

**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.

**Please Label Everything**

Please ensure that you label all your child's school clothing and personal items so that we can return any items which get lost, including packed lunch boxes and drinks bottles!

**Parking**

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 access to their drives. It would be great if you 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. It's lovely to be back and we have had a really positive start to the term. I hope your children have enjoyed the start of the term too.

**Dates for your diary**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Parents' evenings  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> -Fri 25<sup>th</sup> February - Half term break  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April - Last day of the Spring term

**Changes to the COVID guidance** As I'm sure you will have seen in the press there have been some changes to the COVID guidance recently. These include:

- **Testing** - If you do **not** have COVID-19 symptoms but get a positive result on a lateral flow test, then you need to start your isolation immediately and you do not need to get a PCR test. This is a temporary change and has been brought in to reduce the pressure on PCR testing. If you have COVID-19 symptoms you should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. You should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. If this PCR test result is positive, you must continue to self-isolate. Please inform school of all positive tests.
- **Close Contacts** - If you are identified as a close contact on a positive COVID case, you now need to do lateral flow (LFD) tests every day for a minimum of 7 days or until 10 days since the last contact with the person who tested positive. This is also the case for people who live in the same household as a positive case.
- **Isolation** - If you do have a positive test, you need to isolate at home. It is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days, following 2 negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart on days six and seven.

**School Uniform** We firmly believe that how a child dresses affects his/her attitude to learning and behaviour. We would like our children to take pride in their appearance to give them a sense of belonging.

Appropriate school dress means that fashion clothing should be avoided. Nail varnish, make-up and temporary tattoos are not permitted and jewellery, other than wristwatches and plain stud earrings, should not be worn. I have noticed lots of necklaces creeping into school recently, please ensure that your child does not wear a necklace as this can become a danger if they get it caught on anything.

On PE days, children in Years 2-6 are allowed to wear their PE kit into school. However, please remember that they should be wearing their school jumper/fleece over the top of their PE T-shirt and should be wearing plain track suit bottoms.

**Thank you for ensuring that your child is dressed in the correct school uniform at all times.**

**Ordering School Uniform** I believe that there have been some supply issues at Mole Avon with our school uniform recently so please feel free to order your uniform online at Price and Buckland: <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/landsc@re>



Would you like your children to join a fun, safe, afterschool activity group once a week? Crediton Congregational Church are relaunching 'Outburst' on 13<sup>th</sup> January, from 4pm-5.30pm, at the Congregational Church (the church near the fish & chip shops!) Cost: £1.50 per child, £1 for additional children from the same family. Each week will be themed around a bible story, with games, crafts, music, and snacks, and will be fun for all primary school children.



**Defibrillator in School** I am very pleased to announce that we now have a defibrillator on the school site. My father, who has had personal experience of heart difficulties and knows the importance of defibrillators, has kindly purchased one for the school. The defibrillator will be kept in the school office and is obviously available for our whole school community but is also available for the wider community whilst the school is open.



**Recorder group lessons** Recorder group lessons with Annie Quicke, for year 2 and above, will be starting again at the end of January. These are a good way of introducing children to the fun and challenge of playing music and learning a musical instrument.

Lessons include activities for children to learn about music, and also introduce reading music to pupils. They are suitable for new starters, as well as for those who've had lessons before.

Music sheets will be provided for children, so they don't need a book, but you will need to ensure that your child has a recorder in school for lessons, as in the current circumstances, recorders will not be lent out for use in lessons. Groups will be arranged according to age and numbers of children enrolled in lessons.

Cost this term will be £32.50 for 8 lessons, starting on Fri 28<sup>th</sup> January. For more details, please contact Annie on: [annie@nuffmore.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:annie@nuffmore.eclipse.co.uk) Tel: 07866 592018 or 01363 772003



**Fabulous Footballers** Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 boys who represented the school yesterday playing football in the Exeter City Community Trust Kid's Cup. The boys played at the University pitches and were an absolute credit to the school with their great sportsmanship and excellent teamwork. The team played incredibly well and got all the way through to the quarter finals. This was a fantastic achievement because the standard of football was incredibly high so we are really proud of all of them.

**Congratulations** to Olivia Bee in Year 2 who has managed to swim 50 metres unaided without stopping in her swimming lessons. As you can clearly see from her huge smile, Olivia was very proud to be awarded her 50 metre certificate and badge! Well done Olivia, we're all very proud of you too.

Congratulations also to Eva Rogers who has achieved her STANley Level 3 award. Eva is really enjoying her swimming and is racing through her swimming certificates. Well done Eva and keep up the great work. Coco was very impressed with you too!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

*Debbie Main*

