



Summer 2019 Newsletter 3

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As we head into the final half term of the year and (hopefully) glorious weather, please ensure that your children have a sunhat and sun-cream in school every day. We will be out on the field at lunch time whenever possible; if your child suffers from hay-fever and it would be better for them to stay indoors, please let us know. Children are allowed to wear sandals to school, but please ensure that these are sturdy and suitable for running around in – no flip flops or clogs please. Sandals should also be black, brown, navy or white.

On the theme of school uniform, P.E kit should be a plain **white** T-shirt and dark blue or black shorts. At a few recent sporting events, a variety of different coloured PE kits were worn which resulted in our pupils looking rather mismatched and untidy compared to those from other schools.



Rounders

All of the year 5 children and two year 6 boys took part in a local school rounders competition at Okehampton College on Monday 20th May. Despite limited rounders experience, all three teams played brilliantly and the A team finished as the bronze medal winners behind two strong teams from Okehampton Primary School.

Cricket

With year 6 on residential last week, year 5 had a busy week representing the school at sport. They also traveled to Whitchurch for the first round of the Dartmoor Cup cricket competition and are looking forward to the finals which will take place on Wednesday 5th June at Okehampton College.

School Lunches

The school gateway system seems to be working well for both families and admin staff. Please continue to book and, where necessary, pay for school dinners online through school gateway. Changes to booked meals can be made by contacting the school office.

Staffing for next year

We are in the process of finalising the staffing arrangements for next year and will let you know as soon as these are complete. We hope to have a 'moving up' day where children will spend time with their new teachers in their new classrooms on the morning of Thursday 27th June.

Administrator Vacancy

Debbie Bryant will be returning on a part-time basis after her maternity leave, therefore, we are currently recruiting for a permanent, full time administrator. Applications for this post close on Monday 3rd June. Details of the position and applications forms can be found on our website: <http://www.southtawton.devon.sch.uk/VacanciesDMAT>

Crisp packet recycling

Our PTA have signed us up for a crisp packet recycling scheme. Please bring any empty crisp packets into the main reception and leave them in the box there.



Year 6 Bristol Residential 20th - 23rd May

Year 6 all enjoyed a fun-filled week on their residential trip to Bristol. They started their week with indoor rock climbing at Undercover Rock. Some of the children proved to be excellent climbers! On Tuesday we visited SS Great Britain and the M Shed museum. We visited the beautiful Bristol Zoo on Wednesday, followed by watching Matilda at the Bristol Hippodrome. The week was finished off with a trip to Bristol Aquarium. We all had a wonderful time and the children were a credit to the school, behaving brilliantly all week. Mrs Everett.



Breakfast Club

The breakfast club continues to grow and will continue into the next academic year. The children seem to really enjoy it and a variety of activities and breakfast choices are on offer. On Monday 10th June, Jo Claxton (the club leader) will be holding an open evening for parents of existing users to see what the children have been up to and also for any parents who are interested in their children joining in the future.

Breakfast club sessions can be booked via school gateway at any time before 8pm the night before the session. It is possible to use the club on a one-off or regular basis. Sessions are £4 and, although the club opens to children at 7:45am, children can arrive at any time after this.

Attachments

There are two attachments which you may find interesting included with this newsletter:

1. On online safety newsletter from Scomis.
2. Some information about mumps from Devon County Council

Dates for your diaries

Monday 10th June – 3:30 Breakfast club information evening
 Tuesday 11th June – Ethos Committee meeting. All welcome.
 Monday 20th May – Thursday 23rd May – Year 6 residential visit to Bristol
 Sport's day – Tuesday 25th June KS1 am only. KS2 all day
 Reserve Sport's Day – Thursday 11th July
 Y1 – 6 Parent's Evenings – Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd July.
 Last day of term – Friday 19th July

Autumn Term begins – Wednesday 4th September