



**SUPERSTAR CERTIFICATES** – Friday 6 November Ava Mouat, Ayla George, Ollie Moore, Sebastian Baker, Harry Cayless, Seth Hutchins, Frank Moore, Camilla Boon, Maddie Harris, Ella Davies, Rowan Geldard, Charlotte Billson, Bethany Lees, Abi Marshall, Charlize Court, Joe Waite, Amelia Coiffi, Ellie Cook, Tansy Allen-Waldron, Sam Parsons, Lucas Burch, Caitlin Honey & Josh May Friday 13 November Molly Oxley, Jack Coker, Ava Brittin, Leo Masters, Gracie Richardson, Holly Wootton, Rose Bond, Ben Waite, Mia Wilkinson, Holly Barraclough, Sinan Gurbuz, Josh Poland, Charlotte Wood, Harry Snow, Alice Reville, Tori Kerswell, Layla Harris, Isabelle Cioffi, Leah Cornwell, Josh Tebb, Coby Toogood, Izzy Turner, Hattie Woodfin & Finn Lloyd.



**HEAD TEACHER UPDATE** - Despite the national lockdown, the atmosphere across the school has been exceptionally positive over the last couple of weeks and teachers are amazed with the progress that the children are making in class and their positive attitudes to learning. To ensure we stay safe during the national lockdown and beyond, it is important to revisit these key messages:



**Hands** – Your children wash their hands frequently during the school day. In addition, we ask you to make sure they wash their hands just before leaving the house and at the end of the day (or sanitize).

**Face** – The children are now used to seeing their teachers wearing face masks in central areas around school and I'm still trying to develop the art of smiling with my eyes when I see them around school! Some children and parents wear a face mask at the start and end of the school day. As this happens outside where social distancing is possible, this isn't something that is compulsory but something you are obviously welcome to do.

**Space** – We maximise the space between the children in the classroom and the children only play in their year group bubble. To minimise congestion at the start and end of the day, we offer a flexible drop-off (between 8.45 and 9.00 am) and a flexible collection (from 3.00 – 3.20 pm). I have had a few conversations with grandparents over the few weeks who feel unsafe queuing outside school before 8:45 am and then moving around the school site at the busiest time. I would like to remind all parents that the register is not taken until 9.00 am, so please can you also let grandparents know if they drop your children to school. The school site is significantly quieter towards the end of our drop off time windows. We also currently ask that only **one adult** is on site for drop off or collection.

Thank you for your continued support. Stay safe. **Steve Bone, Headteacher**

**HOME LEARNING** - Yesterday, you will have received an email with access details for your child's Microsoft Teams account. We will use Teams to deliver online learning in the event of a year group needing to self-isolate as a result of a positive case in school. Please can you follow the instructions in the PowerPoint, complete the Acceptable Use Agreement in Microsoft Forms and save the details for when you'll need them in the future. If you have any problems logging in, please email us at [admin@woodlandspark.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@woodlandspark.devon.sch.uk) and we will get back to you early next week. As well as using Teams to support learning during the pandemic, we are also exploring ways to connect home and school.



**BUILDING UPDATE** - As most of you know, our new Snowy Owls class have used the school hall as their classroom since the start of term. As I am currently leading assemblies through Teams, lunches are being eaten in the classrooms and all PE is outside, this has been fine so far. We had a positive meeting onsite yesterday with the Trust's surveyor and contractors. The new classroom and pod are being delivered to Wernick's Plymouth depot in just over a week which should coincide with our planning application outcome. The classroom will then be installed over a weekend. Exciting times!

**INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS** – We have had to postpone our individual school photographs until the Spring Term. We will keep you informed as to when these will take place.



**HARVEST FESTIVAL** – Ivybridge Food Bank were overwhelmed by the generosity of the donations they collected from school on Monday. It will really make a huge difference to those families that are having to access the food bank at this tough time. Thank you.

**FRIENDSHIP WEEK 2020** – We will be holding our Friendship Week during the week of 16-20 November in line with the National Anti-Bullying Week 2020. This year's focus is 'United Against Bullying'. Throughout the week, the children will be taking part in activities in their class bubbles to acknowledge how everyone is different and to come together to help others. Finishing the week, we would like the children to wear **blue** on **Friday 20 November** to represent the anti-bullying colour and odd socks to highlight that we are all unique. No money is required.



The activities completed throughout the week are, as ever, supported by age-appropriate resources from recommended websites such as [www.kidscape.org.uk](http://www.kidscape.org.uk), [www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk), [www.bullying.co.uk](http://www.bullying.co.uk) and [www.beyondbullying.com](http://www.beyondbullying.com). Many of these websites have important information for parents. Please use your discretion when looking at these websites with your child as some areas of the websites are not appropriate for primary aged children. Look at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) for very good information about cyber bullying and internet safety too.

**PARKING** - Please can we remind all parents of their parking responsibilities, if you are driving to school. We need to respect local residents' properties and adhere to parking restrictions and not park in front of or on residents drives at drop off or pick up times. We have received a number of communications, especially from Oak Tree Close and Plover Rise residents who have been blocked in and not been able to get to work on time or come back to find a car parked on their drive. Please remember this is their private property and not a car park. The same applies to double yellow lines and the yellow zig zag lines outside school, where there should be no parking at any time. If you are a resident who is being affected by the traffic/car parking issues, we advise you to make contact with the Local Council and Police as our voice and yours will enhance their presence around the school area during busy periods. If you could email them using the following email addresses and send them any photos you might have to support your case.



- Local Council i.e Traffic Enforcement Officers: [csc.roads@devon.gov.uk](mailto:csc.roads@devon.gov.uk)
- Police: [southhams@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:southhams@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

**PRIMARY APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2021** - If your child's date of birth falls between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 you can apply online from 15 November until 15 January 2021 at <http://new.devon.gov.uk/admissions/> for a Reception place in September 2021. The 'Next Steps' booklet and applying online link is also available via the school's website. Any queries please contact the Admissions team at Devon County Council on Tel: 0345 155 1019 or make contact with the school office who are more than happy to help.

**CONSULTATION ON ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR STATE FUNDING SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2021/22** - You are invited to consider the arrangements proposed by Devon County Council from **2 November 2020 to 8 January 2021**. To view the proposals and to make comments on them, please visit: [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements)



**SAFEGUARDING** – It has come to the school's attention that some children in school have TikTok accounts, which has an age limit of 13. Additionally, many of them have WhatsApp, which has an age limit of 16, and are in various groups with friends. We continue to talk to the children about online safety and posting appropriate messages. Please would you do the same to reinforce the message. Some useful websites which may help are: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>



**SEND - Action for Children** Are you feeling worried about the new restrictions coming into play? Parent Talk offers free, down-to earth information and advice for parents of children aged 0-19. All content is created by their parenting coaches, based on their experiences working with children and young people. No topic is off limits and no question too big, small or embarrassing. The parenting coaches have seen it all. They're qualified and experienced support workers, childminders, play practitioners and teachers. They're parents and carers, just like you. <https://bit.ly/3ekTa43>

## DIARY DATES

### November 2020

Monday 16 November

Friday 20 November

### December 2020

Tuesday 15 December

Wednesday 16 December

Friday 18 December

Friendship/Anti-Bullying Week

Blue mufti with odd socks for Anti-Bullying Week

FS & KS1 Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

KS2 Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Last Day of the Autumn Term

