



# School Newsletter

**Friday 24th September**

## Parents Meetings

To be held online, on the week beginning 18th October.

## Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Academy have chosen Monday 6th June as the additional bank holiday in lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

## Kitchen Closure

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October the kitchen will be closed so everyone will need to bring in a packed lunch. Children who receive FSM can order sandwiches, please contact the school office.

## Forms

Could you please return Privacy Notice forms and email any changes/no changes to your contact details by Monday 27th September.

## School Priorities

Check out the website for our School Priorities for this year.

## After School Sports Club

Multi Skills Sports Club is available on Tuesday, 3.05—4.00pm. £3.00 per session. Please email [admin-drakes@thelink.academy](mailto:admin-drakes@thelink.academy) to book your place. We will then send confirmation of your booking and you can pay on ParentPay.

**After School Football Club** is run by Exeter City Football Club. It is £3.00 a session, pay on the day. It is held at Stantyway Farm, Otterton, EX9 7JJ, 3.30—4.30pm. Please contact Ed at [ednorthpole@gmail.com](mailto:ednorthpole@gmail.com)

## School Dates

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December—Beauty and the Beast Pantomime, Exeter Corn Exchange.

Wednesday 15th December—Christmas lunch.

**Macmillan Cake Sale** will be held after school on Friday 1st October. We would be very grateful if our brilliant Drakes school bakers could bring their cake donations into school on the morning of the 1st.

Important Dates	
Friday 22nd October	Last Day of Half Term
Monday 1st November	School Resumes

## PTFA AGM

The PTFA AGM is on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September in the playpark at 3:15 (just after school) for anyone that wants to join us. If any parents would like to give us their suggestions and ideas please could they fill out this form:

<https://forms.gle/sCmodYB5BgnzcaSo9>

We look forward to seeing you there.

## School Allotment:

The school allotment is still up and running for anyone that wants to spend time there – it's a beautiful time of year for visiting. It could also do with some TLC (weeding/trimming) if anyone has time. For any new parents who haven't had the opportunity to visit yet – if you enter the allotments from gate opposite the Salem Chapel – it is the first allotment on your left.

## Dates for your diary:

20<sup>th</sup> November – Winter Craft Fayre – Public Hall

4<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Wreath Making

## Message from CEO

*Dear parents and carers,*

*I would like to make everyone aware that we at the Link are continuing to treat Covid as a very serious virus that could lead to serious illness in both staff, adults and children in all our schools.*

*We are following Government Guidance with additional consideration for anything else that helps to ensure everyone is safe. Risk Assessments are in place for all our schools.*

*Ventilation is the major focus, as we understand this is paramount in ensuring the virus is controlled- so we will be ensuring, where this is safe, windows and doors will be open and group gatherings will be kept to a minimum or will happen outside while weather allows. Each school will be appointing window monitors to help children understand the need for a good flow of fresh air.*

*In response to educational research, we will not be wearing masks when teaching children as the detrimental effect of such concerns us, but we are asking our staff to try and stay safe in their personal lives by using them in areas where there are larger numbers of people gathered.*

*We hope these measures will keep us all safe and ensure our schools remain open to enable the children in our schools to be able to continue to enjoy the social interactions and education that lockdowns have impacted so detrimentally.*

*Kind regards,  
Nicky Dunford*

Matthew 12:21

“And his name will be the hope of all the world”