



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

Drop-off and Pick-up arrangements.

Thank you for your understanding regarding the delayed start to the day. It enabled staff to get in safely so we had adequate ratios. The drop-off at the turning circle worked well. We will continue to monitor the situation this week and update you via text message.

A huge thanks to Tom and Jean Orchard who gritted the site yesterday and will continue this through the icy periods. The Parish Hall car park and path are very icy, despite the gritting we have done to the pathway. Currently, these are the plans for today and tomorrow:

Monday 12th December

Pick-up

3:00 pm Class 1 & 2 plus older siblings

3:30 pm Class 3 & 4

Please drive into school to the turning circle and park. Please wait with your car, members of staff will bring children to you. Please follow any instructions from Mr Orchard, who will be marshalling and other members of staff.

Tuesday 13th December

Drop-off

We will have a delayed start at **9:30 am**. As this morning, please drive into school to the turning circle and park. Please wait with your car, members of staff will support bringing children in.

Pick-Up

Please see below change to Class 3 and Class 4 Christmas Shows.

3:00 pm Class 3 & 4 parents who are attending the show to take their children after the show **(plus siblings)**. We will explain dismissal arrangements at the end of the event.

3:30 pm Class 1 & 2 Please drive into school to the turning circle and park. Please wait with your car, members of staff will bring children to you. Please follow any instructions from Mr Orchard, who will be marshalling and other members of staff.

Christmas – Including Changes due to Weather Conditions


It was wonderful to see parents and carers at the Class 1 & 2 play. The children were absolutely brilliant.

Unfortunately, it is too icy to have an evening show for Class 3 & 4 tomorrow as this will mean travelling to and from school in the dark. The weather does not seem to be letting up so we have rearranged the evening show to Thursday 15th December (see below).

The **Tuesday afternoon timings have been brought forward** to allow a safe pick-up at the end of the day. If you are coming to the afternoon show, please drive in to the school and you will be directed where to park. At the end of the show, once pupils are brought to you, you will be able to take them straight away.

As it stands, we plan to go ahead with the church service but will monitor the situation and inform you of any changes. We will walk children to the church. **Collection will be from the Church.** However, if parents are not attending, the children will be walked back to school for collection.

Apologies for any inconvenience changes have caused and thank you for your understanding.

<div>Tuesday 13th December</div> <div></div>	<div>1:50 pm Class 3 Christmas Production Parents welcome NOTE NEW TIME</div> <div>2:30 pm Class 4 Christmas Production Parents welcome NOTE NEW TIME</div> <div>5:30 pm Class 3 Christmas Production Parents welcome POSTPONED</div> <div>6:15 pm Class 4 Christmas Production Parents welcome POSTPONED</div>
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 15 th December	<div>10:00 am Class 3 Christmas Production Parents welcome NEW DATE & TIME</div> <div>10:40 am Class 4 Christmas Production Parents welcome NEW DATE & TIME</div>
Friday 16 th December	2:00 pm Church Service in the Baptist Chapel – Parents welcome

The Christmas Post Box is up and children can bring in cards and post them to other children or staff. Please ensure the **child's name and class** is written on the envelope. In the last two years we have asked children not to lick down the envelopes and we would ask the same again, due to the number of bugs circulating. Please can children either tuck in the envelope flap or seal with a sticker, tape or glue. Thank you.

Children can wear **Christmas jumpers or something Christmassy on Wednesday 14th December**. Donations of £1 are welcome and these will go to Save the Children. Please don't buy anything especially, second hand jumpers are encouraged or even some tinsel! This will be a non-uniform day.

Home-Learning

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the display of home-learning projects. I am sure you were impressed by the range of projects and the learning demonstrated. Well done to all the children for their hard work and to parents for your support with these. Children should have received feedback from teachers by now. Thank you to the Year 6 guides who did an excellent job of welcoming parents.

The children showed great resilience in overcoming their nerves in what can be a daunting task but one that will give the children confidence in the future.

We would value your feedback on our new Home-Learning Policy that was implemented this term. Please complete this form by Monday 12th December: <https://forms.gle/sUSB6pwYgaSTwAbXA>

Wild Tribe

Class 1 & 2 will have Wild Tribe on Tuesdays for the first half of the Spring Term. On Wild Tribe days, please can children bring in waterproofs to wear over school clothes and wellington boots. If they don't have water-proofs then some other long clothing to cover arms and legs (not jeans) should be sent in. Long hair should be tied up. During Wild Tribe sessions, children may be given hot chocolate and marshmallows. If you would like to see the ingredient list, please speak to the Office and please let us know if your child **CANNOT** have these.

Clubs

A reminder that Mr Hayler's club that was rearranged from 1st December will take place on 15th December **(WEATHER DEPENDENT)**

All Class 4 children will need to be collected after clubs until February half term due to the earlier sunset times.

May I take the opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy new year. We look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Mrs R. Alford

Executive Headteacher



The Carey Qualities

Relationships by being Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective and Respectful

Each Thursday children are awarded certificates in our Celebration Assembly for making a significant effort to develop one of our Carey Qualities. Last week the following children were awarded certificates. Well done to them all.



For building Relationships	For being Resilient	For being Resourceful	For being Reflective	For being Respectful
Class 2—Niamh	Class 1—Ivy Class 2—Willoby Class 3—Ellie Class 4—Billy	Class 4—Carter	Class 3—Chloe L	Class 4—Jacob

Dates for your diary:

December

13th	1.50 pm Class 3 Christmas Production – Parents welcome NEW TIME
	2.30 pm Class 4 Christmas Production – Parents welcome NEW TIME
	5:30 pm Class 3 Christmas Production – Parents welcome POSTPONED
	6:15 pm Class 4 Christmas Production – Parents welcome POSTPONED
14th	Christmas Lunch
14th	Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation to Save the Children)
15th	10:00 am Class 3 Christmas Production—Parents welcome NEW DATE & TIME
	10:40 am Class 4 Christmas Production—Parents welcome NEW DATE & TIME
16th	Church Service in the Baptist Chapel. 2.00pm.
16th	Last day of Autumn term

January

2nd	Bank holiday
3rd	First day of Spring term

February

13th to 17th	Half term
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March

31st	End of term
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April

17th	Start of summer term
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May

1st	Bank holiday
8th	Bank holiday
29th May to 2nd June	Half term

June

5th	Non-pupil day
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July

21st	Last day of term
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School lunches—have your say!

Devon Norse who provide our school lunches are Looking to improve their service. Even if your child does not currently have school lunches, please take a few moments to complete the online questionnaire. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/r/y8tiTr4vHa>



Safeguarding at Halwill

The Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs A Rothery

Miss J Miners

Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs G Marshall



#GroupAStrep

Group A Strep (GAS)

GAS is a common bacteria which causes a range of infections including scarlet fever. These infections are usually mild.

Invasive Group A Strep (iGAS)

It can also cause a rare, more serious infection called Invasive Group A Strep (iGAS). This occurs when GAS bacteria gets into parts of the body where it causes serious disease, like the lungs or bloodstream.

Group A Strep (GAS)

Parents should trust their judgement when their child is poorly. Speak to your GP or call 111 if your child is poorly and getting worse.

Always call 999 or go to A&E if your child:

- ▶ Is having difficulty breathing - such as grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- ▶ there are pauses when your child breathes
- ▶ child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- ▶ is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake.

Group A Strep (GAS)

Cases of Invasive Group A Strep (iGAS) are rare. Some current cases are presenting with sepsis-like symptoms.

Be aware of important sepsis symptoms:

- ▶ Blue, pale or blotchy skin, lips or tongue - on darker skin, check for blueness on the lips, tongue or gums, under the nails or around the eyes
- ▶ rash that doesn't fade when you roll a glass over it
- ▶ difficulty breathing
- ▶ weak, high-pitched cry - not like their normal cry
- ▶ not responding like normal, not interested in feeding or normal activities
- ▶ being sleepier than normal or difficult to wake.

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14th December. Please order through SchoolMoney asap.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Roast Turkey

or

Vegetarian Roast

served with

Roast Potatoes

Pigs in Blankets

Sage & Onion Stuffing

Peas, Carrots & Sprouts

Gravy & Cranberry Sauce

followed by

Christmas Pudding Cake



or Ice Cream Tub



Was your child born between
1st September 2018 and
31st August 2019?

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

from 15th November 2022 to the 15th January 2023

If you cannot access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by calling our
Education Helpline on

0345 155 1019

or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given
details to a primary school, you
must apply for a place through the
Admissions Team. This is the only
way to apply; other forms or lists
held by schools will not count.

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