



Dear Parents and Carers,

**World Book Day** Many thanks to everyone for the incredible effort you all put into the World Book Day costumes this week. The children (and staff!) all looked fabulous and we had a lovely day sharing some great books. Thanks must also go to The Bookery who came into school to present some stories and to sell books at a discounted price. A great day all round!



**Library Topic Books**

Crediton Library has once again ensured that they have a range of books appropriate for our current themes in stock. Why not take a trip to the library and enjoy browsing the books at your leisure?



**Ukraine support** In an effort to support the thousands of people in Ukraine who have been so affected by the atrocities happening at the moment, we have offered to collect supplies on behalf of Sustainable Crediton, who will then ensure that they are transported to the Polish / Ukrainian border. There are lots of organisations collecting clothes so only a few key items of clothing are listed below. Please only give new or items in good condition for hygiene reasons and ease of transportation.

Items needed:

- Sleeping supplies - Duvets, camp beds, inflatable mattresses, bed linen, sleeping bags. All in packaging please to protect them in transit and in good condition
  - Towels of varying sizes, in original packaging or good condition
  - Toys for children of varying ages
  - Hygiene products (new and packaged) - e.g. Toothpaste, toothbrushes, sanitary products, nappies of varying sizes
  - Plates and cutlery - no crockery or items likely to break in transit. Preferably biodegradable items, silicone or plastic.
  - Rain jackets, warm winter coats / fleeces
  - Covid masks, antibacterial wipes / alcohol gels, paper towels / tissues
  - Candles, torches, batteries, matches
  - New first aid kits
- Please send any items for donation into school next week.



### **Traffic Concerns**

Once again we are experiencing a heavy volume of traffic outside the school at the beginning and end of the school day. Please can I ask you all to be very considerate of other road users and to drive very carefully in order to keep all of our children safe? Unfortunately, a young child was hit by a car whilst it was reversing out of the disabled bay on Tuesday morning and, although the child was fine on this occasion, the outcome could have been so much worse.



**Get a Healthy Start** Devon County Council is working with a number of local fruit and veg suppliers to offer up to 3 FREE fruit and veg boxes in March to Devon County Council residents who are recipients of the government's Healthy Start scheme. You can check whether you are eligible and apply on the Healthy Start website:

<https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/> The aim of this trial is to

increase access to fresh, local fruit and veg, as well as promoting sustainable seasonal produce and supporting local producers. In addition to the boxes worth £10 each, customers will also receive a Get a Healthy Start! information booklet, which contains tasty and nutritious seasonal recipes. After customers have received their free boxes, they can choose to continue ordering Healthy Start boxes through their local supplier, using their new Healthy Start card. Families can visit the Devon Food Partnership website to find if there is a local supplier in their area and information on how to order:

<https://www.devonfoodpartnership.org.uk/home/healthy-start-scheme/>

**Keeping Safe Online** We all have worries about children and young people's use of the internet as we know they can have access to inappropriate or harmful content, be exposed to misinformation or be negatively affected by social media which can contribute to mental health issues. However, the internet can also have many benefits.

We all have an important role to play by building children's online resilience and helping them to stay safe and happy online. The mentally healthy schools website has a really helpful toolkit with a number of resources for parents and carers. There are interactive activities and advice to help start important conversations about responsible internet use. Please access their toolkit at:

<https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/2770/keeping-safe-online-toolkit-primary.pdf>

**Fundraising for the new Playground Equipment** Many thanks to all of you who have returned your envelopes for the – **Twosday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022** fundraising event. If you still have your envelope, please can I ask that you return it to school next Monday?

We would also be really grateful if you could ask any friends or family if they would like to make a donation to our playground fund through our Go Fund Me page:

<https://app.investmycommunity.com/fundraise/landscore-primary-school-3030>

We are hoping to get the equipment installed during the Easter holidays but we are still a long way from our target, so every penny that you can spare, really does help.



**Congratulations** to Zinnia Bromell-James who competed in two badminton tournaments during the half term break and managed to walk away with 4 medals. Zinnia, who plays for Crediton, Exeter and Devon, attended a tournament in Hampshire and managed to secure a gold medal in both the singles and doubles under 13s category. She also competed in the national tournament held in Devon and won gold in the doubles and bronze in the singles. What an incredible achievement Zinnia, very well done and good luck with your future tournaments.



Congratulations also got to Mia Brooks for her excellent effort with swimming once again. Mia has now achieved her STANley Star first step series which is a great outcome after such a short time swimming again. Mia is really enjoying her swimming and tells me that she particularly enjoys doing rolls in the water and touching the bottom of the pool! Well done Mia and keep up the great work.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

*Debbie Main*