



School Newsletter

Friday 18th March

PGCE Students

We look forward to welcoming Katie Birchwood and Miranda Perry who will be starting their work placement at Drake's from Monday 21st March to Wednesday 29th June. Katie will be in Dragonfly class and Miranda will be in Kingfisher class.

PE Days

Monday – Otters and Dragonflies, Tuesday – Whole school, Thursday – Kingfishers. On your child's PE day, please send your child already dressed in their PE kit. They will remain in their PE kit for the whole day.

Please remember all children need to be in their school PE kit on Monday 21st March as Mr Luxa's days are being swapped over next week. Whole school PE will then return to Tuesdays.

KS2 Cross Country Event

This event will be held on Thursday 24th March at Bicton College and not at Bicton Arena as stated in the letter to the selected KS2 children.

Local Author Visit

Debra Wellington will be visiting Otters class on Thursday 31st March.

Walk for Ukraine

To support families and children going through the crisis in the Ukraine both schools will be taking part in a sponsored walk on Friday 1st April. Instead of collecting sponsorship money we would ask families to donate directly to the [Disasters Emergency Committee \(DEC\)](#) to raise funds for their appeal. More details to follow.

Important Dates	
Thursday 24th March	ELC CC, Bicton College
Thursday 31st March	Author Visit, Otters Class
Friday 1st April	Walk for Ukraine
w/b 4th April	Reports sent out
Tuesday 5th April	Hockey/Handball Competition
Friday 8th April	Easter Bonnet Parade
	Last day of term— 2pm finish
Monday 25th April	First day of Summer Term
	Bikeability for Kingfisher pupils
Monday 16th May— Wednesday 18th May	Year 6 Residential

Easter Bonnet Parade

Will take place on Friday 8th April at 1pm.

Year 6 Residential Trip

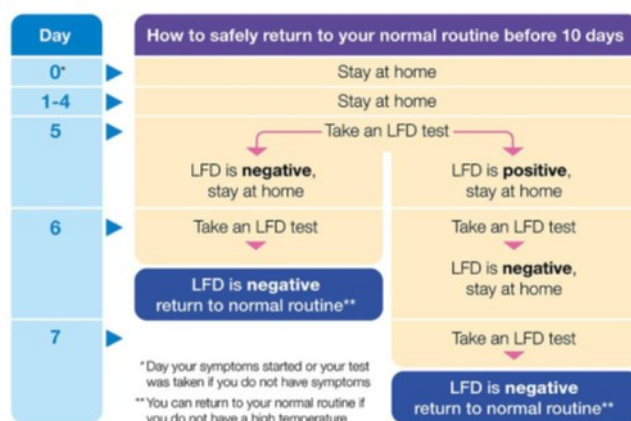
Our Year 6 residential visit to Dartmoor will this year take place on Monday 16th May – Wednesday 18th May. We will be staying at Pixie's Holt, a purpose built facility owned and run by Devon County Council, situated close to Princetown. This year's activities could include Forest Orienteering, climbing/scrambling and weaselling, caving, bush craft, a night walk and a quiz/movie night. Please could all £30 deposits be paid on ParentPay and all forms returned to school by **Friday 25th March**. We would then ask that the remaining balance is paid on ParentPay by **Tuesday 10th May**, thank you

TikTok Parent Guide from Alan Mackenzie (esafety advisor)

As well as being an online safety consultant I also wear another hat. I work with Lincolnshire Police Paedophile Online Investigation Team (POLIT) in a voluntary capacity (as a police officer). Each week I carry out home visits where there has been a specific concern in order to talk to the parents and children. It will come as no surprise to you that many of the incidents I'm dealing with are related to TikTok, some of the children are in Y2/3, most are Y6/7 and you can imagine if they have required police intervention they are all very serious.

It's important that we keep engaging with parents, many are still not aware of the risks and issues. OpenView Education have put together a really useful TikTok guide for parents which I think is worth sharing. You can find the guide [HERE](#).

If your child has a positive COVID test, please follow The Link Academy Trust guidelines.



Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you