



DEVONSHIRE DISPATCH

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Devonshire Diary

Mon 1st June (11am and 2pm)
– virtual PSHE parent/carer meeting (letter to follow)

Mon 25th May to Fri 29th May
– Half Term

Week beginning Mon 1st June
– Cedar class swimming

Tues 2nd June – Coffee Morning 9am – Transitions

Tues 2nd June – Yr1 - Maths curriculum event

Wed 3rd June – Chestnut class only - curriculum event

Fri 5th June – PSA bottle own clothes day

Week beginning Mon 8th June
– Cherry class swimming

Mon 8th June – Yr6 Imperial War Museum Trip

Fri 12th June – Yr2 - Maths curriculum event

Sat 13th June – Summer Fayre

Week beginning Mon 15th June – Holly class swimming

Week beginning Mon 15th June – Sports Mornings – please see separate article for dates.

Week beginning Mon 22nd June –Maple class swimming

Week beginning Mon 29th June – Hawthorn class swimming

Parent partnership

It was lovely to welcome so many families into school for our curriculum event. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their work and we received lots of positive feedback from parents/carers as they left the event. Thank you for coming and if you were not able to come, we ensured that your children had a piece of work that they were proud of photocopied so that they could share it with you at home.

Enriching experiences

May has been another busy month, with lots of learning taking place in the classroom and enriching experiences taking place to enhance learning.

- ✓ Our five a side football team made their debut and participated in a tournament with 10 other schools.
- ✓ Nursery and Reception had a visit from Tom's Talking Reptiles – they learnt and saw a variety of reptiles, and had the opportunity to stroke and hold them too.
- ✓ Year 3 visited the Natural History Museum to support their history learning.
- ✓ Year 4 visited the Horniman Museum to support their history learning.
- ✓ Ash and Chestnut class have been swimming.
- ✓ Reverend Phil Brooks led an assembly for Years 2 – 6, all about the importance of resilience.

Woodland news

We have had some very exciting moments in the woodland lately because a family of blue tits moved into the nesting box and laid some eggs. For the last 2 weeks we have listened to the babies calling to their parents and the children have absolutely loved watching the parents flying in and out delivering food. The babies were finally ready to fledge and some groups were lucky enough to see one brave baby poking its head out to see us. We came back later and saw a tiny fledgling hopping around on the floor, learning to use its wings. The babies have now all left the nest and we are already excited to see if they come back again next Spring!



World Bee Day

This week we celebrated World Bee Day. Each class decorated their classroom door so that it was 'bee-themed' and the eco group sold 'bee-themed' honey cakes that they had made. During the day itself, children dressed in clothes that were bee-themed; and learnt about the importance of bees and why we should take care of them.

Did you notice the big bee that the eco group made and displayed on the windows at the front of the school? Together we raised £58.50 from the cake sale and £244.20 from the collection and an additional. Thank you!

Staffing news

This month, 2 of our teachers, Mrs Bark and Mrs Asirwatham have started their maternity leave. Miss Bullions, one of our higher-level teaching assistants, visited this month, with her baby son who was born in March. Congratulations to our new mums!

Mrs Helmy, one of our teaching assistants in Year 5, left last week. We wish her all the very best for the future and are very grateful for all her hard work whilst at Devonshire.

Sports mornings

A reminder that the date and time of sports mornings are:

- **Years 1 and 2** - Monday 15th June - 8.55am – 10am
- **Reception** - Tuesday 16th June - 8.55am – 10am
- **Years 5 and 6** - Wednesday 17th June - 8.55am – 11am
- **Years 3 and 4** - Thursday 18th June - 8.55am – 11am

The children will be taken to the field as soon as the register has been taken. Parents/carers will come on to the field using the gate closest to the PSA field house.

PSA news

Summer Fayre - We're getting excited about our upcoming Summer Fayre on Saturday 13th June, 12pm – 3pm, and would really appreciate any support you can offer on the day. If you're able to volunteer, even just 1 hour on a stall would make a big difference. We know everyone is busy, so if an hour feels like too much, even 30 minutes would be hugely helpful. Every bit of time helps us keep things running smoothly and makes the day a success for the children.

Look out for our upcoming own clothes days, where we ask for donations of specific items in exchange for children wearing their own clothes to school.

- Friday 5th June – bottle donations, please.

Governor news

This week, our governing body had their annual governor's breakfast. It is a highlight of their year, as they come into school, during the school day, meet the staff and children and see all of the hard work that takes place in school each day. Each governor was shown round by our Year 6 School Councillors, who were excellent guides, answering all of their questions.

Family Support Worker news

Our next coffee morning is taking place on 2nd June, 9 – 10am. Mrs Carter -Hodge will be joined by members of the Education Wellbeing service – Maddie, our Wellbeing Practitioner and Dr Danielle Shbero, a Clinical Psychologist. The topic of the coffee morning is managing transition – offering parents/carers strategies to support their child to manage transitions that they will encounter, whether that be transitions linked to school, or areas in their life outside of school.

Warm Weather

As the weather is starting to get warmer, please remember to:

- Send your child in with a sun hat (ones that provide shade for the face and neck are best).
- Ensure your child brings a bottle of water, they can refill these as often as they like.
- Apply a high factor, once a day, sun cream to your child before school. If you feel your child will need further sun protection applied, please send this in a named bottle/tube, which must be given to the class teacher for safe storage. Your child will be responsible for applying their own sun cream and may not share this with anyone else.

Spare Uniform

We are in need of age 10-11 years jumpers/cardigans (with our logo). If you have any spare uniform, in these sizes only, we would be grateful of donations.