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SUPERSTAR CERTIFICATES – Friday 26 November – Eydee Hammett, Hugo Symons, Emmie Webber, Gregory Boon, Ava Brittin, Keelan Gilbert, Emily Cox, Theo Hancock, Mia Drew, Erin Merryfield, Alex Wood, Rex Stafford, Sophie Vane, Joey Barker, Millie Hatfield, Dexter Roberts, Ellie Wood, Leo Taylor, Harry Snow, Jaz Richardson, Ruben Taylor, Euan Tuckwell, Gracie Dalton, Theo Watt, Oscar Bird, Evie Wright, Josh Dalton & Felicity Lyall. **Friday 3 December** – Ben Waite, Lily Randle, Alex Webster, Amelia Evans, Tammy Armitage, Harry Davies, Rowan Geldard, Freya Pyper, Izzy Morris, Bethany Lees, Xenia Bowden, Alice Reville, Leo Corbett & Audrey Hooper.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE - Last week was another really busy week at Woodlands Park. Children across the school have been completing assessment activities so that the teaching team can monitor the progress of your children and adapt their teaching in the spring term to provide the perfect balance of challenge and the opportunity to revisit core learning. We have been amazed with the phonics progress of so many children in the reception classes and in KS1. Thanks for all your support at home with your children. You have obviously been providing them with lots of opportunities to practise their sounds and read their phonics books. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions about supporting your child; especially in terms of accessing the online Oxford Owl resources (KS1 only currently). I have had the pleasure of reading lots of our pieces of extended writing in KS2 this week. The children I have seen have been really proud of their achievements and it's great to see how they are able to show their new knowledge independently in their writing

Around school, I am hearing some amazing singing as children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 have been practising their songs for their Christmas shows. We are so disappointed that we can't have parents into school over the last 2 weeks of term but know that this is the right decision based on the current COVID climate. Cancelling our Christmas Fair is a huge disappointment for the school community. I would like to thank WPFA for all their hard work and creative ideas that had already gone into the event. I look forward to being able to host these events again as soon as it is safe to do so.

Despite our closed doors to the wider community over the last 2 weeks of term, we will ensure that the children have lots of opportunities to celebrate in school. Please make sure that you are following us on social media so that we can help you get into the festive spirit too, even if we need to be remote this year!

WPFA - A huge thank you to those that attended our first virtual Wreath Workshop. Everyone had a great evening and made some beautiful wreaths. Father Christmas will be making his visit on Wednesday 15 December. Voluntary donations of £1.50 will be gratefully received - every child will receive a gift from Father Christmas.



Thank you for your support for this year's Children in Need. An incredible £678.95 was raised which is fantastic! Thank you for your support.

PARKING, DROP OFF & PICK UP - As all parking spaces in the school are allocated to members of staff, it would be appreciated that no one other than the member allocated the space, park in it. Parking at the Co-op is also not permitted for drop off and pick up at the school, it is for customers of Co-op only.



ONLINE SAFETY - National Online safety have created an online guide for parents and carers on age-inappropriate content of films, games and websites. To find out how you can download your guide, click [here](#).



TRIPS, SLIPS & FORMS - As a general reminder to all parents/carers, we would like to remind you to give the school as much notice as possible for any absences your child may have and to fill out an S2 form to be handed back to the office before the day of the absence.

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 HOLIDAY SCHOOL MEAL PACKAGE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEAL CHILDREN - This Christmas in conjunction with Devon county Council the school will be emailing vouchers to all families who are entitled to free school meals. This will ensure that every child who is entitled to free school meals will be able to get free food over the Christmas holiday. Usually, each child is issued with a £15 voucher per week, however this is being doubled for this year's Christmas scheme, with an extra one-off £30 supermarket voucher. This means families will be receiving a **£60 voucher** per child for the two-weeks to help with the additional financial pressure the festive period can bring.

Vouchers will be emailed to parents from w/c 6 December. We would encourage any families that may be eligible for free school meals to apply. A full list of eligibility can be found on our website. To apply via the Citizen Portal click [here](#): or by calling the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND - The new Household Support Fund will be available this winter to support households in Devon experiencing financial hardship. The fund is designed to provide rapid short-term financial support to address economic vulnerability and financial hardship. Please apply using the website link [here](#).



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 - Whilst we are so disappointed that the Foundation Stage and Year 1 & 2 shows will not have parents in the audience, we will be recording them so you'll be able to watch them on Microsoft Teams. More details will follow about how and when you can watch the shows.

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 or normal mufti. Both Tuesday and Wednesday are mufti days.

CHRISTMAS TREES - A big thank you to James Boon of Freedom Garden Services for the donation of our Christmas trees. The children will enjoy decorating them this week and they have helped brighten up and make school feel festive.



DIARY DATES

December 2021

Wednesday 8 December	Year 6 Bude Deposit Due
Thursday 9 December	Foundation Nativity Play
Friday 10 December	Year 1 Christmas Show Year 2 Christmas Show
Tuesday 14 December	Christmas Lunch – Foundation/KS1 & Christmas Jumper Day for whole school
Wednesday 15 December	Christmas Lunch – KS2 & Christmas Jumper Day for whole school Father Christmas Visit - £1.50 voluntary contribution
Thursday 16 December	Last day of the Autumn Term – Achievement Assembly

January 2021

Tuesday 4 January	First Day of the Spring Term
Thursday 6 January	Foundation Theatre Trip
Monday 17 January	Year 3 Kents Cavern Trip Spring Term Clubs start
Tuesday 25 January	Flu Vaccinations - Whole School

