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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, it is lovely to see all of the children back at school enjoying learning. A warm welcome to our new children and their families.

Whole School Week of Inspirational Maths focusing on mindset, Youcubed

The children have been learning about the impact of having a growth mindset this week in mathematics and how it can be applied to all learning. They have been working together to find solutions to challenging problems.

Class Three, Barnstaple Museum, River Taw

The children experienced a wonderful day of learning. The key question was 'What has the River Taw ever done for us?' Artefacts were handled and the museum was explored to look for clues to answer the question. They also walked along the River before and after to look at the human and physical geography. The children's behaviour was fantastic and it was a pleasure to be out and about with them. Thank you to parents and carers for dropping off and picking up on time.

Wednesday 16th September, Class Two, Barnstaple Museum, River Taw History Workshop and Fieldwork

Your child will need to wear school uniform and bring a waterproof coat, packed lunch and water bottle. Please drop your child off at 9.00 am at Barnstaple Museum and pick up your child at 3.30 pm from Barnstaple Museum.



Nut Free School

We are a nut-free school as we have children with nut allergies. Please ensure that any food that is sent into school does not contain nuts. It is agreeable for children to bring in peanut butter as the only exception. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Behaviour Policy

A copy of the behaviour policy is available for review on our website: <https://www.goodleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk/about-our-school/key-policies/>

Reception Baseline Assessment

An information leaflet for parents and carers of reception children has been sent home.

Nasal Flu Vaccination – Electronic Consent

The Immunisation Team are offering the Flu vaccination to all Primary Children from EYFS to Year Six. Please find a letter and information leaflet attached. Delivery of the vaccine will be on Thursday 8th October. In order to provide electronic consent for your child's flu vaccination, please access the consent portal via the following link:

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

Please enter the full unique school reference code: **DV113376**

Consent must be provided electronically by 9.00 am on 7th October.

After School Clubs

Please see the attached permission slip for a list of the clubs. Please complete and return any forms to the school office.

Gymnastics

If your child has long hair please ensure that this is tied up for gymnastics. Children cannot wear earrings during gymnastics, please ensure that any earrings are removed before coming to school.

Privacy Notice

A copy of the privacy notice is available on our website and on the internal school noticeboard for review. <https://www.goodleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk/about-our-school/key-policies/>

Year Six, Secondary School Admissions Deadline 31st October

Please apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or by contacting My Devon, the customer service centre on 0345 155 1019 to request an application form. The application form should be returned either to the school office to forward on, or it can be posted directly to the Admissions Team before the 31st October.

Free of Charge Breakfast Club

No booking necessary, breakfast club begins at 8.30 am each day.

We have a variety of foods that adhere to the food standards for schools. Your child will be able to choose what they would like. There will always be a variety of high fibre low sugar cereals, high fibre bread for toast, crumpets, fruit bread, fresh fruit and vegetables, dried fruit, canned fruit (not in syrup), yogurt, fromage frais, semi-skinned milk, soya, rice or oat drinks, a small portion of fruit juice (150 ml) and condiments for toast and bread. We will cater for different food allergies.

We will not serve all of the above on the same day, but there will be a wide selection.

New Autumn Term Menu

We have decided to withdraw sandwiches from the menu as we feel that the breadth of choices will be healthier and more nutritious. We welcome any feedback from you. Please email admingoodleigh@goodilf.org.uk.

Free School Meals

From 7th September, Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility is expanding to include all households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of earnings. The program is divided into Targeted FSM (under £7,400/year earnings) and Expanded FSM (all other Universal Credit claimants).

All families still need to apply online:

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/

All children in EYFS, Year One and Year Two are offered a free school meal as part of the Government's Universal Free School Meals for infants programme, but if you are in receipt of any Universal Credit please complete the form as the school and your child can access additional benefits.

If you receive a benefit that gives entitlement to free school meals, please apply for this by visiting Devon County Council's citizen portal or alternatively by calling the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

You may be eligible for free school meals if as a parent or carer you are in receipt of one of the following, but please apply anyway:

- Universal Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- meet criteria for families with no recourse to public funds

*Figures taken from gov.uk but may be subject to change if you are in any doubt please apply.

School Dinner Changes to Payments

We haven't raised the price of school dinners for 19 years, however, due to rising costs of energy and food and the expansion of free school meals, from 7th September a school meal will cost £2.25 per day.

If your child has a school meal we ask that their meal is paid for in advance. We will no longer be able to accept cheque payment for school meals. Please send cash in a sealed, marked envelope. Alternatively, we can offer termly or half-termly invoices that can be paid online or by telephone. Please contact the school office or email admingoodleigh@goodilf.org.uk if you would like to discuss the option of receiving an invoice. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Drop-offs and Pick-ups

The Village Hall allows us to use their car park before and after school and we recommend that you primarily park here.

You may drop your child between 8.00 am and 9.00 am at the blue playground gates. Please do not drop off at these gates if you are planning to get out of the car as this causes congestion and danger for children. If you do need to get out of the car please park in the Village Hall or in parking space that does not obstruct other road users. We have noticed that sometimes people leave their car running and this is very dangerous, please do not do this.

At pick-up time please do not abandon your car on the road as this creates congestion hazards. If you are early and you cannot park without blocking the road either drive around again or park in the Village Hall. We have become increasingly concerned as there have been some dangerous situations which we must address for the safety of the children.

We will be monitoring this and will ask drivers to move if they are blocking the road. Thank you for your support with this.

Pupil Absence - First Day Contact Procedures

It is important that contact is made with the school at your earliest opportunity if your child is going to absent from school. If no contact is made we will telephone the primary contact first and in the event of no answer use any further emergency contact numbers provided to us in order to ascertain that your child is safe. It is advisable for parents or carers, in the event of a safeguarding concern, to ensure that one of your registered emergency contacts can gain access to your home to check that all is OK.

Please be advised that should our school process fail to locate a pupil we will risk assess the situation and decide further action which may include;

- Alert the Attendance Officer to undertake enquiries on behalf of the school
- Continue to try and contact parent(s)/carer(s) and/or emergency contacts if the pupil is not considered to be at any increased risk
- Telephone the Police on 101 if not at risk of immediate significant harm but where there are escalated welfare concerns
- Telephone the Police using 999 if the child is considered to be at risk of immediate and significant harm or danger

Food Bank Vouchers

We are able to issue food bank vouchers. Please give us a call and we will deal with this confidentially. We understand that there is a lot of pressure on families at the moment and if you are worried about anything please let us know and we will do our very best to help.

Northern Devon Foodbank - Barnstaple

St John's Community Centre, Rose Lane, Barnstaple EX32 8PG

01271 329902, 07422 651251

Opening times

Mondays	10:30 - 13:30
Wednesdays	10:30 - 13:30
Fridays	10:30 - 13:30

Instrumental Tuition

Please see below details of when music lessons will commence for the Autumn Term. If you wish your child to take part in these lessons please contact the school office for more details.

Commencing:

Monday 14 th September	Drumming with Martin Bradshaw
	Piano with Amy Redfern
Tuesday 15 th September	Guitar with Ben Sharpe

Use of photographs

Please do not take any photographs from the newsletter and share online as these are for parents and carers only.

Kind regards,



Claire Grant
Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

Wednesday 16 th September	Years 3 and 4, Barnstaple Museum, River Taw Fieldwork Please drop your child off at 9.00 am at Barnstaple Museum and pick up your child at 3.30 pm from Barnstaple Museum
Monday 21 st September	Years 5 and 6, Geography Fieldwork River Torridge day with Skern Lodge, Appledore
Tuesday 22 nd September	Years 3 and 4, Geography Fieldwork River Torridge day with Skern Lodge, Appledore
Friday 25 th September	Reception, Years 1-2, RHS Garden Rosemoor, Great Torrington
Tuesday 29 th September	Years 5 and 6, Appledore Book Festival Author Visit, Siobhan McDermott
Thursday 1 st October	Years 3 and 4, Appledore Book Festival Author Visit, Joseph Elliott
Thursday 1 st October	Years 5 and 6, Lundy
Friday 2 nd October	Reception, Years 1-2, Appledore Book Festival Author Visit, Gareth P Jones
Tuesday 6 th October	Years 3 and 4, Lundy
Thursday 8 th October	Whole School Nasal Flu Vaccination
Friday 23 rd October	Non-pupil day

After School Clubs Permission Slip

Please complete and return to the office if you would like your child to attend an after school club(s)

Name of child / children	When	Activity	For
	Monday 3.30-4.30	Gardening	EYFS, Years 1-6
	Tuesday 3.30-4.30	Skipping	EYFS, Years 1-6
	Tuesday 3.30-4.30	Stay and Play	EYFS, Years 1-6
	Wednesday 3.30-4.30	Construction	EYFS, Years 1-6
	Wednesday 3.30-4.30	Colouring and Craft	EYFS, Years 1-6
	Thursday 3.30-4.30	Secret Garden Play	EYFS, Years 1-2
	Thursday 3.30-4.30	Multi-Sports	Years 3-6

Parent/Carer signature

Date



Need advice on energy?

Our dedicated energy team are here to help you:

- Check for grants or fuel voucher eligibility to help you pay for your energy usage
- Apply energy-saving measures to save you money
- Talk to your supplier to sort out any problems you might be having

Call us on 01237 879 233

Scan the QR code to fill out a referral form



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