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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely week in school. It has been great to see the children back out on the field playing.

One of the Bubbles were making self-praise boxes where the children had to write down all the things they felt they were good at and all the things other people would say they were good at, like being kind, thoughtful, good at dancing, maths etc. It was lovely that by the end the children were asking for more and more bits of paper as they recognised the huge number of talents and gifts they have.

We have also been sent in some lovely photos and videos of some of the home learning that has been going on. That is great. I know it is an incredibly challenging time for everyone at the moment and people have to do what works for them as a family.

Some of the classes had their first Zoom meeting this week. The teachers loved seeing the children, some of whom they haven't seen since March. They had great fun doing things like playing tricky word bingo and playing guessing games. If your child hasn't had theirs yet the invitation will be out very soon.

I am still not aware of any plans for schools to open for Key Workers during the Summer Holidays. I feel it is important to make you aware of this, so working parents can make childcare arrangements if necessary.

At different times in our lives, we all need a little help. Over the summer holidays the benefit linked Free School Meal vouchers will continue. This is £15 per week, per child. This may be paid as a larger lump sum for the holidays. It is still not too late to apply to see if you are eligible. This can be done by visiting the school website. On the home page, down at the bottom by the calendar there is a link to the Devon Portal. The link is:

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCCS CitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

This will tell you in a couple of minutes if you are able to claim. If you are please see the office as soon as possible so we can order the vouchers for you. If you have difficulty accessing the website or the link please see the office.

Best wishes
Nicky Taylor-Bashford