

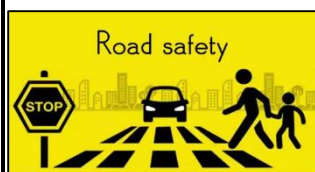
### Reminders:

#### Healthy snacks

All children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to eat at break time – no chocolate or crisps are allowed at this time of the day and please do not bring nuts into school.

#### Drinks

Please send a water bottle into school for your child but please ensure this contains just water - sugary juice drinks are not allowed.



#### Road Safety

Please can I remind everyone to park safely and considerately outside the school? Please ensure that children can see to cross, and be careful not to block or obstruct neighbour's access to their drives. Please also ensure that you keep to a low speed whilst driving along roads near to the school.

It would be great if everyone could park a little further away from the school and walk the last part of your journey.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the Spring term. The children have all started this term really well and there is a fabulous buzz of learning around the school.

### Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	- Parents' evenings
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> February	- Half term break
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	- Last day of the Spring term
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	- First day of the Summer term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	- Bank Holiday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	- KS2 SATs week
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	- Year 6 London residential
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	- Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	- Non pupil day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	- Happy's Circus
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	- Year 5 Grenville residential
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	- Last day of the year

**School Census Day** Next Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January, is our Spring Census day. I would be really grateful if everyone could strongly encourage their child to have a school meal on that day as it will help the school's funding for next year. It is really important that as many children as possible, particularly from KS1 and Reception, order and take a meal on that day, even if they don't normally have one. The children in KS1 and Reception may also bring their packed lunch if they want to but will still be able to take a school meal and try it. The menu on that day will be: Ham or Margherita pizza with potato wedges and sweetcorn/ cucumber sticks, or jacket potato with tuna mayo, cheese and beans or a ham, cheese or tuna baguette. There will also be a selection of desserts available, including jolly jelly! Thank you for your support with this.

**Reception Starters September 2024** This weekend is the final date to apply for a primary school place for a child who is due to start school in September 2024. You need to apply through Devon admissions and further information can be found at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)



**Attendance** A child's attendance in school obviously has a direct impact on their attainment so good attendance remains a national priority for all children. Obviously, at this time of the year, we see more children having coughs and colds and we know that parents have to make a sensible decision about when to send their child to school.

The current advice is that it is fine to send your child to school with a minor **cough** or **common cold**. But if they have a **high temperature**, please keep them off school until the fever goes.

(Please click on the links to find out more from the NHS website).

95%	=	<b>47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> <b>8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days</b>
90%	=	<b>95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> <b>16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day</b>
85%	=	<b>142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> <b>24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days</b>
80%	=	<b>190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> <b>32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days</b>

### Save the Date

'Celebration of Youth' Event on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024, at Mid Devon Leisure Centre, from 14.00. More information to follow.

### Crediton RFC Girls - Come and Try Session

Crediton Rugby Club are holding a 'come and try' session for girls in Year 6 and over. The session will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January from 6:00pm-7:00pm and will be followed by free pizza.

### Glow In The Dark Nerf Gun Battle

Mr Keast from Primary Sports will be running a 'Glow in the dark' nerf gun battle session for children in Years 1 to 6. Glow in the dark nerf gun battle is a fun based, indoor game played in the school hall. The session will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January from 6:15pm-7:15pm. Book your place early to avoid disappointment!

<https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2024/01/24/landscore-primary-school-glow-in-the-dark-nerf-gun-battle-january-2024>

**Online Safety** Children are using the internet more and more to interact with friends and meet new people, so it is now even more important to make sure you are helping your child stay safe in the digital world. 44% of 5-15 year olds have their own tablet and children's internet use has reached record highs with them spending, on average, 15 hours a week online.

Do you know how to help your child stay as safe as possible? For a range of guidelines, help and advice, please visit 'Internet Matters' at <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>

### **Get in control of parental controls**



If using a smartphone, check content lock is set



Set parental controls on your home broadband



Control app downloads and purchases



Make the games console safe and secure



Use safety mode on YouTube and Google



If using social networks, check privacy settings

**Recorder and DooD Music lessons** Group music lessons with Annie Quicke start on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. There will be 7 lessons, taking place on Fridays, in school time. Sessions are planned so that all children can join in, and enjoy playing, at their own level whether they are new starters or have had lessons before.

**Recorder lessons:** There will be 4 recorder groups: Reception, year 1, year 2 and KS2. Children will need to have a recorder and a simple folder for music sheets. Annie has some recorders kept at school that can be used for lessons. Cost of recorder lessons: £32.90

**DooD lessons:** for KS2 children (year 3 upwards) The DooD is a newish instrument designed as a starter instrument for clarinet and saxophone. Children need to have their own DooD, although the school does have a few DooDs that can be used in lessons.

**For new starters**, children will need to have a free try out on the DooD, to get an idea of how to blow the instrument, before they join the group. This will take place on Fri 19<sup>th</sup> January. If interested, please get in touch with Annie before that date to arrange this (details below).

Cost of DooD lessons: 1, 2 or 3 in the group: £56.60

Please book your child's place by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. For more details and to book lessons, contact Annie: helloannieq@gmail.com 07866 592018 or 01363 772003

**February Half Term Activity Camp** Mr Keast and Mr Kelly are running a holiday camp during the February half term on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. There will be a wide range of sports activities available on the day. Children can book in for a shorter session from 8:45am-3:30pm for £20 or a longer session from 8:00am-5:30pm for £25. Please book your place at: <https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2024/02/14/landscore-primary-school-february-half-term-camp-2024>



**Congratulations** to Charlie Clarke and Darcy Cadman who have both been awarded their STANley level 7 certificates. Both Charlie and Darcy are very excited about moving onto the next level now that they have completed all the STANley series. Well done to you both and keep up the great work with your swimming.



I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

*Debbie Main*