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Dear Parents and Carers,

Key Stage Two, Geography Fieldwork River Torridge day with Skern Adventure

This week, Classes Two and Three each enjoyed an exciting day of fieldwork with Skern, learning more about the River Torridge and how it changes along its journey. They visited a tributary to investigate the river's features and carried out practical fieldwork to explore the water and surrounding environment. Later, they travelled further downstream to where the River Torridge reaches the estuary and enjoyed an exciting kayaking or rafting experience on the river itself! It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to see and experience first-hand how the river changes from its tributaries through to the estuary.

Key Stage Two, Lundy Ambassador Visit

We were delighted to welcome Francis, a Lundy Ambassador, into school this week to help the children prepare for their upcoming trips to Lundy. The children learnt all about the island, what to expect on the journey across the Bristol Channel and the unique wildlife and plantlife they may encounter. They also discovered more about some of Lundy's endemic species and thought carefully about what they might see and explore during their visits. The session has certainly got us excited for our upcoming Lundy adventures!

Wednesday 30th September, Years Three, Four, Five and Six, Cross Country Festival at Pilton Community College

Your child will need to wear their PE kit to school and bring a water bottle and a waterproof coat / sun hat and sun block. Please bring their school uniform in case they get wet. The children will return in time for a school lunch.

Thursday 1st October, Class One, Barnstaple Museum

Your child will need to wear their school uniform and bring a waterproof coat and a bag containing their water bottle and a packed lunch. School packed lunches will be provided for all children. The children will depart and return during the school day.

Thursday 1st October, Class Three, Lundy

Please ensure your child wears their outdoor clothing including a hat, appropriate footwear for walking and brings a packed lunch and a packed tea with plenty of water, sunblock and a waterproof coat depending on the weather. Please drop your child off at the Lundy Shore Office at Ilfracombe Harbour at 8.45 am where Miss Grant will be waiting. Please collect your child from the Lundy Shore Office, Ilfracombe Harbour at 6.00 pm.

PE Kit

Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school every day.

Please make sure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled.

Online Safety

Please find a link to helpful guidance about keeping children safe online:

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>

Reading at Home

It is an expectation of parents and carers to ensure that their child reads at home daily and engages in conversation with their child around their reading. The reading journal is a fantastic home-school link and parents/carers are encouraged to comment linked to the focus given. This will be catered for in different ways, depending on the age/ability of the child. Here are some ideas of how parents and carers can engage in this process:

When reading daily, use a wide variety of books, not just the 'reading book' from school.

- Show interest in the book.
- Before reading the book, discuss the front cover and if there are illustrations allow discussion.
- Encourage prediction of what the story might be about and introduce key words and characters whilst doing this.
- At appropriate times, discuss the plot of the book with your child, allowing them to predict what might happen next.
- If your child is stuck on a word or reads it wrong, ask if it sounds right, makes sense or looks right and allow them to use the illustrations and context as clues.
- Praise your child for their effort, not attainment.
- After reading, ask your child to tell you about the book, for example: what was your favourite part of the book? Which characters did you like best? Why? Was it sad/happy/funny? What did you learn from the book?

The important thing to check is that your child makes sense of what they are reading and are understanding the text as a whole.

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.

Harvest Festival Donations

We are collecting donations of non-perishable food which will be taken to the Freedom Centre to support homeless people. Many thanks.

Freedom Harvest List

This is a list of the Freedom Centre's current requirements to keep their kitchen running and provide food parcels for their clients:

- Meals in a tin e.g. chilli, stew and curry
- Tinned fruit e.g. pineapple chunks, pears, peaches, rhubarb, apple or mandarins
- Chopped tomatoes
- Custard powder
- Tinned rice pudding
- White easy cook rice
- Coffee
- Pot noodles
- Granola bars
- Chocolate bars, large and small
- Orange juice - large or small cartons
- White Flour - self raising and plain
- Granulated white sugar and caster sugar
- Icing sugar
- Jelly - any flavour
- Tomato puree and Worcestershire sauce
- Herbs and spices: Rosemary, thyme, cumin and garam masala
- Lemon juice and vanilla essence
- Sunflower oil
- Washing up liquid

The Freedom Centre have a huge amount of the following, so please do not send:

- Tinned soup
- Pasta and spaghetti
- Tea

Also needed are:

- Men's spray deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes

Kind regards,



Claire Grant
Executive Headteacher

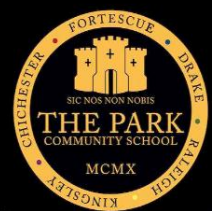
Diary Dates

Tuesday 29 th September	Years 5 and 6, Appledore Book Festival Author Visit, Siobhan McDermott
Wednesday 30 th September	Years 3-6, Cross Country Festival, Pilton Community College
Thursday 1 st October	Class One, Barnstaple Museum
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
Monday 5 th October	Harvest Assembly for the children
Tuesday 6 th October	Years 3 and 4, Lundy
Thursday 8 th October	Whole School Nasal Flu Vaccination
Tuesday 13 th October	Individual School Photographs, Tempest Photography
Wednesday 14 th October	Years 3-6, The British Museum, Bayeux Tapestry Online Workshop
Thursday 15 th October	Years 3-6, Orienteering Day, Goodleigh
Friday 23 rd October	Non-pupil day

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OPEN MORNING TOURS

Wednesday 23 September 2026

Thursday 24 September 2026

Friday 25 September 2026

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