



### Welcome Back

The children have made a super start to their learning and the summer holidays seem like a distant memory. Everybody seems very positive around school, new teachers, children and pre-school have settled well. You should have received a letter from Miss Nairn in relation to extra-curricular clubs. We have introduced a wider range of clubs and many of them don't cost anything. She is delighted with the response and most will start next week, if your child has been given a place in their chosen club, they will bring a letter home with them today. Premier Sports will not be running a gymnastics club this term. We have had a huge response to the curriculum meetings this week which is fantastic. If you were unable to attend you should have received a newsletter identifying what your child will be learning this term. If you have any queries don't hesitate to contact the class teacher.

Can we remind you that if your child has been sick or has diarrhoea they must be off school for 48 hours. Also, we do not allow dogs on the school site unless they are guide or care dogs. Individual school photographs are being taken on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Out of school siblings photos will start at 8.30am in the hall. May we also remind you that unless you have a parking permit from the school office you are not permitted to park in the school carpark when dropping off or collecting your children.

### Harvest Festival

#### Attendance

We were delighted that our attendance improved last year. However I have already been inundated with holiday requests for this year. Regular and punctual attendance of pupils at school is both a legal requirement and essential to maximise the learning opportunities available. This year we will be looking closely at absences and appointments which take children out of school. The school office will be asking parents for copies of appointment cards for Doctors, Dentists, Hospital and any other appointments. I would also like to make you aware that the school is **also under obligation and will** inform the Local Authority when a child has 10 or more unauthorised absences from school. This equates to 5 school days and is likely to result in the issuing of a Penalty Notice. Information relating to Term Time absences and the Law are detailed on the back of the absence request form - commonly referred to as a holiday form. The following link provides further information which is held on the Devon County Council web-site for parents.  
<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-uniform/school-attendance/absence-from-school-penalty-notice>  
 If you have any further questions then please come in and see Mrs Buckingham

#### September 29<sup>th</sup> Harvest

Once again we are using our Harvest celebration to collect for Exeter Foodbank which is a fantastic local charity which supports local families. Please bring donations in on the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup> September  
 UHT/Longlife Milk—1L, *semi-skimmed*  
 Tinned vegetables  
 Instant coffee  
 Teabags  
 Sugar—*granulated*  
 Sponge puddings  
 Pasta sauce  
 Tinned meat  
 Tinned fruit  
 Tinned rice pudding  
 Noodle/pasta snacks  
 Longlife fruit juice—1L  
 Tinned fish  
 Rice—500g  
 Tinned potatoes  
 Custard—tin / carton  
 Jams & spreads  
 Squashes & cordials  
 Tinned tomatoes  
 Biscuits

**No fresh food please.**

### Outside play equipment

As I said last week, the play equipment has proved incredibly popular and although we said last week that children shouldn't play on it after school, many parents were disappointed. So we have decided that CHILDREN CAN USE THE EQUIPMENT FROM 3.30-3.45pm (at 3.45pm we expect parents and children to be off the school premises) as long as there is a parent/carer on site. Children who walk home independently must not use the equipment or children who attend West-Exe. To reiterate the fact that if a child uses the equipment after school, it is the parent's responsibility. We will be supervising next week to ensure children are using the equipment correctly.

