

Friday 27th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we are putting September to bed and heading into October next week – how quickly the month has passed! As we get into the heart of autumn, it is lovely to see the season change around us. The children always seem to be filled with awe at the changing leaves and shine on conkers... why not join them?

School Census Day

Please remember that next **Thursday, 3rd October**, is our census day which is when we have to report our pupil numbers and the number of children who have eaten a school meal on that day. These figures will then be used to calculate our budget for the following year. It is vital 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.

Please strongly encourage your child to have a school meal on that day as it will help the school's funding for next year. The children may also bring their packed lunch if they want to but will still be able to take a school meal and try it. Thursday is our pizza day - which is one of our most popular days - and I am sure most of the children will be happy to have a school dinner that day!

Attendance

Attendance is a very high priority nationally and it is important that children attend school regularly. The DfE has updated its requirement on schools this year to help improve school attendance and they have made their expectations clear about what parents should do and what schools should do to improve attendance:

Parents should:

- Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence and leave a message.
- Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.
- Have a backup plan in case you cannot get your child to school, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance, then talk to the school as a first step so they can help!

School will:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if there are concerns.

Absences

Please ensure that all absences are reported to the school office as soon as possible, and at the latest by 9:00am. Please leave a message on the answerphone, which is regularly checked, and include details of the reason for absence too. If we do not hear from you, then we will try to contact you by 10:00am and may also have to follow up with a home visit in line with our safeguarding policy and procedures.

Black History Month

During October, we will be celebrating Black History Month in school. Black History Month gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture and to remember important people and events from African communities.



Harvest Assembly

We will be holding our Harvest Celebration next week on **Friday 4th October**. Each team will be performing a harvest song or poem to the rest of the school.

We are asking for donations of food on that day for us to give to the Crediton Foodbank. The charity provides emergency food parcels for local people who are in need and as you can appreciate, the demand for this is constantly rising. The foodbank would really appreciate any food donations which are **non-perishable**, i.e. any **tinned or packaged food such as pasta, rice, macaroni cheese, jars of sauce, baked beans, tinned vegetables or fruit, tinned meats, soup, cereals, tinned ready meals, rice pudding, custard, teabags, coffee, sugar, jam** etc. They are also very grateful for any toiletries such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and soap.

Please send any donations into school next Friday. Many thanks.

Online Safety

With so many children spending more and more time on the internet, it is vitally important that we all work together to keep them as safe as possible. If you need any support or advice about keeping your child safe, please visit the:

'UK Safer Internet Centre' at <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/> or the

'Think U Know' website at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> where you will find a range of online safety tips, advice and resources.

Parking

Finally, a plea once again to be considerate when driving and parking outside school. Drop kerbs, zig-zag and yellow-lines and junctions all present dangers to pedestrians – including our vulnerable children – and must not be used for parking or waiting. Please help us keep our children safe. Thank you.

Awesome @Landscape

Well done to our latest round of amazing swimmers; Oscar in year 4 has successfully completed his Goldfish 2 swimming award and Annie in year 2 for her brilliant work achieving her STANley 5 award! Well done to both of you.

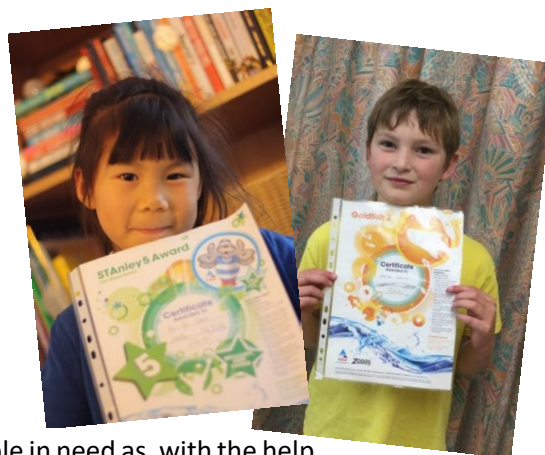
And in other news...



It is always wonderful to hear of Landscape children living our values beyond the school gates and out in the real world. This week Bunnie-Mae and Boscoe were celebrated for their compassion and desire to help people in need as, with the help

of mum, they hit the streets of Exeter to deliver hot portions of lasagne to homeless people. What a great example of caring and valuing other people and a wonderful example to all of us!! Read all about it here:

<https://www.creditoncourier.co.uk/news/crediton-girl-6-fed-the-homeless-723635>



Everyone at Landscape hopes you have a great weekend! We can't wait to see you all next week.

Yours sincerely

Tim Williams
Headteacher

Diary Dates - 2024 – 2025

These are the dates we have at the moment for the year ahead. Please look out for more events and activities being added over the coming weeks and months.

Autumn Term	
Tuesday 1 st October	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 3 rd October	Census Day – Please encourage all children in EYFS and KS1 to have a school meal
Friday 4 th October	Harvest Assembly for children (sorry no parents)
w/c Monday 7 th October	Book Fair
Tuesday 8 th October	Year 5/6 Trip to RAMM
Wednesday 9 th October	
Tuesday 15 th October	EYFS Phonics Session 2.30pm
Thursday 17 th October	EYFS Phonics Session 3.45pm
Tuesday 22 nd October	Parents' Evening 3:30pm – 7.00pm
Thursday 24 th October	
Wednesday 23 rd October	Reception 2025 Open Meeting 2:00pm
Friday 25 th October	End of Autumn 1
Monday 4 th November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 th November	Start of Autumn 2
Thursday 7 th November	Reception 2025 Open Meeting 2:00pm
Monday 11 th November	Individual photographs Siblings from 8.30am
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Day
Saturday 30 th November	Christmas in Crediton – Lights Switch On
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Assembly for children End of Term 2:30pm
Spring Term	
Monday 6 th January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 th January	Start of Spring 1
Tuesday 11 th February	Parents' Evening 3:30pm – 7pm
Thursday 13 th February	
Friday 14 th February	End of Spring 1
Monday 24 th February	Start of Spring 2
Friday 4 th April	End of Spring 2
Summer Term	
Tuesday 22 nd April	Start of Summer 1
w/c Monday 12 th May	Y6 SATS week Y5 Bikeability
Friday 23 rd May	End of Summer 1
Tuesday 3 rd June	Start of Summer 2
w/c Monday 9 th June	Y5 Grenville Residential
Tuesday 17 th June tbc	Sports Day
Tuesday 24 th June tbc	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 16 th July	Move-up Morning
Monday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Presentations
Wednesday 23 rd July	End of Summer 2