



Devonshire Infant School

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers

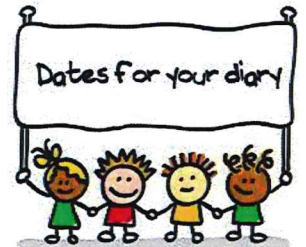
I can hardly believe how quickly the end of this school year is approaching - time seems to be flying by! I still find it difficult to believe that I am into my final term of headship too! This newsletter is a mix of the last term's news, and future events to look forward to in a very busy term!

Review

- ☺ I hope that you were all pleased with your child's report, and took advantage of the opportunity to discuss his/her progress with their class teacher at an individual parent meeting. We had a very good uptake, with almost 90% of parents attending a meeting. As usual, it was a real pleasure reading all the reports, and thank you to all those parents who sent in their responses.
- ☺ As usual, our end of term achievement assembly went very well, with lots of children receiving a special certificate and gold star badge, in recognition of all their hard work during the spring term – well done! Thank you to all the visitors who were able to attend – I am sure you were as proud of your children as we all were! Mrs Baxter also received an award.....and was very emotional! 
- ☺ Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter raffle. You raised £331.55, which will be used to buy additional reading books.
- ☺ A massive thank you to everyone who supported us on our sponsored Walk a Mile, in aid of Comic Relief. All the children and staff managed it and it was a fun event as well as raising money for this worthwhile charity. You raised an amazing **£1148.29!** Well done everyone.

Dates

Tuesday	21 May	YR Spelling Bee (details to follow)
Monday	27 May	School closed for week for half term
Monday	3 June	School reopens after half term holiday
Friday	14 June	Zoolab in – Y2
Tuesday	18 June	New YR parent drop ins (details to follow)
Thursday	20 June	“Jive Aces” concert – Y1 (details to follow)
Friday	21 June	Y2 cluster sports event – Cumberland
Wednesday	26 June	Sports day (details to follow)
Thursday	27 June	Y2 trip to Longdown Dairy Farm (details to follow)
Monday	1 July	Y2 transition day at Fernhurst/Craneswater/Wimborne
Monday	1 July	Storytime sessions with new YR children & parents (details to follow)
Tuesday	2 July	Y1 trip to Manor Farm (details to follow)
Wednesday	3 July	Playground Proms musical event
Thursday	4 July	YR trip to Canoe Lake and butterfly house (details to follow)
Friday	5 July	School closed for staff training
Thursday	11 July	Y2 leavers' assembly (details to follow)
Monday	15 July	Owls parent meetings (details to follow)
Tue/Thurs	16/18 July	YR/1/2 parent meetings (details to follow)
Wednesday	17 July	Open after school time (details to follow)
Thursday	18 July	Achievement assembly for invited guests (details to follow)
Friday	19 July	Y2 Sleepover (details to follow)
Wednesday	24 July	Last day of term
Monday	2 September	School closed for staff training
Tuesday	3 September	Back to school



Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will be taking place after half term. They will start at **9:15am**, so that parents do not need to go home and come back after they bring the children into school. *There will also be a crèche available for brothers and sisters, which children **MUST** be left in, as children of any age, including babies, will not be allowed into the assembly.*

Dates and times are:

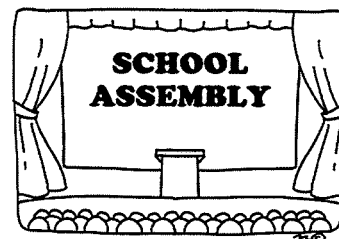
Wednesday 12 June – Hedgehogs

Thursday 20 June - Squirrels

Thursday 27 June – Rabbits

Tuesday 2 July - Fieldmice

Thursday 11 July - Badgers/Foxes leaving assembly



School Dinners

Please can I remind parents and carers to sign up to Scopay and complete their child's lunch choices for every day. Staff are wasting a lot of time first thing each morning identifying what children want for lunch, rather than getting on with teaching. Thank you for your support with this.

Dogs

Please can I remind parents and carers that dogs are not allowed into the school playground. If you have a dog that is likely to get stressed or upset while tied to the railings, please arrange for somebody to stand with them, or leave them at home when bringing and collecting children to and from school.

Letters to Parents/Carers

Remember that copies of letters are available on our school website, which can be found by going to the parents' tab on the front page and scrolling down.

Contact Details

Please let the office staff know if any of your contact details change such as addresses and mobile phone numbers. It is particularly important that we have up-to-date information, in case we have to contact you in an emergency.

Thank you once again for taking the time to read this newsletter. As usual if there is anything you wish to discuss further or are unsure of, please don't hesitate to ask.

Best wishes

Jackie Collins
Head teacher