KS1 and three at KS2. They are:

Key Stage 1 Entries

The Big Find by Oliver M

The Day I Discovered Two Footprints by William G

The Footprint by Pippa A

Key Stage 2 Entries

Footprints in the Mist by Imogen S

Message from Mother Nature by Elsie W

Baekeland to the Future! By Jacob A

These six shortlisted entries have been forwarded to Jo Earlam, the author of 'Rosa's Footprint', and will be passed on to the Word Forest Organisation for final judging. The winners will be announced in March.

All the entries will be displayed on the science display board outside the ICT suite soon!

For more information check out www.wordforest.org and www.thinkfootprint.org

READER HELPERS NEEDED

Would you like to be a Reader Helper at West Hill? The following classes need help:

Reception -Wednesday and Friday (preferably morning)

Class 1 - Monday (preferably morning)

Class 3 - Tuesday and Thursday mornings

Class 5 - Wednesday afternoons



With current Safeguarding regulations, a Volunteer Application Form will need to be completed, references taken and a DBS check undertaken before you are able to start. We also ask you to undertake some basic safeguarding training and read 4 safeguarding policies. It is vital that children read in school every day and we really value the volunteers that generously give up their time. All that we ask is that you give a half-termly commitment.

UPDATED PRIVACY NOTICES

Our new Privacy Notices are now on our school website in our GDPR area. Please click on the hyperlinks below to view them.

[Privacy Notice](#)

[Pupil Privacy Notice](#)

[COVID-19 Privacy Notice](#)

PTFA NEWS

Please remember the deadline date of the start of December for ordering your child's Christmas art work. The site has many other Christmas present ideas other than cards.

www.mychildsart.co.uk/order

Please can we call out for anyone who is able to help install a path to the outside classroom, please contact your PTFA class rep or a member of the PTFA if you are able to help with supplies or labour.

COMMUNITY NEWS

COVID LOCKDOWN REMINDER FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

When we reduce our day-to-day contact with other people, we reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), and in doing so protect the NHS and save lives.

That's why [new national lockdown restrictions now apply in England](#), including staying at home, not gathering with people you don't live with and closing certain businesses.

During this time it is important that you **stay at home as much as possible**. You can only leave your home for food, medicine, exercise, education and work if you can not work from home. You can no longer mix with any household unless they are part of your support bubble, or childcare bubble or meeting one other person in a public space for exercise.

When outside make sure you follow government guidance by washing hands regularly, wearing a face covering in enclosed public spaces and stay 2m apart from anyone who you do not live with.

Positive case numbers in Devon are still below the national average, but they have been rising, especially in the working age population.

Evidence suggests that in cases linked to a specific workplace, the spread has often been linked to locations where colleagues meet socially - in staff rooms, kitchens, or other shared communal areas that are 'down-time' spaces.

"Lockdown rules will force a change with some continuing to be allowed to work and others staying at home," said Dr Pearson, Director of Public Health Devon.

"The rules also ask us to avoid socialising together in most cases with pubs and restaurants being asked to close.

"But if at work and mixing with others we have to take extra care at all times.

"And that includes those 'take-a-break' moments with friends and colleagues, where it's all too easy for our attention to lapse.

"We should also take extra care in other informal social settings such as in the playground when dropping the children to school.

"So please, keep alert to risk at all times. Follow the rules, use common sense and keep yourself and your family safe by not dropping your guard."

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

With my best wishes

Cheryl Boulton

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher

We **can NOT** have
the same **expectations** of
ourselves as we would
in a **normal week**
because these are
NOT normal weeks; be
patient with yourself.

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