



DEVONSHIRE DISPATCH

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Devonshire Diary

Week beginning 9th June -

Chestnut class swimming

Weds 11th June – KS2 choir participating in The Big Sing

Fri 13th June – PSA mufti day (bring a bottle into school for our bottle tombola)

Week beginning 16th June

– Cedar class swimming

Sat 21st June – PSA

Summer Fayre (12 – 3pm)

Week beginning 23rd June

– Elm class swimming

Mon 23rd June (3.30 –

4pm) – Take One Picture art gallery in the infant hall

Tues 24th June (8.15 –

8.45am) – Take One Picture art gallery in the infant hall

Week beginning 16th June

– Holly class swimming

Tues 1st July – Little

Recyclers collection

Thursday 3rd July (9.30am)

– virtual transfer to high school meeting for Year 5 parents/carers

Fri 4th July – OPAL

collection morning

Fri 4th July – Spanish Day

(more details to follow)

Parent Partnership

The partnership between school and home is so important - we all want the very best for your children and working in partnership is key to us achieving this. Over the last 18 months, we have been working on the Leading Parent Partnership Award to validate our work in this area. In the week before half term, we had our validation visit and were delighted to have achieved the award. This school year, we have included more opportunities for parents/carers to come into school to see their child's work and know about their learning. It has been lovely to welcome so many parents/carers into school and the feedback that we have had is that you have enjoyed coming into school. Our next parent/carer event is the Take One Picture art gallery where all children will have their art work displayed for their parents/carers to view. Do come and join us!

Sports mornings

The dates that we have set for our sports mornings are as follows:

Please note the new date for Year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6 sports mornings

Reception – Wednesday 11th June (9 – 10am)

Years 1 and 2 – Thursday 12th June (9 – 11am)

Years 3 and 4 – Thursday 26th June (9 - 11am)

Years 5 and 6 – Friday 27th June (9 – 11am)

Clubs

This term, we have the largest number of extra-curricular clubs that we have ever had – each week, there are 36 different activities either before school, at lunchtime or after school.

We always ensure that there is a balance of free clubs, run by our staff, and clubs that require a fee, because they are run by external providers. Thank you to the staff who give up their time to run our free of charge extra-curricular clubs and provide these additional opportunities for our children. It is good to see that all clubs are full and many have waiting lists!

This term, some of our extra-curricular clubs are participating in activities outside of club time: Representatives from our school choir are taking part in the borough's Big Sing event. We are entering teams into the borough's swimming gala, district sports competition and the Key Stage 1 active morning event. Our Top of the Form team are in the final of the borough competition and our netball team have a number of matches before the end of term. Thank you to the children that are representing the school but also to the parents/carers who facilitate their children being able to attend – dropping them off, collecting them and cheering the teams on.

Fundraising at Devonshire

Our Crazy Hair Day, organised by the school council, raised £366.41 for the Royal Marsden.

Representatives from the school council delivered the money to the Marsden and they were delighted to hear how much had been raised.

Our World Bee Day, organised by our eco group, raised £317 for The British Bee Charity.

Both of these days were organised by the children, and were a lot of fun and most importantly, raised a lot of money, for 2 very good causes. Thank you for your support with our fundraising.

Devonshire Avenue news

Please be mindful of other road users and the local residents when you are parking in Devonshire Avenue and the surrounding roads, at the beginning and end of the school day. The roads get particularly busy at those times with cars as well as pedestrians crossing the roads and everyone's safety is of paramount importance. When parking, please make sure that you are not blocking driveways and car park entrances belonging to the local residents so that even at these busy times, they have full access to their properties and/or parking. Please help us to maintain the good neighbourly relations that we work hard to develop and maintain.

OPAL

At Devonshire, we have an OPAL (outdoor play and learning) approach to lunchtimes. It is very successful and enhances the play opportunities that the children are provided with at lunchtimes. The equipment that the children have allows them to play creatively, use their imagination, try new things and have fun. Mrs Bassett, our play co-ordinator, and our team of lunchtime playworkers lead and manage our OPAL approach – thank you!

Devonshire families we need your help.

With the school year end fast approaching, you may be having a summer clear out. If you have anything that you no longer need/are throwing out and you think could be useful for our OPAL supplies, we would be more than happy to take it off your hands. Things that are particularly popular with the children include - dolls, pushchairs (big or small), toy cars, old sheets, tarpaulin, wheeled goods, suitcases, old toys, buckets, pots and pans (no glass) and wooden planks. Basically, anything that you can use your imagination to be creative with - we will take it all!

There will be a collection morning on **Friday 4th July**. Please bring all goodies to the OPAL shed located in the infant playground. The gate next to the big blue field house will remain open until 9.30am and a member of staff will be in the playground to direct you to our OPAL shed.

Attendance news

Our school attendance is currently 95.5%, with 96% being our target. Our top attending class is Eagles with 97.7% attendance – well done! We will shortly be sending attendance letters to parents/carers of children who have attendance of 92% or below, alerting you to your child's attendance and reminding you that we are here to help if you have attendance difficulties.

PSA news

The Summer Fayre is almost here! We can't wait for you to join us on Saturday 21st June for an afternoon of fun activities! Your child/children will be bringing home some raffle tickets this week. Please sell these to your friends and family for £1 each - the top prize is £200 and there are many other exciting prizes to be won. Return the ticket stubs and cash to the school office. If you are unable to sell the tickets, kindly return them to school for us to sell at the fayre. If you, or someone you know, can donate a prize; please let us know.

Our next mufti day is Friday 13th June, when we are collecting donations of bottles for our tombola. If you are able to provide some cakes for the refreshments stall, please bring these to the school office on Friday 20th June.

We are still collecting cuddly toys for children to adopt from our 'Foster a Fuzzy' stall. If you have any donations for this stall, could you drop these into school by next Friday.

Thank you for all your contributions. Good luck in the raffle.

The PSA Team

Family Support Worker news

Last week, we sent out a flyer for our next coffee morning. A reminder that it is on Friday 13th June at 8.50am and for Nursery and Reception families. We are welcoming representatives from the community oral hygiene team to the coffee morning and they will be on hand to answer any questions and provide any advice that you may have regarding your child's oral hygiene. As well as being available to talk to families at the coffee morning, they will also be visiting Nursery and Reception classes talking about teeth and the importance of cleaning them. Please come and join us at the coffee morning, whether it be to hear from our visitors or to meet other parents/carers, or have a chat, cup of tea or a biscuit. We would love to see you!

Lost property

Please ensure that you name your children's belonging. As a reminder, lost property can be found in the front entrance and will be put outside of the front of school, weather permitting. Whether it be inside or outside of the school building, do have a look in it, if your child has lost anything.