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Dear Parents/Carers,

OFSTED visit

On Tuesday, our school was visited by two Ofsted inspectors. This was a big ask for staff and children given we are in the last week of the year, but they all rose to the challenge and showed the best of our amazing school. The children were noted for being focused learners, polite, respectful and well behaved. We are really proud of them and want to say a big thank you to them for their hard work. The staff equally showed what a strong team we are and managed to create a calm and positive environment despite the pressure they must have been feeling. Well done all!

Goodbyes

We say goodbye to a few members of staff this week. Miss Dimmock is leaving us to go travelling. We thank her for all of her hard work with Class 3 this year and wish her well on her travels and look forward to receiving some postcards. Miss Andrew is leaving us from Class F. We thank her for her hard work, care and enthusiasm and wish her well for the future. Chelsey, who has supported most of the children in school over the years, is leaving for a new job. Thank you to Chelsey for her support and we hope she enjoys her new role. Finally, Mrs James from Bishop's Tawton School, who has been supporting our early career teachers, is leaving to have a baby. We wish her well and look forward to meeting the new addition!

PTA

We would like to say a big thank you to the PTA for their continued hard work and support this year. They have organised so many events, including the Halloween disco, Christmas fair, Easter Egg hunt, summer fair and Year 6 leaver's party. They have also funded some trips and workshops, Year 6 leaver's hoodies and have recently worked with the school council to negotiate funding for outdoor toys and sand. Some of the PTA members are leaving us after many years of support as their children move on to new schools. We thank them and wish them well for the future. Please read their Newsletter for an end of year update.

Uniform

Over the year, it has been lovely to see how smart the children look in their uniform. If you are buying uniform over the holiday, and would like to check the recommendations, please [Follow this link for the uniform page of the school website](#). Also, remember that the PTA run a second-hand uniform shop from the school reception area. It is £1 per item.

Pre-Loved School Uniform

Thank you to everyone who has passed-in some donations of outgrown school uniform. This is available to try/buy from the Office Reception for a donation to PTA funds. We have some very good quality items of clothing, so if a spare set is something you need, please come and browse!

School Threads are now supplying all of our uniform and have added some new items. Following discussion at parent forum, it has been decided that the children can wear a royal blue polo shirt as an alternative to white. In addition to white or blue polo shirts, sweatshirts and PE hoodies, you can now also purchase a PE bag, fleece, cap and book bag with shoulder strap. They are also now supplying red polo shirts for Nursery children. Please click here for the [School Threads link](#)

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme and Local Events

We update our website with holiday activities and local events that we are made aware of. Please click [here](#) to view and download the information.

Parents of children aged five to 16, who receive benefit-related free school meals, are being invited to take part in a range of exciting activities over the Summer holidays.

The government-funded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme offers free activities, plus healthy meals during the school holidays. Please [click here for more information](#).

Am I entitled to the Free school meals and HAF programme?

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school or if circumstances change, as this can help their child's school to attract additional 'pupil premium' funding to support learning. More information can be found [on our website](#).

If you are in receipt of any benefits you may be entitled to claim free school meals for your child. Phone the Helpline on 0345 1551019, for more information, or through the Devon County Council [Citizen Portal](#) .

Universal Infant Free meals

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, in state-funded schools in England, are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals.

If your child will be moving into Year 3 in September, we remind you that, if they continue to have school meals you will be required to pay for them. School meals are £2.40.

We would like to wish you all a restful, healthy summer and send best wishes and luck to the children leaving us this summer. We look forward to seeing the rest of you back at school on Monday 4th September.

Dates

Friday 21st July – Last day of term

Monday 04 September – first day of Autumn Term for everyone