



Covid Updates

This is the latest self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus (COVID-19): It is now possible to end self-isolation after five full days if you have two negative LFD tests taken on consecutive days. The first LFD test should not be taken before the fifth day **after your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms)**.

You do not need to take any more LFD tests after the tenth day of your self-isolation period and you may stop self-isolating after this day. This is because you are unlikely to be infectious after the tenth day of your self-isolation period.

The full advice can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Pupil Progress Meetings

This term, Pupil Progress Meetings will be held in school again, face to face. Families will be sent forms to request an appointment with their child's class teacher next week, the dates are:

Tuesday 15th February 3.50 - 6.00pm

Wednesday 16th February 3.50 - 6.00pm

School Uniform

Just a reminder that children do not need to wear extra layers in class now as we are able to monitor the ventilation in the classrooms using a CO2 monitor where needed. This means we do not have to have the doors and windows open wide all the time as we did last winter! Children are, of course, able to bring extra layers to wear outside at playtime and lunchtimes.

Thank you to those parents / carers who have donated uniform to the school. We are still getting requests for jumpers and cardigans in particular, so if you have any at home that you no longer need, please donate them to the school.

World Book Day Competition

Devon Schools' Library Service are running a competition for children in the lead up to World Book Day. Children are asked to design a t-shirt with their favourite book character, using the template which is being sent home today. Please write their name on the back of the design.

We will judge the entries in school and award prizes for each Key Stage. Please send entries into school by Friday 11th February.

The winning designs will then be sent to the Devon Schools' Library Service in the hope that some of our children might win!

Also, for World Book Day this year, which is on Thursday 3rd March, we will be inviting children to come into school dressed as their favourite book character.

Safeguarding

Safer Internet Day – 8th February 2022

This year Safer Internet Day 2022 is on Tuesday 8th February with the theme "All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online."

With 77% of young people having spent more time playing online games and apps during the pandemic, the theme is more relevant and important than ever before. There is the opportunity to participate in an online workshop, which is being organised by Parentzone. The Safer Internet Day Special Event takes place on Tuesday 8th February, 4.30 - 5.00 pm, live on YouTube. Click on this link to sign up:

<https://youtu.be/4keZKmxIUSA>

From time to time in school, we hear about children who have experienced people being unkind online. The NSPCC has produced resources for parents / carers about online wellbeing:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>

and also about how to talk to your child about online safety:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Prayer Focus

The school subscribes to a weekly booklet called "The Wednesday Word" that can be accessed on our website or via the following link:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/gods-love?pid=MTA101634&v=50.6>

This week's chosen words are "God's Love". God's love is without limit - he loves each person unconditionally and equally. In this Sunday's Gospel, we are reminded that, although God loves each of us, we also have a responsibility to share that love with others in the way that we treat them. Today (28th January) is the Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas, the Patron Saint of Catholic Schools, who also preached the message of God's love to others. Our prayer this week is:

Dear Lord Jesus

Please help our family to grow in your love and to share your love with others in the way that we live our lives.

Amen

Children's Mental Health Week

Advance warning that there will be a Non-uniform Day for Children's Mental Health week on Friday 11th February. The 'Dress to Express' day invites children to come into school dressed in their own choice of clothes to raise money for the charity Place2Be (£1 suggested donation).

This year's theme is "Growing Together" which is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. We will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown and how they can help others to grow.

RESTORE Programme

We have been sent details of an online course, the RESTORE Relationship programme, specifically for men, starting on 1st March. There are still spaces left to join the group, so if you are interested please contact the organisers of the group (see flyer attached).

Goodie Boxes

We have received further details about Devon's Goodie Box scheme, which many of our families have participated in previously. The boxes are primarily for those who have been significantly impacted by COVID in financial terms. Please see information below about the scheme and contact the school office if you would like to order a box. This needs to be done by Thursday 3rd February at the latest. We will then pass your contact details (name, address, phone number) so that the boxes can be delivered directly to you: The Goodie Box provides tasty and nutritious recipes along with all the food and ingredients to make them directly to the doors to families, along with a fun activity and information booklet, and a growing kit to do together. Devon County Council is pleased to be able to re-run this project for February half-term 2022.

Congratulations!



Well done to the following children who were awarded certificates in today's Achievement Assembly:

Meldon
Venford
Avon
Fernworthy
Burrator

BLP
Edward
Bertie
Ella
Matilda
Riley W

WOW
Emily
Ava W
Felix
Marcus
Theo C



Attendance

These are the attendance figures for the past week:

21st – 27th Jan 2022

Meldon	99.13%
Venford	98.39%
Avon	87.01%
Fernworthy	91.41%
Burrator	94.57%
Whole school	
This week	94.38%
Year to date	94.53%