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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Celebration event for the end of our current learning journey, 'My Compass for Life' on Friday. This takes place from 2:45pm until the end of the day and is an opportunity to visit your child in their classroom, look through their work from this learning journey and talk through their learning and reflections.

'Keeping Safe'

We have been working through a series of assemblies focused on 'Keeping Safe'. As part of this, we have discussed what we do should the fire alarm sound and have then practiced our fire drill. The children worked through it as expected, being well versed in this. We have also got to grips with the fire evacuation element of our electronic signing in system which now allows us to check we have all of the children and adults out of the building more efficiently.

This week, we have discussed the actions to be taken, should we be unfortunate enough to receive a bomb threat and will be running through a drill later in the week. Next week we will be moving on to our lockdown procedures for the highly unlikely event of a 'marauding weapons attack' and undertaking the relevant drill. We work really hard to talk with the children about how important it is to know how to act should such an emergency occur, whilst ensuring they understand that these events are extremely unlikely. We also discuss the fact that it is really hard to understand the motivation for these acts and that some people in the world think and feel very differently to us about behaviours. We certainly do not wish any child to be worried by this, so please talk to your children if they have any questions, or let us know if your child has anxieties about any of these issues. We work on the principle that it is an unfortunate part of modern life that we need to be prepared for, but the process of knowing what to do means that we do not need to worry or be anxious about them.

As we are still at the start of the year, there are a number of items we would like to remind you of by drawing your attention to them: We have already had some visitors in to school to enhance our learning with the climbing wall and some of our year groups have already arranged other events and trips. In order to support you with budgeting, we will keep the total cost of trips and visitors to £35 for the year, excluding residential visits and swimming. We will be offering swimming across key stage two and residential opportunities start in year two with a sleepover in school and gradually build up through years three, four and five, to a full week in year six.



Learning for Living

Arrangements in the morning

In the mornings, we ask that children do not arrive before 8:40am unless they are attending breakfast club. We are not able to supervise children before this time, when we have staff members out on the playgrounds. The bell is rung at 8:50am when we line up, come into class and start learning promptly. Please don't drop your child at school before 8:40am as this leaves them in a vulnerable position. We are

asking you to follow this request because, if we continue to have children arriving too early, we will need to find an alternative solution which could either mean bringing them in to breakfast club and charging you or keeping the school gates locked until 8:40am, which would be less than ideal. If you need to book your child into breakfast club, please contact Mrs Heal who will be happy to see them.

If it is raining in the morning, children should not just come in through the front door. This area is for parents to catch up with the office staff at this busy time. Children should go round to the doors they normally come in to school through, hang their coats and bags up as normal and head into their classrooms. Staff will be in their rooms if they are not out on the playground due to the weather. If it is really wet, depending on how they get to school, children may wear their wellington boots but please make sure they bring their school shoes to change in to when they arrive.

Foundation Stage, Year One and Year Two

We would like to remind parents of children in the Foundation Stage, Year One and Year Two, who drop children off at the back of the school that they should use the top path which leads around the bungalow to access the area. This significantly reduces congestion on the steps from the main entrance and makes sure that everyone arrives where they should be safely and comfortably.

Please can we also ask you not to let your children or their younger siblings play on the climbing equipment before or after school. We are unable to supervise this area and need to make sure we keep all the children safe. Thank-you.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding will always be a priority for us. As part of our current 'Keeping Safe' assembly focus, we have reminded the children about the importance of our identification lanyards for staff and visitors. If you have a current DBS check you will be able to wear a green visitor lanyard to indicate this. Red staff lanyards, black governor lanyards and blue contractor lanyards also indicate the same thing. Yellow lanyards are for our occasional visitors who do not have a DBS check so need to be accompanied whilst they are on site. Please support us by making sure you have the right lanyard and you stick with the relevant adult if it is yellow!

Finally, Please make sure you come in and talk to your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns about your child. With Parents' Evenings coming up just after half term, we sometimes find parents have decided to leave their concerns until then. We would rather you raised anything now so we can take action and then catch up again at Parents' Evening.

Yours sincerely,



Stuart Ludford,



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...in the right direction



School Uniform

Thank-you for making sure that your children are wearing the correct uniform for school – it is a really important part of our school identity and supports our very positive attitudes to learning. Can we remind you that school uniform includes appropriately coloured socks for either skirts and dresses or trousers and shorts?

School shoes are also important. Boots are not part of our school uniform and we would request that you make sure that your child does not come to school in boots. Thank-you.

Parking

Please continue to bear our neighbours in mind by parking considerately when you drop off or pick up your children. In particular, parking over driveways, on the pavement or dangerously on a corner are key issues at this busy time. Thank-you for your cooperation with this.

Attendance Reminder

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that there is a change to our attendance policy. Holidays during term time are still not appropriate or acceptable and we have a duty to ensure that your children are in school unless they are ill or there are exceptional circumstances. From now on, when you make a request to take your child out of school during term time, I will still have the discretion to agree this, if it is for an appropriate reason which falls under 'exceptional circumstances' only if your child has a rolling attendance figure of 96% or above. If your child's attendance is below 96%, your request will be considered by a panel of governors who will decide whether the request can be authorised or not. Please come and discuss requests with either the office staff or myself if you are unsure whether it is likely to be authorised or not. We are keen to support families, within the parameters of the policy, and time is granted for events such as funerals or weddings, children involved in national sporting events etc.



Let's Celebrate

- ★ Maxie Tinnion in Cherry, Henry Parfitt in Palm and Ella Tilley in Maple, all completed the Summer Reading Challenge with Teignmouth Library
- ★ Sky Fruin in Holly received a Certificate for completing a 15 mile Summer Treasure Bike Hunt with Mid Devon Cycling Club
- ★ Barney Prentice in Palm received a Certificate for Great co-ordination on the drum kit with The Drumstation
- ★ Sofia Sweeney in Willow completed Octopus 1 Swimming Award
- ★ Woody Hunter in Monkey Puzzle created an amazing project coding robots at Camp Apple
- ★ Brooke Hunter in Cherry and Woody Hunter in Monkey Puzzle both successfully completed the Library Reading Challenge
- ★ Brooke Hunter in Cherry starred as Chip in the play Scooby Doo the musical, learning words and dance routines all in 5 days, well done
- ★ Freya White in Bonsai passed her Grade 2 Violin Exam
- ★ Lola Preece in Apple completed the Summer Reading Challenge at Teignmouth Library
- ★ Lexi Smith in Ebony took part in a Race at Your Pace 20 mile Challenge and received a Certificate for attendance with Dawlish Lawn Tennis Club
- ★ Jude Baxter in Oak completed Stage 3 in Swimming
- ★ Joe Rainsborough in Redwood received a Certificate of Investiture with Beavers
- ★ Katie Lord in Willow received three Medals for a Swimming Gala
- ★ Ella Tilley and Daisy-Mai Norish in Maple received a Medal for taking part in a Fun Run
- ★ Alexia Ralph-Brown in Palm completed Octopus 3 Award in Swimming
- ★ Isaac Rollings in Fir received a Bronze Award for Chief Scouts
- ★ Lola Preece in Apple completed Stanley 4 Award in Swimming
- ★ Noah Smith in Palm received a Certificate of Investiture with Beavers
- ★ Finlay Jones in Palm received a Medal for completing Race for Life Muddy Challenge for Children
- ★ Charlotte Barrett in Fir received four Medals for Swimming, 1 Silver for Fly, one Silver for Backstroke, 1 Silver for Breaststroke and a Bronze for Freestyle
- ★ Ellie Barrett in Bonsai received 3 Gold Medals for Fly , Backstroke and Front Crawl and 1 Silver for Breaststroke
- ★ Davi Andrews-Rodrigues in Maple completed 10 metres Swimming Award
- ★ Lily Mae Pettifer in Bonsai received a Medal and a Trophy for coming 1st in the National Under Water Hockey Championships U12s with her Club in Dawlish
- ★ Riley Jones in Cherry took part in a Regional Football Programme and played against Southampton Youth Academy
- ★ Harrison Dyke in Apple completed Level 1 with Tiny Kwondos
- ★ Sophia Papanicolaou in Palm received a Medal for taking part in a Dance Competition
- ★ Honey Boyer in Palm completed Level 7 in Gymnastics
- ★ Blossom Hill in Fir completed 4th Kyu in Karate
- ★ Kubus Tancock in Fir received a Medal for running a mile in the South West Youth Games
- ★ Jacob Stonehouse in Cherry received a Gold Medal for 25 metre Front Crawl and a Silver Medal in a width race with Dawlish Swimming Club
- ★ Isobel Borham in Oak completed 50 Metres Swimming Award
- ★ Bibi Hodgson in Fir completed 2000 metres Swimming Award
- ★ Jude Baxter in Oak completed Stage 3 in Swimming



★ WOW! Congratulations and well done to all our achievers!

★ Don't forget if you have something to celebrate please share it with us. Mrs Drew is keeping our Achievers Board in the corridor up to date and she will take any photos for the board.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Year 1 & 2 Occombe Farm	Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd October 2018
Photographs—Family and Individuals	Wednesday 3rd October 2018
PTA Disco	Friday 12th October 2018
Year 2 & 4 Stover	Wednesday 17th October 2018
Autumn Half Term 2018	One week commencing Monday 22nd Oct 2018
Last Day of Autumn Term 2018	Friday 21st December 2018
First Day of Spring Term 2019	Tuesday 8th January 2019
Spring Half Term 2019	One week commencing Monday 18th Feb 2019
Last Day of Spring Term 2019	Friday 5th April 2019
First Day of Summer Term 2019	Wednesday 24th April 2019
May Day	Monday 6th May 2019
Summer Half Term 2019	One week commencing 27th May 2019
Last Day of Summer Term 2019	Friday 19th July 2019