



The EPICentre of Learning

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to thank our parents for your continued support over this year. We are very proud of how our Reception cohort have settled into school life and really blossomed and grown this year – it is amazing to think they have already completed their first year at school. We feel very proud of your children, how hard they have worked this year as being part of our school community. We would also like to say thank you and well done to our Year 6 children, who will be moving on to the next part of their education journey in September. They are a fantastic cohort and are such engaged learners and supportive young people. They have been great Rainbow Buddies to our Reception children and know they will miss seeing them around school. They are moving to their secondary provisions – a total of 8 different schools: Dawlish College, Matford Brook Academy, West Exe, ISCA, St Peter's, Torquay Girls' Grammar, Torquay Bots' Grammar, Thomas Hall School.

I would also like to thank our staff team, who have worked incredibly hard over the course of this year in a particularly difficult educational landscape with funding, recruitment and retention and external agencies criteria for involvement thresholds being higher and higher. We are lucky to have such passionate and committed staff.

I would also like to thank our volunteers: reading buddies, nature school buddies, classroom support. A huge thank you to Sarah Bartrum who has been volunteering with us on a weekly basis for the last 3 years. Sarah has been so generous with her time and the children have loved working with her.

Thank you also to our active ESA who have worked so hard in order to organize events, raising money that goes directly back to the school and the children. Thank you also to the governors, who volunteer in this role and help to support the strategic direction of the school.

We hope that both families and staff get to have a rest over the summer break. We will look forward to welcoming children back to school on Wednesday 6 September.

Staffing: we would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Davies who will be leaving us this week. Alice has been part of the Exminster team for 3 years and we would like to thank her for getting to know the children in her care so well and adapting learning. We wish her all the best for her wedding in September.

We are welcoming back Mrs Wingrove from her maternity leave. We are also looking forward to Mrs Thompson being part of our teaching team in 2T and Miss Seviour being part of our teaching team in Y4.

Free School Meals: this is different to Universal Infant Free School Meals. Are you missing out? See the attached poster with a QR code. There is a QR code which links to the Devon Citizen Portal where parents can check eligibility and apply, see the leaflet attached.

ESA cake sale: there will not be a cake sale on Friday as previously advertised in the newsletter

Emergency contacts: see the attached flyer with emergency contacts for over the summer period when school is shut.

Tuesday 18 July 2023

This week:

Thurs 20 July- teacher for a day

Fri 21 July – last day of term

Dates for the future:

Wed 6 Sept – Back to school

Headteacher: Mrs S Whalley

Lost Property and uniform: We have accrued a large amount of lost property again. If you have lost something please come in at school pick up time and take a look in the box. Can we ask that parents and carers make sure all uniform is clearly labelled so we can easily reunite any lost items with their owners. If you need any uniform please do come and look on our pre-loved rails at the back of the hall, donations can be made via the School Gateway app.

Medicines: On Friday we will be sending home all the medicines we have in school via your child's class teacher. I'm afraid we're unable to give medicines to children, they must be returned to an adult. Parents and Carers are most welcome to collect any medicine from the office before Friday if your child isn't going to need them.

Teacher for the day: Our next 'Teacher for the Day' event will be on Thursday 20 July. Tickets are on sale now via School Gateway to enter a draw to be in with a chance at being their class' teacher for the day. Children can have as many goes as their parents wish to pay for! Each £1 entry will buy them a ticket for the electronic draw. The draw will take place TOMORROW, Wednesday 19 July, and the winners will be notified that afternoon. The closing time for buying tickets via Gateway will be 10am Wednesday 19 July.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY: Please could you return to Mrs Fuller any books that you have used from our Community Library. We would like to do a stock take. If those that you have borrowed are still useful, please feel free to keep them and return them next term. Thank you. Dawn Fuller. HLTA Literacy Support

School menu for Sept 2023: Please see the attached menu for the next academic year. This can also be found on the school website




Headteacher: Mrs S Whalley