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Dear parents/carers,

The children have had a great second week, getting into regular classroom routines and starting their English and Maths units of work. It has been lovely to see so many parents in school too, at our sharing assembly last week and during Meet and Greet sessions. If you were unable to attend Meet and Greet there are information sheets available from your child's teacher/s.

### Absence & Lateness

Please contact the school as soon as possible, by telephone, preferably before 9.00am by ringing 01805 601354. If no one is available to answer the phone, then please leave a message. Please do not use email for this.

Gates close at 9.05am and your child should be in school by this time.

### Contact Forms

Thank you to everyone that have completed and returned the contact forms. If you haven't yet, please return next week.

### Lego Club

Please read the following for information about the Lego Engineering Club.

**Stemgineering Club:** *Autumn Term 2023: Thursday 3.30pm to 4.30pm Run by lead Stemgineer, Nick, sessions with a theme or concept develop problem-solving, design, and building skills and include activities such as making LEGO® zip -lines, designing elastic band powered cars, building windmills that power a light, bridge and tower construction challenges, creating kinetic sculptures, exploring perpetual motion, and so much more... The club will run: Thursdays from 3.30-4.30pm. The cost is £ 31.50 for a 6-week half- term block. (Please note, childcare vouchers cannot be used). Places are limited: **BOOKINGS:** please contact 'Stemgineering' either via e-mail: [Katherine@oscaw.com](mailto:Katherine@oscaw.com) or WApp/call : 07715 605 506 and pay by BACs. The details are as follows: Open School of Creative Art and Wellbeing CIC 9 4766 813 60-83-71.*

### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival is taking place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall. Classes will be sharing art, writing and songs. The PTA will be taking donations for refreshments afterwards. Children are invited to bring a donation of any non-perishable item for the local food bank.

### Reading Festival

During the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> September, it is Appledore Book Festival's school's week. We will be holding our own Reading Festival during that week. The children will be learning Maths through stories, exploring famous scientists through biographies, sharing and recommending books as well as attending an assembly and workshop with authors. Parents/carers of Years 1-6 are invited to classes from 2.30pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September to complete activities with the children and find out what has been happening during the week. Class F parents/carers are invited to a story sharing event on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9.10am.

The PTA have kindly helped to fund some author visits as part of the Appledore Book Festival. We have John Townsend visiting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> to work with the whole school and Nick Toczek visiting on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> to work with each class. Here are links to their websites so you can find out more about them.

<https://www.nicktoczek.com/nick-toczek-books-for-children>

<http://www.johntownsend.co.uk/>

We have lots of exciting things planned for the year ahead so please keep your eyes out for emails and Eduspot notifications. Here are some key dates for your calendars:

**Dates:**

14th September (Thursdays for 10 weeks) – Y3/5 Swimming lessons

Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> September Reading Festival author visits Y1-Y6

27<sup>th</sup> September – 9.10am Class F story sharing event

29<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm - Classes 1-3 Reading Festival sharing events

6<sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm – Harvest Festival (Parish Hall)

6<sup>th</sup> October 4.30pm - PTA AGM in school (all welcome)

14th November – School photographs – individual/family

1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Days

6th December 9.30am - Class F Nativity (Parish Hall)

7th December 5.30pm – Christingle (church)

12<sup>th</sup> December 2pm – KS1/KS2 Nativity (Parish Hall)

12<sup>th</sup> December 6pm – KS1/KS2 Nativity (Parish Hall)

13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner (school)

15<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

2<sup>nd</sup> January – First day of school

22<sup>nd</sup> –26<sup>th</sup> April – Y6 St George's House residential

23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> May – Y5 London Residential (TBC)