

Family Fun at the Methodist Church

New Ark for families will run on the second Saturday of each month, 4 - 6pm starting on 9th October. This includes supervised activities for the youngsters up to year 6, and a chance for parents to relax, chat and meet new people. A meal is provided each time and there is no charge.

Coats

With the unpredictable weather we have been experiencing lately, please can I ask you all to ensure that your children have a coat in school with them? We will often still go outside at lunchtime in light rain (as it is so important to give the children some fresh air and exercise) so they really do need a good coat to keep them dry and warm.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest We will be holding our Harvest Celebration next week on **Friday 8th October**. Each team will be performing a harvest song or poem to the rest of the school.

We are asking for donations of food on that day for us to give to the Crediton Foodbank. The charity provides emergency food parcels for local people who are in need and as you can appreciate, they have been needed more than ever in the past year. They would really appreciate any food donations which are non-perishable, i.e. any tinned or packaged food such as pasta, rice, macaroni cheese, jars of sauce, baked beans, tinned vegetables or fruit, tinned meats, soup, cereals, tinned ready meals, rice pudding, custard, teabags, coffee, sugar, jam etc. Please send these into school next Friday. Many thanks.

Friends of Landscore (PTA) AGM – Friday 15th October 2021, 9am in the Hall. Please remember the Friends of Landscore need your help to prepare for a year of fundraising. Come and have a ‘cuppa’ after drop off and see how you can become involved. As well as becoming a member of the Friends, we are also looking for nominations for the following three roles:

- Chair – leading the committee, ensuring the Friends is run in line with its constitution and according to the wishes of all members.
- Treasurer – managing and controlling the funds of the Friends according to the wishes of the committee
- Secretary – ensuring the PTA runs smoothly and efficiently through the preparation and organisation of the committee’s paperwork and communications.

Nominations for these roles can be made in advance of the meeting by dropping an email to friends@landscore-primary.devon.sch.uk or on the morning by speaking to Rachel Morgan, the current Chair. If you cannot make the 15th and are interested in getting involved, please drop us an email or pop into the school office and ask to speak to Judith Harris.

School Census Day Thursday 7th October Please strongly encourage your child to have a school meal next Thursday, Census Day, as it will help the school’s funding for next year. The children may also bring their packed lunch if they want to but will still be able to take a school meal and try it. The menu on that day will be: Hot dogs or pizza with potato wedges and beans, or jacket potato with cheese and beans. There will also be flapjack or ice cream for dessert. Many thanks.

Parents’ Meetings You should have received a letter this week detailing Parents’ evenings. If you would like to book an appointment with your child’s class teacher, please make sure that you have sent the completed form back into school.

Traffic Safety Many thanks to all of our parents who park very sensibly and also drive carefully past the school at the start and end of each school day. Unfortunately, I am still receiving reports about a small number of drivers who are driving too quickly past the school or parking their car in a dangerous position.

Please make sure you consider the safety of all children when you use your car or leave it parked near the school. Please park safely (do not park on double yellow lines or corners of roads -as seen in the photo) and park respectfully (do not block driveways).



Avanti Hall Open Day

Avanti Hall in Exeter will be holding an Open Morning on Tuesday 19th October between 9:30 am – 11:00 am aimed at current Year 5 or 6 pupils and parents. Please see their website for more information.



Online safety While connecting online has been a necessity for us during the past two years to stay in contact with family and friends, it's important that our children understand how to use the internet, apps, mobile phones and games with chat functions responsibly. One of the difficulties with social media is that children are often desperate to have an account but don't always have the maturity to keep themselves safe. There are lots of useful websites which can give helpful advice to both children and parents such as: <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/> <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> Please remember that age guidance for apps and online games is not just about content, but about other users' access and their content that our children are exposed to.



Black History Month Today marks the first day of Black History Month and we will be celebrating this event as a whole school during the month of October. Black History Month gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.

Crediton Library Once again, Crediton Library have made a collection of appropriate books for our children to borrow which are relevant to their themes. They have a large number of topic books on fossils, rocks, minerals, volcanoes, earthquakes, natural art and the Aztecs.

Congratulations to Ava Kelly who successfully completed the Summer Reading Challenge with Crediton library during the holidays. Ava has now become a 'Wild World Hero'! Well done Ava and keep enjoying your reading.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely
Debbie Main

