

Friday 13th January 2017

Infant and Nursery Newsletter

Thank you to all of those who have returned the parent questionnaires. Your views will help us to make improvements to the way in which we organise our assemblies, seek parent opinions and work together on projects. Here is a summary of the 60 questionnaires that were returned:

- The majority of respondents (48) would be able to attend an assembly on a Friday at 3pm if given a few days' notice
- Eight respondents would be able to attend with a weeks' notice.
- Three would not be able to attend and three would need longer than a week
- Everyone thought a parent forum was a good idea, with the exception of one
- Thirty nine respondents would be able to attend a forum and fifty one would be willing to talk to a parent representative
- Twenty respondents would be willing to be a parent representative
- Twenty respondents offered to share time and skills on projects at school

We will now use these results to plan some improvements..... watch this space!



DIY SOS!

This is a picture of our new "Family Room" which we hope to use for parent sessions as a comfortable, homely space within school. It is in need of **love** and attention! We would be very grateful for any of the following donations:

- Rugs
- Throws and cushions
- Beanbags (with fire retardant label only)
- Children size tables and chairs (IKEA style)
- Picture frames

If you have anything in your garage, loft or spare that would help to transform this room then please let us know.....

Thank you

Many of you will have noticed the lovely new sign on the railings. Thank you to Mr Oliver who donated this to the school.

Forest School

If you have any waterproof trousers that your child has grown out of and are still in good condition the Forest School would love to have them.





Severe Weather

"We are expecting snow" *the weather forecast say!*...

During the severe weather conditions please follow the guidelines listed below.

How to check if the school is open:

- Check the school's website and twitter account
- Check the school closures page on the Devon County Council website
www.devonschoolclosures.info
- Listen to announcements on local radio BBC Radio Devon or HeartFM
- Look out for signs at the school gate
- Check the email/text messaging service from the school
- Telephone the school (01392 271596) after 8.15am

Children will need a coat and gloves and also a change of shoes (*all named, of course*) in the event of snow on site.

Food Technology

A new term starts, therefore, we ask for a donation to contribute towards the cost of cooking ingredients as set out below.

Reception: £5 per term please, to cover the cost of their Friday snack (toast and preserves) and cooking ingredients.

Year 1 and Year 2: £3 per term please, to cover the cost of cooking ingredients.

Playtime and lunchtime

Wherever possible we try to get the children outside into the playground at playtime and lunchtime. The children learn much more effectively, especially in the afternoons, if they have had a chance to let off steam and run around.

Please make sure your child has a suitable coat (*named, of course*) at school so that if it is a bit drizzly they don't get too wet when they are playing outside.

Looking ahead:

School closes for Half term on
Friday 10th February 2017 at 3.30pm
and opens again on
Tuesday 21st February 2017 at 9.00am.
Term ends on Friday 31st March 2017 at 3.30pm

NHS Oral Health Survey

Reminders have gone out this week to those children in the Reception and Year 1 who have not returned their forms. Obviously, if you do not give your consent the dentist will not see your child but we do need the form back. The amended date for the Dentist to come to school to see the children is **20th January 2017**.



Speak out Stay safe | NSPCC www.nspcc.org.uk



Letters have been sent out about a visit from "Buddy" at the NSPCC. Buddy will join in with an assembly on keeping safe and this will include the underwear rule. All the children will join in with "Buddy's Big Workout" the following week. If you'd like to know more visit:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/working-with-schools/speak-out-stay-safe-service/>

REMINDER – TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

Application for Infant/ Primary School – September 2017

If your child was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 (inclusive) you should have applied for a school. The application process for primary and junior places closes on **Sunday 15 January 2017**.

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

Applications made after 15th January 2017 will be classed as late and may lead to disappointment due to all the places being filled.

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