



Summer Term 2024

Friday 19th April

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to a fun and learning packed summer term! I hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

It has been so nice to see the sun out this week and the children have had lots of opportunities to take their learning outside.

KS1 have been enjoying the weather this week and have been taking their learning outside! We are lucky enough to have had some funding from Tesco's to purchase some new equipment to support our learning. They have been investigating measuring and fractions in our new water play station and exploring balance and coordination by building their own obstacle courses.



## What are we learning this term?

### Early Years

This term in Early Years we are learning all about transport. Through out our 'Whoosh' topic we will be thinking about different types of transport, where we may travel to and how best to get there, how transport has changed over time and even designing our own vehicles. We will also be exploring maps, following them to different locations and creating them for our imaginary travels around the world. If you have any recycling at home, we would love to use it to create planes, cars and buses to help us on our journeys. Later in the half term we will be inviting children to bring in their own 'transport' such bikes and scooters for our 'wheelie day' we will send out more information soon.

### Year 1/2

KS1 will be exploring the 'Scented Garden' this term, as we become green fingered and put our gardening skills to the test! We will be exploring what plants need to survive and what the different parts of a plant are called. We are looking at explanation texts in literacy so that we can write our own explanation of how to make a garden minibeast friendly. We will link this to learning about seasonal changes in geography and explore how the weather changes through the seasons around the world. If there are any gardening experts out there, we would very much love to hear from you!

### **Year3/4**

Year 3 & 4 have started our 'The Rainforest' topic. We have explored the word 'canopy' and how there are different layers in the rainforest. We have linked our maths learning about angles, horizontal and vertical lines to the rainforest and where they could be seen. In science, the children are enjoying learning about what a habitat is and how this special place for a creature provides all the needs their needs.

### **Year 5/6**

Year 5 & 6 have started their geography topic on South America by learning about the different countries within the continent. They will go on to study the physical and human geography of South America. The children have really enjoyed exploring **Lemony Snicket's: A Series of Unfortunate Events**, and have particularly liked meeting the wicked character of Count Olaf! We will build on our prior learning about evolution from last term's science as we start to learn about the work of Carl Linneus and the classification of living things.

### **NSPCC SPEAK OUT AND STAY SAFE**

You should by now have received a letter regarding the NSPCC assembly and follow up sessions being planned in school over the next few weeks.

Speak out. Stay safe. is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate activities. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme visit:

[www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout)

### **School Improvement**

Bringing the learning outside: This week, the Key Stages one and two staff took part in an outdoor learning session around the campfire, led by Miss Kerry Yarde. The EYFS team had a big sort out and set up the outdoor space for the rest of this half term. We hope to get out and about as much as possible, whatever the weather, this summer term.

In support of the above, are you, or do you know any keen gardeners willing to help with the development of our gardening area? If so, please get in touch via the school office.

We are currently developing our studio space (where we hold our before and after school clubs) and are having a kitchen fitted to allow the children further opportunities for cooking and to develop our design and technology curriculum. We hope to run a cooking club next term- watch this space!

### **Cycling and scootering to school**

We promote children walking, cycling and scootering to school. However, please ensure that your **child does not scooter or cycle near the EYFS building or down the lane**. This is for the safety of all our pupils but especially are youngest children. Thank you

Ms Claire Redwood

**Please could we ask that pupils do not bring in any toys from home.**

**Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.**

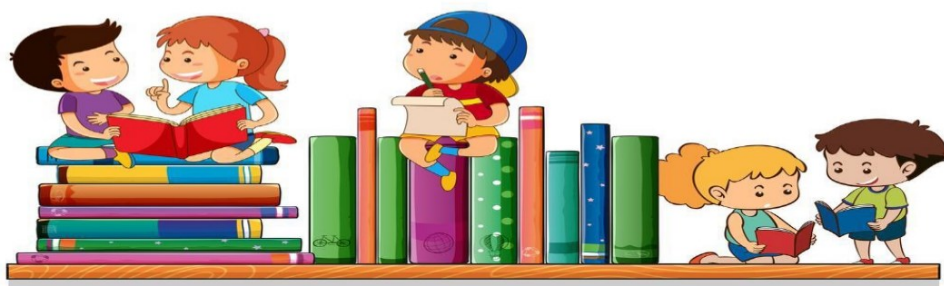
**Please could we remind Parents & Carers to pre order school meals at home. If you are not registered on Parentpay please let the school office know.**

## Playzone After School Club April 24

Costs 3.30pm - 4pm £4.50

3.30pm - 5pm £7.00

3.30pm - 6pm £8.50



3.30pm – 3.45pm Registration

3.45pm – 4pm snack

4pm – 5pm chosen activity

5pm – 5.45pm indoor play

5.45pm – 6pm tidy up

6pm Close.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Sausage Rolls Crafts	Sausage Rolls Computers	Sausage Rolls Free play	Sausage Rolls Movie nights	Sausage Rolls Games
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Crackers & dips Games	Crackers & dips Crafts	Crackers & dips Computers	Crackers & dips Free play	Crackers & dips Movie nights
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Toast/Sandwiches Movie nights	Toast/Sandwiches Games	Toast/Sandwiches Crafts	Toast/Sandwiches Computers	Toast/Sandwiches Free play

Outdoor activities will take place every night weather permitting.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### APRIL

**Monday 22nd** - Singing club performing at the Doneraile Care Home.

**Tuesday 23rd** - Year 5 & 6 home football match against Chudleigh Primary School 3:50pm kick off.

**Wednesday 24th** - Year 3/4 swimming.

### MAY

**Wednesday 1st** - Year 3/4 swimming.

**Wednesday 8th** - Year 3/4 swimming.

**Monday 13th** - KS2 SATs week.

**Wednesday 15th** - Year 3/4 swimming.

**Wednesday 22nd** - Year 3/4 swimming.

**Friday 24th** - School closes for the May half term break.

### JUNE

**Monday 3rd** - School re-opens after the half term break.

**Wednesday 5th** - Year 3/4 swimming.

**Wednesday 12th** - Year 3/4 swimming.

**Monday 17th - Friday 21st** - Scholastic Book Fair.

**Wednesday 19th** - Year 3/4 swimming.



Well done to our Friday Flyers.

Our Friday Flyers promote our work around developing Growth Mindset and a can do attitude.

Theme	Embracing Challenge	
Date	Weekending Friday 19th April	
Bovey	James Fagan	Evelyn Wilkes
Dart	Tommy Walton	Ben Barnes Jones
Exe	Tilly Cameron-Davies	Jorgie-Mae Sharrock
Mardle	Ross Sims	Josh Malath
Plym	Anna Abhilash	Austin Carter
Tamar	Blake Coleman	Kacee Axon
Tavy	Tommy Wines	Ethan Herbert
Teign	Rosie-Mae Spence	Alexa Kopinski
Torridge	Mason Edmundson	Oliver Leibrick

Well done to our Accelerated Readers

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Albie Hagger & Tommy Walton.

Josh Fare.

Eloise Lidster & Lewis Seal.

Soraya Williams.

Alfred Smith.

## Help Us Equip Our New School Kitchen!

We are thrilled to announce that our new school kitchen is starting to take shape and will shortly be ready for our pupils, parents and carers to use. The opening of our new school kitchen will provide lessons focusing on nutritious meals for our students to taste and give them a culinary education and community engagement. To ensure the success of our kitchen, we are seeking donations of cooking equipment from generous supporters like you. Your contribution will directly impact the quality and the educational opportunities we can offer our pupils. Here are some items we are in need of (new):

- Mixer
- Food processors
- Cooking utensils
- Pots, pans, and baking sheets
- Serving trays and dishes
- Scales and measuring equipment
- Cooking pans for an induction cooker
- Measuring Jugs and spoons



By donating to our school kitchen, you'll be investing in the health and well-being of our students and supporting our mission to foster a love for cooking and nutrition education.

If you're able to contribute, please let us know which item(s) you would like to donate, or if you prefer to make a monetary contribution towards the purchase of equipment. We deeply appreciate any support you can offer. Thank you for considering our request. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our students and our community.

# Ways to Wellbeing

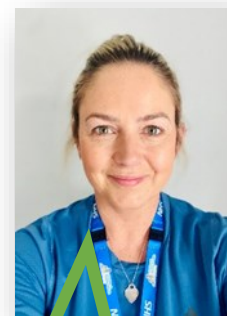
A space for how to stay mentally and physically healthy

This week let's talk about...

## Spring time

Spring is a time for new beginnings, growth and change. We can celebrate Spring arriving by making small changes to improve our own mental and physical health. Why not give some of these Spring ideas a try:

- Go for a Spring walk
- Tidy your bedrooms
- Try something new
- Be creative
- Observe everything around you
- Try new foods



I'm Tia Bailey,  
Supervisor - Mental  
Health Support Team

How are you going to embrace Spring this year?

Also, remember your 5 ways to wellbeing: [Five ways to wellbeing - Mind](#)

Class	W/C 25th March
Taw	84.7%
Mole	92%
Mardle	91.8%
Bovey	94.4%
Tavy	91%
Plym	94.6%
Exe	96.3%
Dart	91.1%
Tamar	90.5%
Torrige	<b>96.7%</b>
Teign	95.1%

## ATTENDANCE

Torrige class had 96.7% attendance for the period of 25th - 28th March 2024.

Remember our whole school attendance target for the year we are working towards is 96.2%.

It is essential for children to attend as much school as possible if they are to get the most from their education and achieve their full potential.



Laying the foundations of lifelong learning