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SUPERSTAR CERTIFICATES – Friday 4 March – Louella Davidson, Felix Simonds, Archie Collings, Harrison Elliott, Autumn Rogers, Max Millington, Huxley Hooper, Marianna Mizzi, Paddy Starr, Emily Steer, Frank Puleston, Hazel Holden, Ben Southern, Lily Randle, Mollie Smith, Sophia Millington, Damien Mayers, Daniel Dalton, Ava-Mai Skelley, Ryan Ireland, Kaitlyn Hayter, Ryan Scrivener, Grace Wells, Ella Punchard, Millie Lowe, William Phillips, Ethan Wilson & Josh Tebb. **Friday 11 March** – Hugo Symons, Freya Poland, Milena Wright, Bethany Woodgate, Max Macey, Olivia Mitchell, Oapi Cox, Isabelle Bailey, Harry Harwood, George Nott, Esme Brett, Roxy Lethaby, Maddie Harris, Jakub Gateley, Myles Godwin, Ashlee-May Hamilton, Joseph Harwood, Layla Harris, Rosie Barraclough, Melissa Coker, Isabella Smith, Maizy Cameron, Tansy Allen-Waldron & Audrey Hooper.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE:

There will be a newsletter soon that doesn't reference where we are as a school community or as a nation regarding COVID. With only 2 cases in our school community last Friday, I thought it could have been this week. However, COVID numbers spiked at the start of this week and we currently have 30 children or members of staff off school with COVID. I know that the members of staff are recovering well from only mild / moderate symptoms and are looking forward to being back in school next week. I hope the children affected are recovering quickly – we look forward to having them back in school when guidance allows. COVID numbers have plateaued over the last couple of days but I need your help to make sure we don't have a further increase next week. **I am requesting that your child carries out a lateral flow test on Sunday evening. I would like this to be every child in every year group. This will enable us to identify the last few cases connected to this spike in cases at school this week and give you the opportunity to protect your own community at home too. Thanks in anticipation of your support.**

Secondly, it has been a strange couple of weeks for me personally with the community's response to my assembly last Monday related to the on-going conflict in the Ukraine. As someone who chooses not to be on social media, to end up on a public forum on Plymouth Live, Devon Live, The Mirror and The Express was an unusual experience! I was also invited to take part in a discussion on Good Morning Britain (which I declined). Here is the article in the Express:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1574877/Ukraine-Russia-war-Woodlands-Park-Primary-School-assembly-Ivybridge-Devon>

I would to thank the parents who posted a message on one of the various forums related to the article. Additionally, I have received so many emails over the last two weeks and I am very grateful for your feedback and support. I'm sorry that I haven't had the time to thank you all individually. Thanks also to those of you who have shared their thoughts and passed on positive messages at the gate in the morning. The very vast majority of you seem to be in favour of our curriculum largely focusing on the positives in the world and its history. Additionally, you also recognise that we have the responsibility to weave challenging themes into our learning opportunities both in class and in our assemblies. Many of you feel that we are well placed to do this in a considered and age-appropriate way.

As a school, we have reflected on your feedback and will continue to design and deliver a curriculum that not only develops their age-appropriate understanding of our curriculum areas but also gives them an age appropriate view of the world we live in. We also recognise that we make so many judgement calls every day. We work together in our teams so we can support each other to get as many of these judgements right. Please continue to let class teachers know when you see the positive impact that they are having on your child and equally, please continue to let us know if there is anything that you would like to talk through. As a school we feel very supported and valued by you and look forward to working in partnership with you to enable your child to reach their potential.

COVID - Due to increased COVID numbers in the school, we recommend that all members of the school community take a lateral flow test on Sunday evening to identify asymptomatic cases and to give the school the best opportunity of reducing COVID numbers next week. You can order lateral flow tests for free until 1 April by clicking on the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICE CHANGE – Unfortunately our supplier has had to increase the cost of both jumpers & cardigans by 50p each. This will take effect on 1 April. Jumpers will be £10.00 and cardigans £11.00. Please order before 1 April to beat the price increase!

MENU CHANGE – Next week, we have swapped the menu on Wednesday and Friday due to a workshop in the hall on Wednesday. The menu will be as follows:

Wednesday 16 March – Fish Fingers & Chips or Veggie Fingers & Chips.

Friday 18 March – Roast Gammon or Cauliflower Cheese.



RED NOSE DAY: FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2022 – Our School Council would like to confirm the final details for Red Nose Day. Friday 18 March will be a mufti day where we will be encouraging our children to wear something red. We will also be having a cake sale. If possible, please can we ask parents/carers to donate some cakes, no more than 6 cakes per family. We will also be doing a raffle, so we would be very grateful if any parents/carers could donate a prize.

You can make a £2.00 donation via your child's ParentPay account. Thank you to those who have already donated via the link which was sent out to parents/carers this week. If you have made a donation via that link, this will go towards the money raised for Red Nose Day and your child will receive a cake and their name in the raffle, another donation via ParentPay is not required.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2022 - On Thursday 3 March, our children and teachers celebrated World Book Day 2022 by dressing up as their favourite book characters. All of our children were given £1.00 World Book Day vouchers to spend and enjoyed a day of reading activities.



NETBALL TOURNAMENT – Well done to our Netball team who participated in an event at Ivybridge Community College on Wednesday 2 March. William, Arthur, Izzy, Felicity, Cecily & Melissa all made the school proud and put in a great performance in wet and slippery conditions.



NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY – You can download a free online safety guide on WhatsApp from the National Online Safety website, click [here](#) to find out more.



DIARY DATES

March 2022

Tuesday 15 March

Year 4 Simply Outdoors Trip 2nd instalment deadline

Year 6 Bude Trip final instalment deadline

Wednesday 16 March

African Drumming & Dance workshop

Friday 18 March

Red Nose Day 2022

Monday 28 March

Last week of Clubs

April 2022

Monday 4 April

Parent Consultation Week

Friday 8 April

Last day of the Spring Term

Year 4 Simply Outdoors Trip final instalment deadline

Monday 11 April

Easter Holidays begin

Monday 25 April

First day of the Summer Term

May 2022

Monday 2 May

May Bank Holiday

Wednesday 4 May

Year 4 Simply Outdoors Residential (4 May – 6 May)

Monday 9 May

KS2 test week – until Thursday 12 May

Friday 13 May

WPFA Raisin Challenge

Wednesday 18 May

Foundation & Year 6 – National Child Measurement Programme

Thursday 19 May

School Census Day

Monday 23 May

Year 6 Bude Residential week

Friday 27 May

Last day of the first half of the Summer Term

Year 6 return from Bude

Monday 30 May

Half Term begins

June 2022

Monday 6 June

First day of the second half of the Summer Term

