



Message from Head of School:

Dear parents and carers,

As this is the last newsletter of the term may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas - after such a year it will be a much-needed opportunity to catch up with our families and enjoy celebrating together.

As you will have read in my latest letter, school will still be monitoring positive cases until 23rd December and will contact you should the need arise for your child to isolate.

You may also have heard the reports that schools may make Friday 18th December a NON-PUPIL day. After due consideration, we do not feel that this course of action at such late notice would be helpful and as such we will not be changing the term dates that have been published and school will be open as usual on Friday 18th December.

We are looking forward to some Christmas activities next week. It's Jolly Jumpers Week and the children are already excited about having some festive fun.

The children and staff should be proud of the continued hard work that has taken place this term. We have been able to maintain our learning and also work with the children on catching up and getting back on track. During a recent school Governor visit, Lorraine Crosfield, was pleased to see the work that our school has done on safeguarding and also developing the curriculum planning. She is now the 'Champion Governor' for Copplestone and will continue to visit and monitor standards. As a retired teacher, she is very passionate about education and a great support to the school.

Next week we will have a few lovely things to share with you - some bedtime stories and also videos of Christmas carols and even a nativity film of our Rainbow class! We may even have a visit and some goodies from a special visitor who has been kindly invited to school by the CPTA ☺

Finally, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the 2020 Christmas Card Appeal - we have together raised a wonderful **£212.60** to support Sprout the guide dog in his training. What a great way to end the year!

Warm regards,
Mrs Mackey



Certificate Winners Friday 4th December 2020

- Challenge** Louie – Rainbow Class: for trying really hard at forming letters in phonics.
Jack – Purple Class: for showing great determination to complete all of our fraction work in Maths this week – well done Jack!
- Confidence** Ruby – Red Class: for applying everything you have learnt about causal connectives in your writing – great work!
Oscar B – Orange Class: for starting a new school, working hard and learning well.
- Caring** Ava – Blue Class: for taking care to complete all home learning to a good standard and especially great work in English and Maths.
Owain – Orange Class: for really taking care with your learning about Roman soldiers.
- Creativity** Elliot – Green Class: for coming up with brilliant and interesting ideas for your Little Red Riding Hood story.
Rose – Yellow Class: for willow weaving a wonderful African hut.

Certificate Winners Friday 11th December 2020

- Community Challenge** Ollie – Green Class: for always being a pleasure in class and for working so hard.
Evie-Mae – Rainbow Class: for really working hard to hear and write the middle and end sounds in words.
Wilfie – Red Class: for showing real determination in completing your end of term tests – well done Wilfie!
Ruby – Purple Class: for working incredibly hard at home to improve your reading comprehension which has really paid off with your outstanding progress in the assessment this week – amazing!
- Confidence** Brennan – Blue Class: for working really hard in your tests and persevering.
- Caring** Adora – Yellow Class: for always thinking of others and being kind and generous.
- Creativity** Lydia – Orange Class: for amazing guitar playing – well done!



Pre-School:

This week at Pre-School we have enjoyed making lots of Christmas crafts including reindeers, Christmas trees, wreaths and baubles. The children have also been very busy recording their Christmas sing-a-long which will be put onto Tapestry on Friday for parents to watch.



Our Book of the Week has been Stick Man which the children have really enjoyed and we have been recognising numbers 1-5 on the number fans. We have also been keeping fit with our Jiggle & Wiggle CD which is great fun!



14th to 18th December - Jolly Jumpers Week:

Children may accessorise their uniform with Christmas jumpers, tights, socks, ties etc. for the whole week - don't buy anything specially - let's use things we already have in any festive colours!



Coronavirus




Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds

Use soap and water or a hand sanitiser when you:

- Get home or into work
- Blow your nose, sneeze or cough
- Eat or handle food

For more information and the Government's Action Plan go to nhs.uk/coronavirus

CORONAVIRUS
PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS







Covid19 Support Fund


Financial hardship can affect anyone at any time in their lives...
If you are over 18, a resident of Mid Devon and Covid19 has impacted you financially, including:


Being furloughed for any period • At risk of redundancy
Redundancy • Reduction in working hours or pay

We may be able to help you with essential living costs including:


FOOD


FUEL


TRANSPORT


DIGITAL ACCESS




For further information or to apply for assistance call
Navigate on 01823 299050 or CHAT on 01884 255606
or the **Community Support Helpline on 01884 234387**

Or you can apply online at
www.middevon.gov.uk/COVID19SupportFund

The Hardship Fund is delivered on behalf of Mid Devon District Council by Navigate Charity and Churches Housing Action Team (CHAT). Mid Devon District Council works closely with CHAT and Navigate who can also offer free, impartial and confidential advice to those in financial difficulties.

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www.navigatecharity.org.uk

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www.chatmid.org

Virtual HOPE Programme for Postnatal and Emotional Wellbeing


The physical and emotional journey to becoming a parent can leave some in a challenging place. We invite you to share, practice self-kindness and try a range of activities that can really empower you as a parent and as an individual to live more comfortably.

The Devon HOPE Programme are launching a **FREE** six week Virtual HOPE course via Microsoft Teams, specifically aimed at postnatal and emotional wellbeing, starting on **Tuesday 5th January 2021!**

This course will allow you to connect with other people who are experiencing something similar to you. You are not alone! Take this time for yourself to prioritise your wellbeing, increasing your sense of control and your resilience.

The course will run **12:30pm - 2:30pm** on the following dates:

- 05.01.2021
- 12.01.2021
- 19.01.2021
- 26.01.2021
- 02.02.2021
- 09.02.2021








To attend this course you will need:

- Access to the internet
- Access to Microsoft Teams
- A Webcam and Microphone
- A PC, Laptop, Tablet or Smartphone

Register your interest today!

To register or for more info, please call **01803 210493** or email hope.devon@nhs.net
<https://www.torbayandsouthdevon.nhs.uk/services/hope-programme>




We must keep on protecting each other.


HANDS


FACE


SPACE

STAY ALERT CONTROL THE VIRUS SAVE LIVES

Diary dates:



December 2020

14th to 18th Jolly Jumpers Week!
16th Christmas Dinner Day
18th Last day of Autumn Term



January 2021

4th **NON PUPIL DAY**
5th **NON PUPIL DAY**
6th All pupils return

February 2021

15th – 19th Half Term

March 2021

April 2021

1st Last day of Spring Term
19th **NON PUPIL DAY**
20th All pupils return

May 2021

3rd **BANK HOLIDAY**
31st – 4th June Half Term

June 2021

7th All pupils return

July 2021

10th CRA & CPTA Donkey Derby
23rd Last day of Summer Term

September 2021

6th **NON PUPIL DAY**
7th All pupils return

