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July 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we prepare for our final day of the school year, I would like to thank you for all of your support through our 2022-23 school year. The first for a long time without any interruptions!

It has been a pleasure to run events as normal and to welcome you and the school community back through our doors for each of these.

As the term draws to a close I have just a few pieces of information to share with you:

A message from Rev. Jane:

SUMMER HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITY

'This is my Story' is a photographic exhibition accessible to children & adults.

· Entrance is free & you can see it during the day at St John's Church in Marldon from 7th to 21st August.

· On Tuesday 15th August there will be a children's and families' craft morning 10am-12noon in the church on the 'This is my story' theme. Take away what you make!

Refreshments available – no charge but any donations welcome to cover costs.
I hope to see you there, Rev Jane [tel 01803 525171 revjanefrost@gmail.com]

School Meals:

A little reminder that school meals will be increasing in price in September – each meal will now cost £2.50.

Can I also remind parents of children moving from Year 2 to Year 3 that unfortunately your child will no longer be entitled to universal free school meals and any school meals ordered will need to be paid for, in advance, via parentpay; unless you are entitled to Free School Meals.

If you have any questions about this, please call the school office or pop in to see one of us.

Uniform:

Like myself, I am sure you will be spending some time over the summer getting school uniform together. Please do not forget to check our uniform policy before purchasing new items.

As a reminder, children need to wear:

- a school sweatshirt or sweat cardigan with a school logo.
- a white or red polo shirt or short sleeved shirt.
- Grey or black shorts/trousers/skirts or pinafore dress. (Children can wear a red and white gingham dress through the summer months.
- School shoes must be worn to school. These can be black/brown sensible shoes, not trainers. But at break and lunchtimes children can wear trainers for running around. (In the summer children can wear sturdy sandals which support their feet and have a back on them).

As we have done for the last few years we will be asking children to come to school in their PE kits on PE days (these will shared when your children return to school in September). PE kits should be:

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- A plain white T shirt
- Plain black shorts
- Plimsolls or trainers
- A tracksuit may be worn in colder weather.

Planned Absence:

Please remember that you must notify school of any period of planned absence. This needs to be done through collecting and completing an S2 request form from the school office. At this time, can I also remind you that we are only able to authorise requests if there are 'exceptional circumstances.' Devon County Council's advice is that we must be extremely cautious about approving any requests if a pupil's education is likely to be significantly impacted upon.

It is important that these forms are handed in with adequate time to respond as any unauthorised absence will likely result in a penalty notice or court summons being issued to each parent for each pupil affected.

Important Dates:

September:	
Tuesday 5th	First day of Autumn Term 1
October:	
Friday 13th	Final day of Autumn Term 1
Monday 30th	First day of Autumn Term 2
December:	
Friday 15th	Final day of Autumn Term 2
January:	
Tuesdays 2nd	First day of Spring Term 1
February:	
Friday 9th	Final day of Spring Term 1
Monday 19th	First day of Spring Term 2
March:	
Thursday 28th	Final day of Spring Term 2
April:	
Monday 15th	First day of Summer Term 1
May:	
Monday 6th	May Bank Holiday
Friday 24th	Final day of Summer Term 1
June:	
Tuesday 4th	First day of Summer Term 2
July:	
Friday 26th	Final day of Summer Term 2

My final message must be for our departing Year 6:

As you embark on the next phase of your journey we would like to wish you every success and happiness in all that you do. Remember all things are possible if you believe in yourself!

Have a fantastic Summer Holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Kind regards,

Jon Arnold

Head of School