

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

### **Dates for the Summer Term (Some dates are provisional)**

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	- Class photos
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	- Half term holiday
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	- Non pupil day
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	- Y6 Grenville Residential
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	- Sports Day – KS2 morning & KS1 afternoon
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	- Class swap and class lists to go out with reports
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	- Year 6 Leavers' Presentation pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	- Last Day of Term (Wear what you like day)



### **Reminders**

• **Absence** – please remember to phone the school office by 9:30 if your child is absent from school.

• **Uniform** – Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform on the days that they are not in their PE kits.

• **Drinks** – you are welcome to send a water bottle into school for your child but please ensure this contains just water - sugary juice drinks are not allowed.

• **School meal payments** – If you pay for school meals, please make sure that you pay for any meals your child wants before they order them. If a debt has not been cleared, then children will not be able to order any further meals.



**Special Visitors for KS1** This week, KS1 children had a lovely surprise when Miss Coney's parents brought in some new born lambs for them to hold and feed. The children are learning about lifestyles and the needs of living creatures so this visit helped to capture the children's interest and was a lovely start to their new theme.



**Get Tested to Help Keep Devon Safe** As we move to the next stage of Covid-19 restrictions easing, every adult in Devon is being encouraged to take a quick, lateral flow test for Coronavirus at least twice a week to help stop the virus spreading. Getting a rapid test is fast and convenient providing a result within the hour. Anyone over 18 can now access these tests in Devon by:

- collecting home test kits from any of the mobile rapid testing sites
- collecting home test kits from NHS testing locations and pharmacies that are part of the Pharmacy Collect Scheme
- having home test kits from the NHS delivered to your home

People with symptoms -new and continuous cough, high temperature, or change to their usual sense of taste or smell- should still immediately self-isolate and arrange a PCR test via the NHS.

### **Test and Trace Support Payments**

If you or a child needs to self-isolate, you might be able to get a Test and Trace Support payments of £500 if either:

- you have been told to self-isolate because of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and you cannot work from home
- you're the parent or guardian of a child who has been told to self-isolate and you need to take time off to look after them

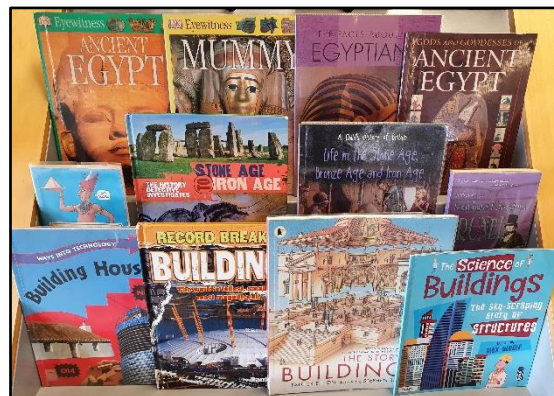
You must be employed or self-employed to get the payment. Further details and eligibility can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment>.

Applications for the support payment can be made via the [Mid Devon local council](#)

- **Sunny Weather** – As we head into the hottest part of the year, please remember to send your child to school with a hat and a water bottle (clearly labelled with their name!). Please also apply sun cream in a morning.

**Aspiring Journalists!** The News wise Team at the Guardian are looking for articles for their Country Diary column so they have launched a new campaign inviting 8 - 14 year olds to submit articles about nature. If you are inspired by the nature around you, then why not write about it and send your entry into the Guardian newspaper? You can find more information about the project and how children can submit their articles [here](#). The deadline for entries is Monday 17th May.

**Theme Books** Crediton Library have gathered books for this half term's topics; Brilliant Buildings, the Stone Age and Egypt, and have put them on display in the library. There are lots of books available, as you can see from the photo, but there are still more on their way. The library is now open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am - 12pm and 2pm - 4pm and Saturday 10am - 12pm so head down there and take a look!



I hope you all have a lovely weekend and we'll see you on Monday!

*Debbie Main*