



School Newsletter

Friday 7th May 2021

Parent's Evening

Thank you to those parents who attended parent's meetings this week. It was the first time we used Teams and there were some teething issues. I hope you found it a positive experience.

Food Vouchers

Each school has an allocation of Food Vouchers to use in some shops in Budleigh Salterton, so if you or you know of a family who is need please contact the school office.

Toilet Twinning

The Ethos group have come together to choose a very important charity this term, which links nicely to our value of compassion. They have picked toilet twinning - a cause that has opened the eyes of many children, to just how lucky we are to have fresh, clean water and our own toilets. They have shown great compassion already and are very passionate to raise as much as they can. You can find out more information here -

[Toilet Twinning - Flushing away poverty, one toilet at a time](#)

Over the next few months, we will be fundraising to hopefully be able to twin a block of toilets for a school in either Malawi, Uganda or Zambia. Look out for events coming up - the first being on Friday 28th May where the children are invited to 'dress blue for the loo' - children can come to school in either blue clothes or their own clothes for donations of £1 per family. There will be a few more fundraising events after half term to help this worthy cause so watch out for dates coming soon. We hope you can all join us in supporting this global appeal. Thank you.

Important Dates	
Friday 28th May	Last Day of Term
Monday 7th June	First Day of Term

Clubs

Early Morning Club is available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8.00—8.40 am.

After School Club is available on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 3.05 —5.00 pm.

After School KS1 Sports Club is available on Tuesday, 3.05—4.00pm.

Please could all bookings be made, the Friday before the week you would like your child/children to attend. For all clubs bookings, please pay on ParentPay then email admindrakes@thelink.academy to book your place. We will then be able to send confirmation of your booking.

Parent Governor Local Board

All the information for the Parent Governor Election is now on our website, under the Governors tab.

Parent Self-testing

Get Tested to Help Keep Devon Safe

As we move to the next stage of Covid-19 restrictions easing, every adult in Devon is now being encouraged to take a quick, lateral flow test for coronavirus at least twice a week to help stop the virus spreading.

Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 don't have any symptoms but can pass it on. Regular testing helps identify those who are likely to have the virus, unknowingly and is essential to help stop the virus spreading and to protect one another.

Getting a rapid test is fast and convenient providing a result within the hour. Anyone over 18 can now access these tests in Devon, including:

being tested at one of our many [mobile rapid testing sites](#)
 collecting home test kits from any of our [mobile rapid testing sites](#)
 collecting home test kits from [NHS testing locations and pharmacies that are part of the Pharmacy Collect Scheme](#) having [home test kits from the NHS delivered to your home](#)

People with symptoms -new and continuous cough, high temperature, or change to their usual sense of taste or smell- should still immediately self-isolate and arrange a [PCR test via the NHS](#).

They will neither hunger nor thirst, nor will the desert heat or the sun beat down on them. He who has compassion on them will guide them and lead them beside springs of water.

Isaiah 49:10