

# Learn, Care, Grow together



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Dear Parents/ Carers

As the Summer term draws to a close, we are getting prepared for a new academic year. This week, our outdoor performance of *Hansel and Gretel* was a great success! Amidst the excitement of the children, the admiration of staff at their resilience and drive to perform with confidence, it has been a wonderful process to be a part of. I would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs Harriet Davis (Show Up) for making it all happen and for being focussed on positive wellbeing and increased self-esteem of our children through drama.



With a rising number of cases of C-19 in the area, we must continue to be vigilant in our safety measures. Whilst we realise that it was so disappointing not to be able to come along for Sports day and to end of year events, please do be reassured that it is your children, our staff and the whole community's safety that we are protecting. Our school, hub and Trust have worked hard over the last year to ensure the safety and

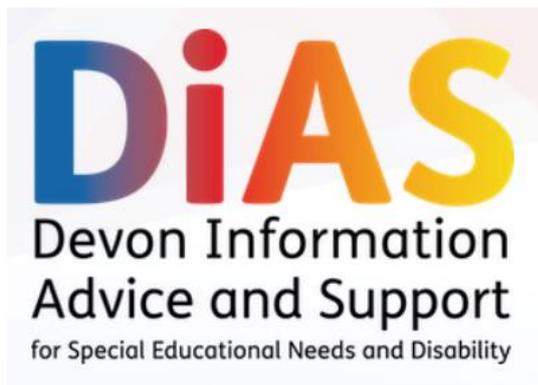
wellbeing of our children, staff and local community - maintain high levels of safety measures and working collaboratively to ensure we have the correct PPE and cleaning supplies. We must continue this effort into the summer months and think carefully about each situation we place ourselves in. Thank you for your support as we make important decisions to keep everyone safe.

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## Safeguarding

### Home alone - When is it legal to leave a child at home alone?

Learning to be independent is an important part of a child's growing up. With our busy lives, every parent will have to leave their child at home alone at some point. Every child is different so it is important to build up their confidence and independence at their pace and to check in with them to make sure they feel safe. If they are worried, work out what it is about being alone that worries them. Do they feel safe in the neighbourhood? Are they afraid of the dark? Understanding why they may not feel comfortable will help you to help them. The NSPCC recommends leaving a child younger than 12 with family, a friend or in childcare but there is no legal age that is required when a child may be left alone. More advice can be found here [Leaving Your Child Home Alone - Advice | NSPCC](#)



Making the move from primary to secondary school can feel daunting and unsettling for both you and your child. Dias have ideas and strategies you can use to help things go as well as possible. Some children with SEND are going to find it particularly tricky but with good preparation and communication you can help to smooth the way. See <https://devonias.org.uk/documents/2021/06/moving-up-to-secondary-school-tips.pdf/>

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## Pupil news

Keira Class 2

"On the way home from club, we found a baby hedgehog. Went to the rescue centre. If it's a girl it will be called Keira and if it's a boy it will be called Aiden. It's poorly at the moment."

Isla Class 1

"When I was in Craft Club I was making my paper boat, I got help from Miss Ford, but then I could do it myself. It floats by itself."

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## Celebration Assembly

### Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> June

#### **CLASS 1 STAR OF THE WEEK**

**Moss** for remembering capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and checking his writing for these.

#### **CLASS 2 STAR OF THE WEEK**

**Sofia** for taking on a lead role in our school production; Hansel & Gretel

#### **RUBY HEART**

**Archie** for being really helpful with the new pre-schoolers and for being thoughtful with his classmates.

#### **LEARNER OF THE WEEK**

**Lauren** for exceptional progress in writing from the beginning of Year 6.



## Celebration Assembly



### Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> June

#### **CLASS 1 STAR OF THE WEEK**

**Lily P** for persevering with her writing.

#### **CLASS 2 STAR OF THE WEEK**

**Lilly C** for consistently applying herself to all tasks.

#### **RUBY HEART**

**Moss** for giving up his cheese & biscuits to someone else kindly and showing courtesy all week.

#### **LEARNER OF THE WEEK**

**Riley B** for excellent swimming - independent backstroke.

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# EVERYday counts

attendance matters

Our school seeks to ensure that all children receive a full-time, inspiring education which maximises opportunities for each pupil to realise his/her true potential. The school will strive to provide a welcoming, caring environment, where each member of the school community feels wanted, safe and secure. All school staff will work with pupils and their families to ensure each pupil attends school regularly and punctually. Please can you work with us to get your child(ren) to school in good time each day and only keep them off school if absolutely necessary, due to illness, having to take a PCR test for Corona-virus or exceptional circumstances. Many thanks for your support.

## Reminders

Smart school uniform is essential every day - there have been a few slips towards the end of term, including school sports/PE kit. Please can you ensure that your child is dressed suitably for school and in full school uniform. Many thanks.

**School dinners need to be booked on School Gateway ideally the day before** so that we can make the necessary arrangements. If you do not book then we cannot guarantee that your child will receive a hot meal.

## GALLERY



Hansel & Gretel Practise



Hansel & Gretel Costume Rehearsal.

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Class 1 Home grown vegetables for making soup



Class 1 Classic pottage soup from time of the Great Fire of London



Learning how to program Bee Bots



Combining PE throwing skills and addition skills in arithmetic.

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Pupils worked collaboratively and applied their science skills to present findings from an enquiry.



In maths, we were investigating some big questions about nets of shapes. The class applied their independent learning skills and completed a range of practical tasks.

## Dates for your Diary

9 <sup>th</sup> July	Outdoor Performance of Hansel & Gretel
10 <sup>th</sup> July	First Aid Teaching for KS2 children
15 <sup>th</sup> /22 <sup>rd</sup> July	Swimming continues- every Thursday pm
15/16 <sup>th</sup> July	Residential Expedition
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 Leaver Service 11.00am
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last Day of Term