

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

BUILDING WORK

Work on the hall is continuing at the moment, with the new handover date being Friday 30th September. Thank you for your understanding when leaving the school site earlier than normal on Tuesday (20th). We have successfully kept the school functioning, alongside the building work, but some activities require the school to be clear to ensure the contractors can carry out their duties. The hall is getting there and I look forward to showing you all around.

THE TERM SO FAR

The children have settled in very well to their new term. There is a really purposeful buzz in school and the children are excited about their learning. The teachers have planned an exciting and vibrant term and hopefully you have received your curriculum newsletter detailing what this will look like for your child.

PTA

The PTA held their first meeting of the academic year last Tuesday. It was my first PTA meeting and I must say I was impressed with the drive and creativity shown by the new team. The commitment shown to your children was impressive and can be seen clearly when you look around the school ground. The PTA have agreed to fund new mats/safety mats which the children will be using in their PE lessons. Mr Vizor has ordered these and they will be here soon. The PTA will be holding a Macmillan coffee morning in the near future – more details to follow.

There are many exciting events coming this year. Could I say a big thank you, on behalf of us all, to Michelle Weeks who will be standing down as chair. She has been influential and her effort has been greatly appreciated by everyone. It was also lovely to see some new faces. If you are interested in being part of this, the PTA AGM will be held on the 7th October – all welcome.

Key PTA Dates for your diary;

12th October – Disco

9th December – Xmas Festival

8th February 2017 - Disco

24th May 2017 - Disco

7th July 2017 – Summer Fayre

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Mrs Williamson had her first meeting with the new school council for this term. She was impressed with their enthusiasm and energy. School council has had a really positive impact on school life in recent years and I am excited about the projects that they will be undertaking this term. Any ideas, feel free to talk to your class rep.



SPARE SCHOOL CLOTHES

At the parent drop in sessions, which will be held on Friday mornings before school, following the completion of the hall, we will also be displaying good quality, unnamed, second-hand Landsc@re uniform we have left over from last year. If you are interested in these, a donation can be given which will go towards the PTA.

THE LOST FLEECE

James Morgan has unfortunately lost his fleece. It was clearly marked (having 2 labels, one on the inside on the neck/collar and one lower down on the inside, on the back panel). If you had a child in Miss Dowle's class last year, and might have found it, can you please return it to the office.

YEAR 5 TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Local secondary schools will be holding open evenings for Y5 children in the very near future.

CHULMLEIGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

An open Evening at Chulmleigh Community College will be held tonight, 20th September, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Presentations by the headteacher at 5pm or 6 pm. The school welcome visits at any time. Call to arrange a visit.

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QUEEN ELIZABETH ACADEMY TRUST

Open days will be held on the 26th and 27th September 10:30 – 12:00 a.m. and 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. . Further details can be obtained directly from QEAT.

Open Evening – Tuesday 27th 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Parents and Children welcome.

SCHOOL NURSE DROP INS

I met with Juliet Phillips, our school nurse, to talk about the possibility of having regular school nurse drop ins. She has agreed and these will be starting soon. If you have any concerns or worries about your child's development, including any worries about behaviour, she will be available on Tuesdays at 8:30 in the DT Room on the following dates;

18th October, 13th December, 7th February 2017, 28th March 2017, 28th March 2017, 23rd May 2017 and 18th July 2017.

SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS UPDATE

Hopefully you have received the letter re. Sporting clubs offered at Landscore. If you haven't returned these, can you please do as soon as possible.

Mr Poustie has asked me to let you know that **Tag Rugby Club will not be starting until after half term.**

TOUR OF BRITAIN



How amazing to be part of the Tour of Britain! The children really enjoyed attending the event, receiving waves (and horns) from the police, support vehicles and random members of the public who were innocently driving by. The children's behaviour was, as always, excellent.



REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

School dinner money - this needs to be paid for in advance preferably by paying online at www.schoolmoney.co.uk If you would like a reminder of your password to access your child's account, please let the Office know. Alternatively you can call to the Office and pay by cash/cheque (payable to DCC) or credit/debit card. The cost of dinner is £2.10 per day.

Any changes to your **contact details** (address, mobile/landline numbers) need to be given to the Office as soon as possible. It is particularly in the event of an emergency.

If your **child is unwell** please call 01363 772018 and leave a message on the Absence Voicemail. If they will be late, can you also detail their lunch option.

Medicines - we can administer medicine to pupils if it has been prescribed by a Doctor. A form needs to be completed with details of the amount to be given and time etc.

Holiday/Medical absences - an Absence Request Form is available from the office (and via our website) should you need to apply for your child to be away from school for holiday or medical appointments.

GROUNDS DAY

Mr Vaccari would be very grateful if any parents were free on Monday 10th October to help out around the school grounds. There are plenty of jobs that have built over the summer and we would appreciate your time. It might be best to bring some old clothes and wellies. Coffee and tea provided.

STOLEN iPADS

You will see in the press in the next few days that unfortunately 16 iPads were stolen from school over the summer. This has never happened at school before and obviously has come us a great shock to us. The iPads are all marked clearly with the Landscore School information and as a result would be very difficult to sell on to someone. If you have any information about the theft, or the location of the iPads, please come and let me know or contact Lisa Crocker at Crediton Police Station.

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IN WOODS

In Woods after school club is returning to Landscore every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:00. We learn survival skills, forest school and wild food and medicine in a gentle and supportive environment. With an emphasis on promoting self-responsibility, independence and communication skills, your children will learn as much about themselves as they will about the world around them. For bookings and more information, including costings, call Emma Byrnes on 07732807856

CREDITON LIBRARY

Message from Crediton Library. If you took part in the summer reading challenge, 'A Big Friendly Read', please be sure to return your completed booklets to the library. There is still a chance to win many great prizes, including family tickets to the cinema and zoo.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulation to Francis Kelly (Year 4), Issac Cook and Evan Kelly (Year 6) who have recently been awarded their First Aid and Swimming Certificates. These were awarded during the summer holidays.



NSPCC

A message from the NSPCC. Counsellors from the NSPCC have been trained by experts from the Home Office to advise parents on how to spot signs of radicalisation in children or who could fall victim to online groomers. The helpline is also available for parents who want to know how to reassure children worried about terrorist attacks taking place. Adults can ring the NSPCC helpline on 0800 800 5000, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



GRENVILLE HOUSE

The children headed off to Brixham yesterday for what promises to be a fantastic residential. I have to admit to

feeling a bit jealous, having been to every Year 6 residential for the last 13 years. I know from experience that they will be making memories that will last a lifetime. I will be joining them on Thursday for the day. Pictures can be seen on the website but here are a few examples showing what the children have been enjoying.

Best Wishes,
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