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Summer 2021 newsletter 3

Dear parents/carers,

It's remarkable that we're reaching the end of another academic year again. It seems like only yesterday we were in lockdown school. This week we have made some of the bubbles bigger in school, which helps with organising lunch and playtimes, and also allows the children to play with more friends. I can't see any other changes to our COVID-safety measures this term, so please keep following the rules to keep everyone safe. Despite this, the atmosphere around the school is really positive - everyone seems happy and we're making good progress in most areas. Please do keep up the daily reading and Doodle maths at home - every day counts! And get in touch with us if you need any support.

There are a lot of things to get finished this term - so here are some important things for you all:

1. It is very unlikely that parents will be allowed to attend **sports day**. We will let you know for certain the week before, as it is very much determined by the government announcements. Because of the uncertainty, we are warning you now. More on sports day below, including what your child needs to wear.
2. I hope you found parents evening beneficial. On Monday 12th July you will get a **short report card** with grades for reading, writing, maths, effort and behaviour, attendance and a very short personal comment.
3. You will also be told **which class your child is in** on Monday 12th July. This is much later than normal because we are prioritising our time on assessments and learning. We have a lot of lost teaching to catch up on, so we are maximising every day we have.
 - a. During that week your child will meet their new teacher (and more often if they require an enhanced transition). We can also facilitate time for you to meet the teachers, if absolutely necessary.

Here's a little snippet into last half term's Art Club where they've enjoyed felting, potting with clay and exploring the rhythm of music with colours and lines. Well done to last half term's members and we can't wait to welcome our second group of Artists this half term!



If you need any help or support - please do get in touch!



In today's newsletter:

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 - Sports day details for pupils - important information.
 - Library Books - important changes
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Short notices

- We've noticed across the school that lots of children are poor at **telling the time**. This is something that needs constant practice - analogue and digital - so please give them a chance to read the time when you are out and about or at home. The more practical the better!
- In order to help **Cedar, Sycamore and Cherry pupils** build their independence and prepare for the next academic year, we would like to invite parents to drop off their children at the gate from Monday 14th June.
 - Pupils will then walk themselves to their classroom where they will be greeted by their class teachers.
 - A member of staff will be present at the gate on Moor Lane as well as a member of staff at the green gates on Barn Lane.
 - *We will be carrying on with this system of drop offs after COVID.*
- Internet safety: **lessons learnt** - in a recent case, a pupil posted a message on Tik Tok which included personal information and was also disrespectful. Do you know what your children are doing online? Consider the 3 Cs:
 - CONTENT - is this age appropriate? What do I do if it isn't?
 - CONTACT - who can I contact here? Who can contact me? Are they safe? Am I being safe? Protect personal information.
 - CONDUCT - showing the same respect online as you would do face to face.

National Crime Agency report

We used to worry about the dodgy stranger down the park, and teach our children how to deal with those situations. **What is far more worrying and likely, is the thousands of individuals who pose a sexual risk to children ONLINE.** *You must check everything your child is doing online.* The latest crime agency report shows how important this is now.

Key Points:

- The threat of child sexual abuse (CSA) **continues to grow and this has been exacerbated by rising online activity**, particularly over the past year. CSA covers a range of different offences which occur either online, offline or moving between the two.
- National Crime Agency (NCA) believes there are between **550,000 and 850,000** UK individuals who pose a **sexual risk to children**. This figure does not take into account offenders outside the UK targeting UK victims, nor does it include peer-on peer offenders, which we know is a growing concern.
- The NSPCC has reported a **60% average monthly increase in contacts** made about children experiencing online CSA during and after the first national lockdown compared to pre-lockdown figures.
- The Internet Watch Foundation have reported a **77% global increase** in the number of reports that included **self-generated indecent imagery** which includes material consensually shared.
- The increased use of end-to-end encryption on platforms for the purposes of privacy will increase the risk of CSA as communications etc. **will not be able to be detected.**



Sports day

Sport Day Monday 21st June 2021

We want you here - but we can't guarantee we can - so we will make a decision the week before based on government advice.

Your child will be given a house colour. Please could they wear a t-shirt of that colour on the day. If you don't have one - don't worry!

Information for pupils:

- Children in KS2 (Rowan, Chestnut, Beech, Ash and Oak) will be participating in the activities during the morning session from 09:15 to 12:00
- Children in KS1 (Year 2 pupils from Rowan, Willow, Cherry, Cedar, Sycamore) will participate in the afternoon between 13:20 and 15:00.

The day will consist of a range of inclusive sporting activities allowing children the opportunity to show off their skills.

In line with the values of the School Games, we will be celebrating children who show passion, self-belief, respect, honesty, determination and teamwork.

Library Books

At the end of this month we will be transferring all of our stock, including books loaned to us from Devon School Library Service, to a new Library system.

Therefore, we would appreciate it if **all books could be returned to school** (large red box outside the School Office) **during the week commencing Monday 28th June**. This will allow us to check our stock. Therefore, for a short period of time, we will not be issuing library books to pupils.

Once this is complete, it is our intention that pupils will be able to take books out over the Summer holidays.

We are currently in discussions with the School Library Association and Devon School Library Service about how we can open up access to the Library.

What's coming up this term?

Year 6 Enterprise week - 14th June

Sports day - Mon 21st June.

Year 4 Escot residential - 23rd June

All library books back to school - wb 28th June

INSET day - school closed - Mon 5th July

Most classes visiting Colourscapes at Budleigh Music Festival - Fri 9th July

Summer festival - Saturday 10th July

Year 6 activities week - 12th July



Year 6 leavers service - Mon 19th July @ 10:30am

End of term awards celebration - Tues 20th July @ 10am

Last day of school - 1:30pm finish - Wed 21st July