



SUPERSTAR CERTIFICATES – Friday 2 October Paddy Starr, Skye Gilbert, Megan Steed, Billy Issac, Arman Chahal, Amber Ford, Lili Merrifield, Sophie Vane, Ryan Ireland, Imogen Miller, Theo Watts, Erin Armitage, Max Roper, Alex Stanley, Max Welsh, Leah Cornwell, Jacob Haste, Bella Newcombe, Tom Prout, William Stokes, Oliver Billson & Olivia Moore.



Friday 9 October Abigail Rome, Holly Wotton, Olly McTaggart, Emily Steer, Amelia Armstrong, Taylor-Rose Barlow, Rosie Mitchell, Harry Davies, Tammy Armitage, Josh Granville, Carolina Calheiros, Alice Reville, Declan Skelley, Amelie Haste, Zara Skelley, Finley Hickman, Sophie Haymes, Kaycie McTaggart, Audrey Hooper, Archie Colton, Joe Freathy, Brooke Merryfield & Charlotte Watts.

HEAD TEACHER UPDATE – Home Learning This term, we have been working to develop a platform to deliver effective home learning. This platform will be used if a bubble (year group) in school need to self-isolate as a result of a positive COVID test within the bubble. We also need to support home learning when children are off school for a few days while they, or a family member, are waiting for a COVID test result. Additionally, we need to provide home learning for up to two weeks when children are self-isolating because they are a close contact associated with a confirmed case. Home learning only needs to be completed if children are well. The table below summarises our remote learning offer:

Reason for Absence	Home Learning Offer	Purpose
A child is self-isolating for 2-3 days while they, or a family member, is waiting for a COVID rest result.	School will provide a grab bag of learning which will last 3 days. This will be given out as a paper copy in school or emailed to you.	To consolidate key concepts in the autumn term.
A child is off for up to 2 weeks self-isolating because they are a close contact associated with a confirmed case.	School will provide a grab bag of learning which will last for the first 3 days. This will be given out as a paper copy in school or emailed to you. Additional resources/activities and worksheets will be sent to you linked to the learning that is taking place in class.	To mirror the key learning outcomes in class.
A year group bubble are self-isolating as there is a confirmed case within the bubble.	School will provide a grab bag of learning for the first day. This will be given out as a paper copy in school or emailed to you. Daily lessons will then be provided through YouTube narrated PowerPoints or through Microsoft Teams. We are in the final stages of setting up pupil accounts in Microsoft Teams. We will provide you with more information later in the term relating to access.	To mirror the planned curriculum.

LUNCH ORDERING SYSTEM - As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we are moving across to using Meal Manager (within ParentPay) as a lunch ordering and charging tool. It works by you as parents pre-booking your child's meal for the day or week if you so wish. If you go into ParentPay you will now see under your child's name a blue box saying 'make bookings'. You simply click on the button which will take you to the ordering screen where you can view the menu for the day. Click on the option your child would like and click the 'confirm bookings' blue box and the lunch will be ordered.



All bookings for the day need to be made by 8.00 am but if you forget or run out of time, your child will be able to order in class. Please note, that any meals pre-booked are not able to be changed as the order goes straight to the kitchen. Meals will now be charged daily and not weekly on a Friday. At the point of your child receiving their lunch, you will be charged, so please make sure accounts are in credit.

Thank you to those of you who have already started to use the booking system having spotted it on your ParentPay account.

Until further notice, it is only KS2 we would like to use the pre-booking system. We will roll it out to KS1 in due course, although there is no charge as all KS1 children are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS - The children will have their photographs taken on Tuesday 17 November. Unfortunately this time we are unable to take any sibling photos for either siblings within school or those outside Woodlands. We hope to be able to offer this next year.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS – This term the appointments will be via telephone and you'll be given a half hour slot as per your request. Please note that the calls will come through as number unknown or withheld as the teachers will be using their mobiles to make the calls. You will receive your appointment time early next week.

SAFEGUARDING – CONTACT DETAILS – We have recently been given guidance that we need to hold at least three contacts for your child. Please email school with details (name, telephone number, stating if they are a relative or other contact) if you know we only hold one or two contacts on your child's records. The additional contacts can be a relative, family friend or anyone you are happy for the school to contact. We will only use this contact if we cannot reach the first or second contact we already have on record.

USEFUL EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS:

NHS Helpline: 111 - Use 999 if a medical emergency.

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub: If you are concerned about your own safety or that of a child or young person: 0345 155 1071.

National Domestic Abuse Helpline (Devon): 0808 2000 247 (24 hours) Use 999 if you are in immediate danger.

YoungMinds Crisis Messenger: For free 24/7 support across the UK if you are a young person experiencing a mental health crisis. If you need urgent help text YM to 85258.

Samaritans (24 hours): 116 123

Citizens Advice Bureau National Helpline: 03444 111 444



NEXT STEPS - YEAR 6 SECONDARY TRANSFER 2021 – Although the children have only just started in Year 6, the online application facility for transfer to secondary school is now available. You must submit an application by Saturday 31 October 2020 at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or contact the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 where an adviser will be happy to assist you. National Allocation Day will be Monday 1 March 2021.

SEND – Action for Children. There's a lot of uncertainty surrounding Coronavirus at the moment - are we heading for a second wave? Will there be another lockdown? What does everything mean for you and your family? Action for Children's parenting experts have tips for helping you feel better prepared if there's a local or national lockdown. For more information go to: <https://bit.ly/2EpQAvW>



Parent Event: What is Developmental Language Disorder? Does your child have language and literacy difficulties? Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) affects 7-10 % of children, causing them to struggle in their learning of oral language as well as impacting on their literacy development. If you would like to learn more about DLD, and language needs in general, including how to support your child at home and how to access further information, please join the team for this free, annual training event taking place in recognition of National DLD Awareness Day. This year the session will be virtual. An advisory teacher and a speech and language therapist from the Communication and Interaction Team will lead this informal session. There will also be an opportunity for questions. To book your free place on Wednesday 14 October 2020 for the online (virtual session) from 1.00 – 3.00 pm, contact: Sue Vanstone on sue.vanstone@babcockinternational.com

DIARY DATES

October 2020

Monday 19 – Wednesday 21 October
Friday 23 October

Telephone Parent Consultations
Non Pupil Day – Start of Half Term

November 2020

Monday 2 November
TBC
Monday 9-12 November
Tuesday 17 November

First Day of the Second Half of Term
Flu nasal vaccination
Year 6 Bikeability Week – details to follow
Tempest Individual Photos



December 2020

Friday 18 December

Last Day of the Autumn Term

January 2021

Monday 4 January
Tuesday 5 January

Non Pupil Day
First Day of the Spring Term