

Friday 16th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been very strange and sad this week suddenly having a large group of children out after managing to keep all the bubbles open over the last 18 months. I hope everyone remains safe and well.

I know I have sent out numerous updates this week to different classes so I apologise if you have had a lot of emails but I want to make sure everyone has up to date information. We have three positive Covid cases from PCR tests and a couple of LFTs that have come back negative. We still have a large number of staff isolating.

Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 are due back on Tuesday 20th July.

FSU is currently only open to key worker and vulnerable children. It will reopen fully on Wednesday 21st July.

Luckily, most of Cedar Class managed to have their Greek Day on Monday. They had a great time dressing up, cooking and taking part in Greek art and craft activities.

Some of the classes had transition sessions with their new teachers. Where this has not been able to go ahead the teachers are organising times for later next week.

Year 6

I am really pleased that Year 6 have still been able to have their activities this week. They have had a great time going bowling, doing water sports and then today they are going to the Maer park and tonight having their leavers party at school. Many thanks to Mrs Jukes and Mrs Monks for organising the activities and Mrs Briggs for organising the party tonight. Last Friday they also took part in a Junior Bake Off competition. They filled the hall with smells and tastes of delicious cuisine from around the world. A huge congratulations to all the children for outstanding effort and presentation.

Guidance

From Step 4 of the Road Map (19th July) there are various changes that can occur in schools. Whilst bubbles can begin to close down, we, as a school, will be keeping bubbles as much as possible until the end of term. This is to try to save you all from having to self-isolate in the summer holidays!

Staggered times will continue to the end of term, as many of you have made arrangements around these timings. We would also encourage you to still wear masks when on school premises.

As we move towards September it looks as though schools will be very different places. We look forward to moving back to a more "normal" way of working and bringing back further clubs, inviting parents in and putting on larger events for the children and returning to the usual timings. All these details will come out to you once confirmed.

Devon Holiday Activity programme

The **Devon HAF Programme Webpage** has now been launched - [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) programme - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#) . All the information about the summer HAF projects is available on this website including eligibility etc, there is also a section for parents.

Many thanks for your continued support

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Diary dates:

Tuesday 20th July – Yr 6 leavers Mass in Church, parents of year 6 welcome. 2 – 3pm (please arrive at Church 1.45pm)

Tuesday 20th July – 7.30pm PTA AGM

Friday 23rd July – Last day of the Summer Term

Wednesday 8th September – Children return to school.

Headteacher Awards: Oak Class – William, Ralph

Gold Awards: Oak Class - Lincoln

Silver Awards: Beech Class – Nicole, Imogen, Jasmine