

Christmas in Crediton

Well, Christmas is fast approaching and I'm pleased to say that our children in Years 5 and 6 and the choir will once again be singing carols at the Christmas Tree Lights switch on which is taking place on Saturday 27th November in the Town Square. More information will be sent out nearer the time.



Red Cross Poppies

We will still be selling the Red Cross poppies and memorabilia at school next week. If you would like your child to purchase a poppy, please ensure you send them with some money to put into the collection tin. The poppies can be purchased for a donation of any amount but the key rings and rubbers cost a minimum of 50p. There are no snap bands left I'm afraid.
 Many thanks.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Dates for Your Diary:

Monday 8 th November	Tempest Photography - Individual photographs
Friday 19 th November	Children In Need
Saturday 27 th November	Christmas in the Square & Lights 'switch on'
Friday 3 rd December	Sponsored Christmas Event (Information to follow)
Tuesday 7 th December 2:00pm	KS1 Christmas performance
Thursday 9 th December 6:00pm	KS1 Christmas performance
Tuesday 14 th December 2:00pm	KS2 Carol Service (Restricted to KS2 due to social distancing requirements)
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 17 th Dec.	Last Day of Term

Tempest Photography On Monday 8th November, Tempest Photography will be taking individual and family photographs. Every child in the school will have an individual photo taken and any siblings within the school will have a family photo taken during the day. However, if you would like to have a photo taken of your child/ren with their younger siblings (who are not at Landscore), you are welcome to come along to the hall between 8:30am and 9:00am for a family photo.

Landscore Governing Body Needs You! Our current parent governors are coming to the end of their term of office and we will have three vacancies for parent governors on our school's governing body from January. I am writing to invite nominations to fill these vacancies and would be grateful if you could think about becoming a governor, or encouraging others to volunteer. Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the governor team and play an important role; the governing body works together as a group, meeting monthly. Together they are responsible for the strategic direction of the school, promoting high standards of educational achievement and ensuring our resources are used to maximum impact. Life as a governor is interesting and varied and we feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance.

Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training, those new to being a governor are expected to attend induction training. The term of office for parent governors is 4 years. For further information about the role please get in touch with Judith Harris, Clerk, (clerk@landscore-primary.devon.sch.uk) who will be happy to help.

If you would like to stand for election please collect a nomination form from the school office, complete it and return to the school office, marked for the attention of the Clerk, no later than 12 noon on Monday 22nd November 2021. If you wish, you can include a few details about yourself and why you would like to become a governor (not exceeding 100 words).

One of our current Parent Governors had this to say about being a Governor: *'I have loved being involved in the Governing Body and have gained a great insight into how the school runs. I feel valued and listened to as the member of the Governing Body and feel I have had a positive impact on my children's school. I have learnt a lot about education, how the curriculum has changed and how we can support our children.'*



Online safety - Squid Game and what parents need to know You may have heard of a program called **Squid Game** which is currently being shown on Netflix. Despite the programme's 15 age rating, clips and images from the programme are being uploaded onto social media sites such as **TikTok**. There have been reports of children who have accounts on these platforms inadvertently viewing gory, explicit scenes from the programme, and parents and carers should be mindful of the prevalence of these uploads. As a parent or carer, we recommend you keep a watchful eye on the content that your children are viewing. Speak to them openly and chat about how they have been spending time on their devices; let them ask questions, too. Ensure that the parental controls are activated on your child's device and that age-restricted child profiles are properly set up any on-demand services available through the family TV (such as Netflix, in this case) to prevent inappropriate content being streamed. You can find out more about how to setup parental controls on [Netflix here](#). For more advice about Squid Game and the risks to children please see this [article from National Online Safety](#).

Congratulations to William Rowe this week for achieving his STANley level 4 swimming certificate. William had to push and glide on his back, swim 5 metres on both his front and back, tread water and perform two float positions along with many other tasks which were required of him. What a fabulous achievement William, you must be very proud of yourself. Very well done!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the fireworks safely.

Yours sincerely
Debbie Main