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SUPERSTAR CERTIFICATES – Friday 12 November – Chloe Graddon, Joshua Dudystch, Noah Summers, Darcie Hext, Molly Oxley, Oapi Cox, Imogen Crichton-Moody, Aurelia Smith, Ella Stanley, Oscar Masters, Hazel Holden, Rowan Lord, Frankie Purdey, Ella Davies, Lili Merryfield, Taylor-Rose Barlow, Myles Godwin, Maddie Earl, Josh Poland, Amelia Parrish, Melissa Coker, Annabel McQueen, Fabian Harris, Ava Collins, Mia Osborne, Esther Hoey, Jabob Haste & Bella Newcombe. **Friday 19 November** – Raegen Lawrenson, Jesse Jennings, Archie Bradley, Maisie Haste, Max Toogood, Sofia Zamudio-George, Olivia Mitchell, Huxley Hooper, Esme Brett, Gracie Richardson, Arman Chahal, Amelia Armstrong, Mia Wilkinson, Ben Aspin, Seth Bullock-Coles, Maddie Welsh, Yasmin Walby, Lois Ledger, Ryan Scrivener, Erin Armitage, Imogen Armitage, Charlie Witherbed-Maslen, Aldo Larrieu-Price, Ruben Steed, Evelyn Glassock & Lilly Grant.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE – Our involvement in friendship week every year is an important part of how we continue to promote positive relationship and trust – two of our school values in school.



At the start of the week, Miss Williams led a whole school assembly on this year's friendship week theme – 'One Kind Word.' In class this week, the children have taken part in a range of friendship activities culminating in our mufti day today which also links to Children in Need. I will be leading our celebration assembly this afternoon in odd shoes with most of the community in odd socks! This represents being different, understanding what it feels like to be different and will link to my assembly on Monday about the importance of embracing diversity as part of being British.

Usually in school, we paint a very positive view of society and the role that the children in the Woodlands community can play as they become the next generation of adults in society. However, this week more than ever, events in the news has showed that, as a country, we probably have further to go in terms of embracing difference than we'd like to admit. Whilst our curriculum and assembly themes gives the children the opportunity to develop their understanding of society and their role in it, I encourage you to talk about some of these challenging themes at an age appropriate level at home too. Sometimes these conversations aren't easy, but it is so important for their development.

A huge thank you to Miss Williams, Mrs Aspin and the school council for leading our Friendship Week and Children in Need activities in school this week.

FRIENDSHIP WEEK 2021 - We've been doing some fun friendship week activities this week including



learning about the importance of being kind, with the theme of anti-bullying week being One Kind Word. We've listened in assembly, played songs about friendship/kindness, talked about whether the characters in our class stories are being kind, created opportunities for each child to say something kind/have something kind said about them, played some of the children's favourite games.





Thank you for your support for this year's Children in Need – it was a fantastic way to round up our Friendship Week! As soon as we have the total, we'll let you know!



PRIMARY APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2022 - If your child's date of birth falls between 01 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 you can apply online [here](#) from Thursday 15 November, with the deadline being 15 January 2022 for a Reception place in September 2022. 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 2021 to 8 January 2022**. To view the proposals and to make comments on them, please visit: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements.



CHRISTMAS NEWS: POST BOX – The school post box will open on Monday 6 December until **Friday 10 December 2021** in Main Reception. Please ensure the name and class name of the recipient is shown clearly on the envelopes!

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES – Tickets will be distributed for the 3 performances in the **week commencing 29 November**. If you have any unwanted tickets, please return them to the school office by Wednesday 1 December.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH/JUMPER DAY – We have our school Christmas lunches on **14 December** for Foundation and KS1 and **15 December** for KS2. Please note no money is required for wearing a Christmas jumper.

INDIVIDUAL & SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS - If your child missed having their photo taken or you would like a retake, please notify the office as these will be taken on Wednesday 24 November.



PLYMOUTH HOSPITALS CHARITY – Rebecca Wood, our Chair of Governors, is taking part in a charity santa slide, a zip wire at The Eden Project raising money for Children's Hospitals SouthWest (Derriford hospital) on 2 December 2021. Evie, who is in year 6, is also taking part and is one of the team. Evie's mum is also taking part (with a huge fear of heights). Please follow the link [here](#) below to donate and share the fundraising page!

NETFLIX SAFETY GUIDE – National Online Safety have created a free online safety guide for parents to learn all they need to know about Netflix. Access your own free guide [here](#).



DIARY DATES

Wednesday 24 November	Tempest photography retakes
December 2021	
Thursday 2 December	WPFA Wreath Making at 6:30 pm
Monday 6 December	Mufti Day/Christmas Fayre at 3:30pm
Thursday 9 December	WPFA Wreath Making in School Hall at 6:30pm
	Foundation Nativity Play at 9:30am
Friday 10 December	Year 1 Christmas Show at 9:30am
	Year 2 Christmas Show at 2:15pm
Tuesday 14 December	Christmas Lunches/Christmas Jumper Day (Foundation/KS1)
Wednesday 15 December	Christmas Lunches/Christmas Jumper Day (KS2)
Thursday 16 December	Last day of the Autumn Term – Achievement Assembly
January 2021	
Tuesday 4 January	First Day of the Spring Term
Monday 17 January	Year 3 Kents Cavern Trip
Tuesday 25 January	Flu Vaccinations – Whole School

