

Landscore Primary School Newsletter - No. 3 Autumn 2021

Friday 24th September 2021

Music Tuition

We are very lucky at Landscore to have a number of very experienced and talented peripatetic teachers who are able to give private instrumental lessons during the school day. We have access to guitar, drum, recorder, flute, saxophone and piano teachers. The lessons take place in school, during the day and all teachers currently have a few places available. Should you like to sign your child up to one of these teachers, please contact the office for more information.

Y6 Opportunity to 'Chill Out'

'Big Top Chill and Chat' every Monday starting from 20th September 3.30pm to 5pm at Crediton Methodist Church for children in Year 6, term-time only. There will be Wii games, pool table, tuck shop and a relaxing space to just hang out. Please ring 07454 907207 to book a place or for further details.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Key Dates for your Diary:

Friday 8th Oct. Harvest Assembly (Unfortunately, this is not open to parents) Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st Oct. Parents' Evenings (Virtual on Tuesday/ Face to face on Thursday) Friday 22nd Oct. Non Pupil Day Monday 25th – Friday 29th Oct. Half Term Holiday Tuesday 14th Dec. 2:00pm **Christmas Carol Concert** Wednesday 15th Dec. Children's Christmas Dinner Friday 17th Dec. Last Day of Term

The Bookery Author Event Message from The Bookery, High Street, Crediton.

We were delighted to bring Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre to Landscore to introduce 'Kevin vs The Unicorns', the final book in the series. Thanks to our sponsorship programme we were also able to provide each child attending with a free copy of 'The Legend of Kevin'. The other two books in the series ('Kevin and the Biscuit Bandit' and 'Kevin's Great Escape') will be available at The Bookery at the discounted price of £6 each or two for £10.

Philip Reeve is also going to be in Crediton on **Saturday 25th September** to celebrate the publication of his new book '*Utterly Dark and the Face of the Deep*'. This event, which is aimed more at Year 5 and 6 children, will be taking place the **Old Town Hall at 2.30pm**, tickets £4 or £8 to include a copy of the book.

<u>Generic Consent Form</u> Every parent has signed a consent form for their child when they started school either giving the school permission or saying 'no' to the school for taking children out of school on local trips, taking photographs of your child, allowing children to watch PG films, tasting foods and providing intimate care. Should you want to make any changes to the level of permission you have given the school at any time, please just notify the office.

School Census Day Thursday 7th October is our census day which is the day when we have to report our pupil numbers to the DFE. These figures are then used to calculate our budget for the following year. Within these numbers, we have to report the number of children who have eaten a school meal on that day. This then determines the level of funding we receive for the following year. It is paramount that as many children as possible, particularly from KS1 and Reception, order and take a meal on that day, even if they don't normally have one. Please strongly encourage your child to have a school meal on that 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.

<u>Free School Meal Entitlement</u> Please ensure that you have completed an on-line free school meal form if you are eligible for free school meals. Even if your child is currently in Year R, 1 or 2 it is still beneficial to yourselves and the school for you to apply because you can also get help with school trips, etc. The school gets additional money for every child who falls in this category

Job Vacancies

Pippins Pre-School and Nursery are looking to recruit new members of staff for both the Nursery and Kidz Star Club.

Pippins: Additional support worker and Nursery Assistant Hours 12-16 per week between 7.45am-6pm Monday to Friday 52 weeks /12 month contract £6.56-8.91

Kidz Star Club: -

Playworker
Hours 13.75-16 per
week between:
7.45am-9am and
3.15pm-5/5.15pm
Monday to Friday
38 weeks 12 months
contract
Hourly rate NLW
For more details, please
phone:

01363 772474

which is called pupil premium. If you receive one of the following benefits, then you could be entitled to free meals and pupil premium:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (not Contribution Based)
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit Run-On (paid for 4 weeks after you stop receiving Working Tax Credit)

<u>Friends of Landscore AGM</u> We will be holding the AGM for the Friends of Landscore (PTA) on Friday 15th October 2021 at 9:00am in the school hall. Why not join us for a cup of tea and hear about how you may be able to help to raise lots of money to support the work here at Landscore. We are looking for nominations for Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and also parents who want to get involved with events and other fundraising activities. It will be a short meeting and we hope that you can join us. If you can't attend but would like to be involved, please drop us a line at friends@landscore-primary.devon.sch.uk or on our Facebook Page (Friends of Landscore). Help us make this a great year for Landscore.

QE Year 6 Open Days Queen Elizabeth's School plan to have an Open Week between Monday 27th September and Friday 1st October. Tours of the Barnfield Campus (Lower School site) can be made by appointment between 9:30 & 3pm. This will allow the school to provide enhanced Covid control measures.

If you would like to register an expression of interest on a preferred day of that week please complete this form and one of QE's team will get in touch to arrange a specific appointment time. **Tour Application** (available on the QE website)

You may also want to visit their *Virtual Open Event* by following the link:

Virtual Open Event

<u>Supporting Your Child's Learning</u> If you have a child in Team 2, you will already know that the teachers send out a weekly email to inform you of the learning that is coming up the following week. This enables you to support your child and be more involved with their learning. As this has proven so popular and beneficial to the children, we have decided to start a similar communication with every year group. We totally understand that too many emails can become a problem, so please do let us know if you would prefer not to receive these weekly emails.

<u>Online Safety</u> With so many children spending more and more time on the internet, it is vitally important that we all work together to keep them as safe as possible. If you need any support or advice about keeping your child safe, please visit the:

'UK Safer Internet Centre' at https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/ or the

'Think U Know' website at https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/ where you will find a range of online safety tips, advice and resources.

<u>Congratulations</u> to Eliza Henderson who has passed her level 1 STAnley swimming award. What a fabulous achievement, especially as Eliza is one of our youngest children in the school. Well done Eliza and keep up the great work with your swimming.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely *Debbie Main*

