



Monday 21st June 2021

Good Morning Everyone

Continuing restrictions mean that we have put alternative arrangements for our school community events. I share your frustration at this, especially when we see large crowded public events going ahead in other areas. But, although our infection rates in Devon are still amongst the lowest in England, the number of cases have risen and particularly within the 20-39 year olds. We have worked so hard as a school for the past 16 months to follow the rules and keep everyone safe as much as we can that it does not feel ethical to risk this now. We will ensure that all children enjoy their summer events, and will hold our sports afternoons, transition days, visits out and visitors in, garden days, leavers' assemblies and end of year celebrations – following our risk assessment and keeping our children in consistent bubble groups.

COVID SYMPTOMS

YOU MUST NOT COME TO SCHOOL if you or a member of your household has any symptoms of Covid 19. The Government rules for 10 days self isolation and testing continue to apply to everyone so do not become rude or abusive to any member of staff if you are asked to comply. We do not speak to you in that way and it is unacceptable for any family member to behave like this.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/get-tested-for-coronavirus/>

NHS guidelines for testing

Get tested for coronavirus (COVID-19)

There are different tests you can get to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19). The test you need depends on why you're getting tested.

The 2 main tests are:

- PCR tests – for people with symptoms, they're sent to a lab to be checked
- rapid lateral flow tests – only for people who do not have symptoms, they give a result in 30 minutes

DATES FOR EVENTS

THIS WEEK

KS2 Sports' Day – Tuesday 22nd June – house coloured tops (red, blue, green, yellow) should be worn with PE kit

Reception and KS1 Sports' Day – Wednesday 23rd June – children can come to school in the morning wearing PE kit (shorts and top with good running footwear – house colours are not

required)

POSTPONED Summer Fair – Friday 25th June 5-7pm (raffle will take place)

Y6 taster days at Tavistock College – Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th July

Bag 2 School – Wednesday 7th July (collection from outdoor classroom)

Move On Up Day – Wednesday 7th July – all children

Meet the Teacher Wednesday 7th July – letter home with children

Annual reports home – Thursday 8th July

Parents' Evenings – Monday 12th July – arrangements still to be confirmed

Y6 Leavers' Shows – Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July 6-7pm

End of Year Assembly – Thursday 22nd July, 9.30am (location tbc)

SUMMER FAIR

I would like to recognize the dedicated hard work that Rhea and Keri Walker have put in to the arrangements this year. Thank you to you both.

The draw for the raffle will go ahead on Friday 25th June during the school day. We have a top prize of £100 from Turners of Roborough and many other donated prizes from local businesses. Please sell as many as you can before Friday and return the money and stubs to the school office.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Since March 2020 our risk assessment has been reviewed every week and revised when necessary.

- Please continue to minimise contact between adults on our playground. Limit family members to 1 if possible, keep your distance from other adults (2 metres) and leave the school grounds promptly.
- Children should arrive at 8.55am and then be able to walk straight into school.
- The playground equipment is not 'banned' but remember that KS2 play equipment is not for our youngest pupils and they should stay with you.

PEACE PROJECT Years 5 and 6

I was so proud to listen to our children during Friday as they explored issues around racism, their current ideas and their future responsibilities in the world. Mrs Barnes had planned the day with active and thought provoking activities and at the end of the day, children shared their insightful work. Thank you to all.

GOVERNING BOARD

Our long serving governor, Darren Newland (Vice Chair), has agreed to step up to Chair of the Board and will lead the governors through planning for the future.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENTRANTS

This week we will start to familiarise our new Reception children for their new classes in September. Although many children are transferring from our Nursery, some are entering a new environment – WELCOME to you all!

FOOTBALL

Following the Mini Football sessions in May at Tavistock Community Football Club, Coach Mark will be running and hopefully forming a new Year 2 (Under 8) Team - starting Wednesday 23 June.

Further details are on our notice boards or ask at our office.

GARDEN DAYS

Friday 2nd July - Year 5

Thursday 8th July - Year 4

Friday 9th July - Reception

Thursday 15th July - Year 1

Friday 16th July - Year 3

Wednesday 21st July – Year 2

Best wishes,

Lynnette Selbie