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Summer Term Newsletter No.9**Friday 19th June 2020**

Messages from Mrs Eveleigh...

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your swift responses regarding possible school places in the final few weeks of this term. We have tried our best to accommodate requests and have let you know as soon as possible. The demand has exceeded the anticipated numbers from our first questionnaire a few weeks ago. Following government guidelines, we have offered places as a priority to Key Worker & Vulnerable children. As a Partnership we have also decided to prioritise Year 2, who will transition into Key Stage 2 in September 2020, and Year 5, who will start their final year in September 2020 and take key National Tests within the year, and we have just managed to accommodate all requests for these groups of children. We are now in the process of planning a further phase of opening for those who have requested places in Year 3 and Year 4 and we are hoping, but cannot promise, that we can accommodate them at some point. We will advise you as soon as we have more information. Only children who we have directly confirmed can attend school.

I am delighted that so many children are keen to get back to us - we are looking forward to seeing them too!

I have attached a direct letter from DAWN STABB, Head of Education and Learning in Devon, asking that I send out an open letter to our parents and carers - please take the time to read it, thank you.

We have some exciting home learning extras this week, so please see this section at the end of this newsletter. Maths, Lifesaving, Reading and Sport Challenges! These can be done at home even if you are in school!

Home Learning

Children continue to complete the online elements of our home learning and are sending work in. For those not in school, home learning is still very, very important. We appreciate that some of you are having IT challenges around this, but we have sent some hard copy work - don't forget to send some back please!

Year 6 Secondary Transfers

We are awaiting news from Uffculme about some 'virtual meetings' and will update you when we hear more.

Residential repayments

We are in the process of writing cheques to return payments to parents. We are unable to draw such a large amount of cash, and the number of cheques and payments exceeds the current limits for our small schools

too, so please bear with us as we get this remedied. We appreciate your patience, thank you.

News from TVP children

From Lewis and Kyle B:

"Me and Kyle are raising money for Devon Air Ambulance I have attached a link if you would like to see what we have been up to."

<https://daat.charitycheckout.co.uk/pf/bate-bros>

Harry and Oliver S:

Both Harry and Oliver have GOLD medals in the "The Devon Virtual Games first Challenge - **The Walk Jog, Run, Challenge.**"- Well done boys 😊. If you are interested in of the latest challenges, please see the end of this newsletter. I know Jacob D from Burlescombe is also taking part in some activities, great work. 😊

KEEPING WELL

You, your child and our staff team's safety are key priorities and, should anyone become ill, we have special protocols and systems we will follow that could include closing a 'bubble' in school, amongst other precautions. Please can I reassure you that every step we take is a small, very carefully taken, risk assessed step. With this in mind, **please** can you let us know if you or a member of your immediate family is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms, if anyone has been in contact with suspected cases of COVID-19, or if they are unfortunate to have a confirmed case, thank you.

Devon County have sent an alert to us concerning further test and traces SCAMS - please see the end of my newsletter for more information.

Next week promises better weather so please can you bring sunhats, sun cream, water bottles and yes, a WATERPROOF coat as it is rather unpredictable if this last week has been anything to go by!

I hope that you and your families keep safe and well.

Kindest regards,

Deborah Eveleigh
 Executive Head Teacher

| STARS OF THE WEEK | | |
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| Blake Se Georgina James N Liberty Ethan | | Matilda K Jack V Toby O Amelia M Poppy B |
| THE TVP DIARY | | |
| Date | Location | Activity |
| Immediate - any outstanding work from last week | Email work & weekly timetable sheet in to admin@webbers.devon.sch.uk | Please remember: labelled with your child's name, school and year group followed by the date - thank you: Example: <i>Charles J WPS Y4 17032020</i> |
| MONDAY 22 nd June | BOTH SCHOOL WEBSITES | <u>Summer 11 Home Learning released</u> |
| Monday 22 nd June – 26 th June | Webber's School and Burlescombe | Please wear sensible clothes as close to uniform as possible - trainers are ok. SCHOOL OPEN CONFIRMED children ONLY - all week – staggered alphabetical arrival and departure times. Parents please come through the side gates, follow the arrows and find a coloured spot to stand on. Please follow the exit arrows, using the provided parent's hand sanitiser as you leave. FOR ALL children - please ensure your child brings in a water bottle and two fruit snacks (they seem very hungry lately!) |
| Friday 26 th June | Email work & weekly timetable sheet in to admin@webbers.devon.sch.uk | Please remember: labelled with your child's name, school and year group followed by the date - thank you: Example: <i>Charles J WPS Y4 17032020</i> |
| Friday 26 th June | BOTH SCHOOL WEBSITES | Home Learning Summer Week 12 released for download |
| We will advise you where we can of any changes via email Latest national guidance: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers | | |

HOME LEARNING LINKS THIS WEEK:

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| WPS KS1 (R, Y1 & Y2) | http://webbers.devon.sch.uk/download/ks1-class-r-year-1-and-year-2-summer-term-week-eleven-home-learning/ |
| BPS KS1 (R, Y1 & Y2) | http://burlescombe.devon.sch.uk/download/ks1-class-r-year-1-and-year-2-summer-term-week-eleven-home-learning/ |
| WPS KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) | http://webbers.devon.sch.uk/download/ks2-years-3-6-summer-term-week-eleven-home-learning/ |
| BPS KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) | http://burlescombe.devon.sch.uk/download/ks2-years-3-6-summer-term-week-eleven-home-learning/ |

HOME LEARNING EXTRA:

Some of our Year Six children have been sent a maths extension challenge. If you would like to find out more about it, please contact the school admin address for full details. Below is a message from Exeter Maths School:

Year 6 Mathematics Poster Competition

Exeter Mathematics School (EMS) is challenging your year 6 students to take part in our annual Mathematics Poster Competition.

The Mathematics Poster Competition is intended to stimulate and motivate students and offers young mathematicians the opportunity to share their love of the subject in an interesting and engaging manner.

By taking part, students will develop their ability to communicate and explain mathematics whilst expressing their creativity and developing their mathematical understanding.

The theme for this year's competition is: **Exponential growth** and **Exponential decay**

The competition is open to students in Year 6. The winner of the Mathematics Poster Competition will receive a mathematical prize. This year, due to our current situation, we are asking year 6 students to take a picture of their creation and email it to their teacher. If teachers can then email Exeter Maths School, putting the school name and the initials of the student whose poster it is as the subject, then we will judge the posters this way.

LIFE SAVING INFO

Dear Burlescombe and Webber's CofE Primary Schools,

As schools in the Southwest, I wanted to get in touch on behalf of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's (RNLI) Water Safety Team. My name is David and I support the volunteers in your region to help improve safety on and beside the water.

This summer, our Lifeguards can't be on every beach, meaning a heightened water safety risk to beach goers. We are asking you to help us share some important messages to children and their families.

It is anticipated that once restrictions further ease and the summer weather is here, people will head to the beaches and coastline to enjoy the sun, sea and time with friends and family. In a normal year, the RNLI helps thousands of people who end up getting into difficulty in or close to the water when doing these types of activities.

Throughout the summer term, our local team of trained volunteers and Lifeguards do their best to visit as many of the schools, colleges and youth groups in our region as possible. However, due to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak we have not been able to engage with school communities as we normally would.

Below, you will find out ways in which you can help at this time.

- **Download** and use our **education resource pack**. Educating young people about how to keep safe, in on and around water is fundamental to saving lives at sea and a core part of the RNLI's water safety activity. This term we have put together two downloadable packs of resources focusing on **keeping safe this Summer**. This will help your teams engage young people with essential – and lifesaving – water safety lessons in schools and as part of home school packs.
- **Share** a link to our **Water Safety from Home resources** - If you're a parent or teacher looking for ways to engage, educate and entertain your children at home, play our Water Safety Wednesday series – perfect for primary school-aged children.
- Please help by **sharing** the RNLI & MCA's **Beach Safety Campaign** with parents, guardians and your wider network. Beach lifeguards cannot be everywhere this summer – although we are hoping to patrol around 70 beaches later this year – it is vital every one of us takes responsibility for our own, and our families', safety.

Finally, I would like to thank you and your teams for all that you are doing to support your community through this unprecedented situation.

Together, we really can make a lifesaving difference.

LIBRARY CHALLENGE



The 2020 Summer Reading Challenge is here!

The **Summer Reading Challenge**, presented by The Reading Agency and funded by Arts Council England, encourages children aged 4 to 11 to set themselves a reading challenge to help prevent the summer reading 'dip'.

Each year the Challenge, delivered through public libraries, motivates over 700,000 children to keep reading to build their skills and confidence. Last year more than 14,000 children across Devon and Torbay took part.

With the disruption caused by COVID-19 and the impact of social distancing on schools and public libraries, the 2020 Challenge will launch as a digital activity to keep children reading over the summer and support parents and carers with children already at home. The Challenge will run from June to September.

This year, Silly Squad, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020, celebrates funny books, happiness and laughter and features bespoke artwork from award-winning children's author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson (Amelia Fang; Evil Emperor Penguin; I Don't Want Curly Hair). Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books!

The digital Challenge is free to access, featuring games, quizzes and digital and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and their families to take part in reading-related activities at home. Although our library buildings are closed we have boosted the number of children's books available to borrow via our e-lending platforms which can be accessed from our **Devon Libraries** and **Torbay Libraries** websites. From July we will also be hosting lots of Silly Squad events and activities on our Facebook pages, so look out for those!

There is a special **SCHOOL ZONE** on the Silly Squad website with lots of resources to help you to promote the Challenge and we would be very grateful if you could help us by doing the following:

- promote the Challenge to the families in your school, and encourage parents to sign their children up [here](#)
- Signpost families to our Facebook pages <https://www.facebook.com/thehayridge/> and <https://www.facebook.com/Devon.Libraries/> where we will be hosting lots of Silly Squad digital events throughout the summer. More information to follow.

We are very aware that there may be families at your school who struggle to get online and will not be able to access the digital challenge. We are hoping to be able to offer these families some resources to be able to complete the challenge without going online. If you have any families that fall into this category, perhaps you could tell us how many, and we will see if we can get some resources to you before the end of term. (LET THE SCHOOL OFFICE KNOW)

With school life disrupted and many children missing the company of their friends, this year's fun-filled Summer Reading Challenge will be all the more vital as a way of helping parents and carers find fun, family-friendly activities, maintain literacy levels and create a safe space for children to connect with their peers.

Many thanks for your help.

Liz Porter

Cullompton Library, Hayridge Centre, Exeter Hill, Cullompton, EX15 1DJ. 01884 824555



<https://www.activedevon.org/take-part-in-the-devonvirtualgames-and-compete-against-schools-across-devon/>

Event Number 6 - Andy Murray 100 Volley Challenge (Final Event this term – closes at 5pm on Sunday 12th July)

[#DevonVirtualGames Event Number 6 – Andy Murray 100 Volley Challenge Pdf](#)

[#DevonVirtualGames Event Number 6 – Andy Murray 100 Volley Challenge Video](#)

FROM DCC: Look out for test and trace scam

We've heard about another test and trace scam, which is also trying to con people into paying for a COVID-19 swab test.

Here's what happened. A care home manager received a text to say that he had tested positive following a recent swab, and that he needed another test. He phoned the number in the text and was told that he'd have to pay for the test. He was asked for his bank details.

This is a scam, and it was quickly reported to the police.

For avoidance of any doubt, the NHS Test and Trace service will absolutely not:

- ask for bank details or payments
- ask for details of any other accounts, such as social media
- ask you to set up a password or PIN number over the phone
- ask you to call a premium rate number, such as those starting 09 or 087

Text messages will come from NHStracing.

Calls will come from 0300 0135000. You'll be asked to sign in to the NHS Test and Trace contact tracing website.

We are here for you and we're in this together



Because of government guidance we as Church might not be able to support the school community in the same ways you were used to. We are still here to provide pastoral support, prayer, help or a listening ear over the phone or via email in this time of uncertainty.

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