

October 1st 2021 School Newsletter



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Dates

We are gradually working to get some of our wider programme of activities going again. Tentatively there are some dates down the left hand side but these could change should the position with Covid in the school change. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and Dojo as we will try and make sure information is as clear as possible.

Nut Free

We have a number of children and adults in the school who are allergic to nuts. An allergic reaction from even a small trace could be really serious and as a school we are keen to minimise the risk. This means that **no nuts or products that contain nuts** are to be brought into school for a snack or lunch. This does include a well-known chocolate spread that is made with nuts. Food items that are marked '**may** contain nuts' are okay as this is on most food products. Thank you for your help with this.

Dates

- ◆ 7/10/21 - Harvest
- ◆ 15/10/21 - FOSS Disco
- ◆ WB 18/10/21 - parent consultations
- ◆ 21/10/21 - Photographs
- ◆ 25-29/10/21 - Half Term
- ◆ 31/10/21 - Secondary School Applications in.
- ◆ 3/11/21 - Flu immunisation
- ◆ 16/12/21 - Carol Service
- ◆ 17/12/20 - Last day of term
- ◆ 5/1/2022 - Term starts

School Census

On **Thursday 7th October** it is the school census. It is from the children that we have in school on that day that the school's funding is set for next year. There are two ways that families can help us on that day. Firstly if you think you may qualify for **free school meals** please claim this even your child is not going to have school dinners. Our Pupil Premium funding is worked out on the number of children who are entitled to free school meals.

If your child is entitled to **free school meals or is in Reception, Year 1 or 2** please can they claim their dinner on **Thursday 7th October**. This again sets our funding this year to provide the meals for the infant children and those entitled to free school meals. To encourage the children to have a dinner the kitchen are swapping over the menu for Thursday and Friday next week so it is Chicken Nuggets and Chips on Thursday.

Harvest

I am really pleased that this year we can take the children to St Thomas Methodist Church for our Harvest Assembly. We have certainly missed some of these special events over the past 18 months. The children will walk to the church on **Thursday 7th October for 9:30am**. Each class is preparing something about harvest to share with the rest of the school. Unfortunately it is not possible to have parents there too and I am sorry if this causes any disappointment. We will record the performances and put them on Dojo for you to enjoy. We are collecting for Exeter Food Bank this year. They need: tinned food, UHT milk, rice, pasta and squash. They will not accept fresh produce.



Parking

I have received a number of complaints about the parking on School Road. Please can I ask parents to park responsibly around the school. It is very congested and cars and children don't mix! It would only take a split second for a child to be seriously injured - I am sure there is no one who would wish this to happen. If you are concerned about the parking please register your concern here:

https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/map/map_src/parking/

Next Steps

If you have a child in Year 6 the information about transferring to secondary school is available online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. This link takes you to a 'Citizens Portal' where you will need to sign in. Applications need to be in by **31st October 2020**.