



Dear Parents and Carers

We are well into the swing of Christmas now and look forward to seeing you at the various celebrations that are going on throughout school in December.

Christian Value

This term, the value that we are focussing on is PERSEVERANCE. Perseverance is the quality of continuing with something, even though it is difficult.

Rights Respecting Article



Each month we consider a different article and ensure the rights are being taught through our classroom practice. This month we are focussing on **Article 2 - the right to not be discriminated against for any reason**

Mental Health and Well-Being

Our school community's emotional health is very important to us. Being a parent is an amazing thing, but it can also be challenging at times.

Did you know.....?

A UK charity called Young Minds offers great support to both children and parents who might be finding life difficult. YoungMinds.org.uk (<https://youngminds.org.uk/>) provides an A-Z support guide with advice on a wide range of issues, from anxiety to self-esteem. There is also signposting for counselling and a Parent's Survival Guide too. You may find this useful and of course please do talk to us at any time, if you have any concerns about your child's emotional health. We will do our very best to help.



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Application for Primary School

Primary School Place Applications opened on the 15th November for admission into Primary School in September 2020 and you can apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. You can apply for a place if your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August, 2016. Applications must be in by 15th January 2020 or they will be considered as late and you may not get a place for your child in a school of your choice. Please make sure you apply for **3 schools** of your choice. If you only apply for one school and do not get a place, your child will be placed in a school where there is a space, which may not be a school you would choose.

RSE

Relationships and Sex Education will be taught during this month, as well as in the Spring and Summer Term. Each year group will be revising what has been taught the previous year.

School Lunches

Please ensure you clear your outstanding lunch debts by the end of term, as the office are spending a lot of time having to chase up unpaid dinners. If you could ensure your account is in credit prior to booking a dinner - that would be very much appreciated.

School Christmas Lunch

This year the children's Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday, 18th December. Children can make their order in the same way as usual, at registration time on that day. There will not be any other options available so if your child does not want to have the Christmas lunch they can bring a packed lunch from home.

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday, 18th December is Christmas Jumper Day as well as the Christmas Lunch. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper, on that day. **All other uniform should be worn as usual.**



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Authorised Absence

Please can I reiterate to you that any request for absence can only be authorised if there are very clear exceptional circumstances. This is the law and ignoring it may result in a Penalty Notice being issued. Please check the calendar on our website to ensure you book holidays during the school holiday period. If you are booking further in advance, please don't hesitate to contact the office to check if we can confirm dates. You must complete an S2 Absence Form (available in Reception).

Staffing

Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Mogridge at the end of this term. She is relocating with her fiancé to Cornwall - Although Miss Mogridge will be missed, I know you will join me in wishing them every success in their move and we hope they will be very happy in their new adventure.

We welcome Miss Emma Wainwright to our school who will teach Willow (Year 3) Class from January.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to use our 'tier' system. If you are unable to pop into school, please ring or email via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Mrs Kate Arnold
Head of School



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