



Executive Head Teacher: Melanie Smallwood

22nd July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another school year, one which began full of hope that life would be easier but one with continued disruptions. Despite this the children have had a positive year of learning and fun and we have been able to enjoy having parents and visitors back on site.

Year 6

We say goodbye to our Year 6 group who had us all shedding tears of laughter and sadness as they presented themselves as reunited in 20 years time at the leavers assembly. It is amazing to see how far they have come on their primary school journey both in their learning and as characters. They raised over £300 for charity at their fundraising afternoon, they were super organised and worked very hard. We are all very proud of them and will miss having them around. They are certainly ready for their next adventure at secondary school and we wish them all the very best of luck!

When we return in September there will be a new staffing structure, Mrs Lintin will take on her role as Head of School along with myself as Executive Head Teacher. The Head of School is primarily focussed on Teaching and Learning and has a teaching commitment but we will work together to ensure the running of the school continues to maintain the high standards of education and care.

Teachers will be holding their welcome meetings in the first week back in September in their classrooms. Please see below for their dates and times:

Taw: Thurs 8th September 2.30pm

Codden: Weds 7th September 2.30pm

Tarka: Weds 7th September 3pm

Barum: Thurs 8th September 3pm

Saunton: Thurs 8th September 3.30pm

Exmoor: Thurs 8th September 3.30pm

Lundy: Weds 7th September 3.30pm

Good luck and best wishes to Miss Rhoads who is getting married next week and will return to school as Mrs Linwood!

Sports Day

Our sports day is taking place on the morning of Monday 25th July (weather permitting).

Parents of children in Years 4/5/6 are invited at 9am to cheer on the Yr4/5/6 races.

Parents of children in Reception and Years 1/2/3 are invited at 10.30am to cheer on these races.

Parents are welcome to gather on the top field for 9am, for the safety of the children the front and back gate will then be closed. A member of staff will then re-open the front gate **only at 10.20am**. Please wait patiently for the member of staff. Both the front and back gates will be opened at the end for a short while for parents to leave.

Parking will be difficult on Monday, please park responsibly, leaving all village driveways and roads clear.

We are grateful to our PTFA who have supported the school this year and have offered to provide refreshments during the morning.

Parents attending sports day are welcome to bring along their own picnic and a blanket to sit on and join together for lunch once the sports day has finished. Thank you for giving up your time.

Photographs at Sports day

Parents, visitors or adults in school should not use their personal cameras or mobile phone cameras to take pictures of pupils unless it is at a public event such as sports day or summer fair, and of their own children.

Where images are taken for personal use by parents and carers, we request, on trust, that all photographs and videos are for personal use and should not be published in local media, social media, or online.

Please do not take/make phone calls while on school premises, many thanks.

Sports Day dinners

Thank you to everyone that booked their child's lunch for Monday. Bookings have now closed.

Thrift Shop and School Uniform

Uniform that isn't available to purchase online will be available to purchase at Sports day. All burgundy clothing will be £2 each and Grey clothing will be 3 for a £1. Please bring coins to pay.

Children will continue to wear their PE kit on PE days in September, however they must wear school uniform PE kit or standard school uniform.

A full uniform list can be found on our [website](#).

Extra Curricular Clubs

These clubs will restart week commencing September 19th, more information about the clubs and how to book will follow in the new school year.

Cabin Club

With regret we are unable to run our cabin club on a Friday from September. We are unable to guarantee that these sessions will reopen in the future.

Universal Infant Free meals

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, in state-funded schools in England, are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals.

If your child will be moving into Year 3 in September, we remind you that, if they continue to have school meals you will be required to pay for them. School meals from September will be £2.40.

If you are in receipt of any benefits you may be entitled to claim free school meals for your child. Phone the Helpline on 0345 1551019, for more information, or ask in the school office.

Events and activities

There are lots of events going on in North Devon during the holidays. Please have a look on our [website](#) for more details.

Guitar Lessons - Yr3-6

Hannah will be continuing with guitar lessons in September. She will be offering new students the first lesson as a free trial and will then invoice for the remaining lessons up until half term. Weekly lessons will cost £4 and fees will need to be paid in advance at the start of each half term. Each child will need their own guitar (preferably with 6 nylon strings as opposed to steel strings).

If you would like your child to trial or continue with guitar lessons then please contact Hannah via email hannahwoollacott@hotmail.co.uk with your child's name, year group and class name.

A huge thank you goes to all the staff and governors who have worked tirelessly to provide the best school year for the children. We say goodbye and good luck to both Miss Lucas and Miss Smith who will begin their teaching careers at new schools in September. Thank you also to Lidia who has been helping in the Early Years this term.

With very best wishes for a relaxing and fun filled summer break,
Melanie Smallwood

Dates – Full term dates can found on our [website](#)

Monday 25th July: Sports day (morning) with picnic lunch

Monday 25th July: Last day of term - **No cabin club**

Monday 5th September: First day of term

Monday 24th – Friday 28th October: Half term