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Welcome back from the PTFA to everyone and a warm welcome to all the new families starting this year. We are so sorry we aren't able to offer any face to face get togethers this term or many fundraising events. We had a barn dance, quiz and social all in the calendar!!

We do however have a **bag2school collection organised (15th October)** and there might possibly be the chance to do an online virtual quiz at some point in October so please keep an eye open for that. We really want as many parents/families to get involved in the PTFA as possible so please do get in contact if you have any ideas or want to offer your help. We hope all your children have had a lovely first week (back).

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Drumming Lessons

Ella the drum teacher is really excited to restart drumming on Tuesday and is looking forward to seeing all the drummers! Due to Covid-19 Ella will be bringing in her own electric drum kit so lessons can be taught while maintaining social distancing, in the school hall. The kit and drum sticks will be cleaned between each pupil. Lessons are £9.00 and there are x10 lessons per term.

Ella teaches children from Year 2 -6. New drummers are most welcome!

If interested please email
ellapartridge@yahoo.co.uk

Free School Meal

Parents/carers in receipt of the following support payments will be entitled to receive free school meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support (IS)
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Children who receive free school meals also support the schools budget as we get extra lump sum per child to support the child's education. To apply please visit https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live

Bikeability Year 5 & 6 Monday 21st

Please ensure you bring your child's bike and helmet to school.





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Vaccinations

Children in year R - 6 are eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination. It is expected that demand will be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "no" consent. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link. <https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

Provisional Dates for Parents evenings.

As you will appreciate we will not be hosting face-to-face parents' evenings. Instead, every half a term we have planned in a form of feedback and communication with families.

The first of these will be in the week commencing 28th September when you will receive an update on your child's progress so far and either a telephone call or email conversation with your child's teacher.

Other contact points are:

Week beginning 14th December: snapshots sent home

Week beginning 25th January: virtual meeting, phone call or email conversation

Week beginning 29th March: snapshots sent home

Week beginning 12th July – full written reports sent home

Week beginning 19th July: virtual meeting, phone call or email conversation by request as a full report follow up.

Piano

Lessons for keyboard and piano will be commencing Wednesday 16th September. If you are interested in your child taking lessons, please contact me directly via my email address

mandygrant100@outlook.com phone/text 07847395770

The cost of each 20-minute individual lesson is £9.50. Fees are payable in advance; an invoice will be sent out at the start of each term to cover 10 lessons. If you would prefer to split the payment for each half term, then please let me know. Lessons will be rotated so that the same class lesson is not missed on a regular basis.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Mandy Grant (Mrs)

Heads Up..

We will keep to the arranged staggered timings for next week, with a view to a slightly earlier opening for some groups the following week.

Dinner Money

Please pay by cash or cheque. Please send in with your child in a named envelope.