

**Reminders:**

**Healthy snacks**

All children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to eat at break time – no chocolate or crisps are allowed at this time of the day and please do not bring nuts into school.

**Drinks**

Please send a water bottle into school for your child but please ensure this contains just water - sugary juice drinks are not allowed.

**Please Label Everything**

Please ensure that you label all your child's school clothing and personal items so that we can return any items which get lost, including packed lunch boxes and drinks bottles!

**Absence**

Please remember to phone the school office by 9:30 if your child is absent from school.

**Parking**

Please can I remind everyone to park considerately and safely outside the school gates? Please ensure that you park in a safe place so that children can see to cross, and be careful not to block or obstruct neighbour access to their drives. With all classes arriving and finishing at the same time now, there is going to be more

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Welcome Back!** It's been lovely to be back in school this week and to see everyone once again! I hope you all managed to have a good summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new year ahead.

Unfortunately, my own return to school this term has been hampered by a minor inconvenience called Covid. You may have noticed that I have not been in school since Tuesday. This is because I noticed a cough developing Tuesday evening and then sadly, tested positive for Covid on Thursday. This means I will not be back in school until Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Although I will not be in school at all next week, please feel free to contact me should you need anything as I am still working from home and will be available via email: [dmain@landscore-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:dmain@landscore-primary.devon.sch.uk) Mr Seller will be holding the fort in my absence and our team of incredible staff will be making sure that everything is running as smoothly as possible.

**Welcome to our Newcomers** I

would like to welcome all the new children who have joined us this year - everyone seems to have settled in really well, and it's great to see so many smiling faces. Our new Reception children are proving to be a wonderful addition to our Landscore family and I know everyone is working hard to make them welcome.



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**Key Dates – Autumn Term**

- Harvest Assembly – We will be holding a whole school Harvest celebration on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October. We will also have a food collection for the Crediton Food Bank. More information will follow about this.
- Parents' Evenings – We are hoping to offer you the choice of either a face to face or a virtual meeting this term to discuss your child's progress. These meetings will take place on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Booking forms will come out nearer the time.
- Non-Pupil Day – On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October the school is closed to pupils.
- Half Term Holiday - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**Year 6 Secondary Applications** If your child is in Year 6 this year, you will be thinking about transition to secondary school next year and you will need to apply for a secondary school place by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Applications can be made online and more information can be found at:

congestion so we need to be more vigilant. It would be great if you could park a little further away from the school and walk the last part of your journey.

#### **Payments on Line**

Please ensure that all payments for school dinners, swimming, school trips, etc. are paid on line. If you do not have a login for this or have forgotten it, please let the school office know and they can send you a new login. This will also tell you how to access the system if you haven't used it before. P.E. T-shirts, which are £2 each, are the only thing that we need cash for.

Please ensure that all school meals are paid for in advance.

#### **Medical information**

Please ensure that we have up to date medical information for your child. If your child has been sent asthma forms, please complete them and send them back to school as soon as possible.

#### **School Access**

Please only come into the school office if a matter is absolutely vital. I need to safeguard both my staff and yourselves, so please do not come to the school foyer area if you can use email or telephone instead. If your message is for a teacher, please either email them directly or speak to them at the end of the day in the playground.

[www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place](http://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place)

**School Uniform Policy** We firmly believe that how a child dresses affects his/her attitude to learning and behaviour. At Landscore we would like our children to take pride in their appearance to give them a sense of belonging. Our school uniform is smart and practical. The school uniform is as follows:

- Grey or black trousers, shorts, pinafore dress, skirt or short sleeved blue gingham dress (no jeans or jogging bottoms please)
- White or blue shirt or polo shirt – school logo polo shirts available
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan – with school logo preferred
- Black, grey or white tights
- Black, grey or white socks
- Black, brown or dark blue school shoes, ankle boots or sandals -secured to the foot (not trainers, fashion shoes, crocs or shoes with a heel)
- Royal blue fleece with school logo (optional)

**PE Kit** Children in years 2-6 should also wear a PE kit on PE days which consists of:

- Navy blue/ Black shorts
- Navy blue/ Black tracksuit or leggings (Plain with no logos)
- Team coloured T-shirt (purchased from school)
- Plimsolls or trainers

Our school uniform is available to buy from Mole Avon in Crediton or online from Price and Buckland. If you have any difficulty with purchasing the uniform, please let me know.

**Please note:** Any fashion clothing should be avoided, including hair decorations. Nail varnish, make-up and temporary tattoos are not permitted. No jewellery other than wristwatches and plain stud earrings are allowed. If children have earrings in for PE days, they will need to either remove them or cover them with micro-pore.

**Morrisons Gardening Equipment** Morrisons has recently launched 'It's Good To Grow' campaign. The supermarket will donate gardening equipment to schoolchildren across the UK in the hope of educating children about where their food comes from.

If you sign up to the scheme, via the app, you will gain one 'It's Good to Grow' token for every £10 spent in store or online, which can then be donated to any school to redeem equipment such as gardening tools, composting bins and seeds to get growing. Please help to support Landscore through this great initiative.

**Governors at Landscore** At the end of this term, we will have some parent governor vacancies coming up. Any parent or carer can put themselves forward for the role so we wanted to give you all some time to think about whether it's something you would be interested in doing. Our governors are responsible for making sure the school provides a good quality education for all pupils. Raising educational standards in school is a key priority. Governing boards are accountable to parents, the local community and the Local Authority. Governors are appointed for a term of four years. More information will be coming out towards the end of term but in the meantime, please feel free to come and have a chat or speak to one of our existing parent governors, Mrs Morgan or Mrs Saunders, if you have any questions.

**COVID Symptoms & Absence** Children who are unwell should not be sent into school. If your child starts to show any signs of COVID-19: a persistent cough, a high temperature or a loss of taste or smell, please make sure they isolate immediately and get tested. If your child displays any of these symptoms during the school day, we will keep them in the first aid room and ring you to come and collect them.

Please always inform the school if you take your child to have a COVID-19 test.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

*Debbie Main*