

School Matters

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Digital Dates

Monday, 22nd July
Pre School Leavers
Party -10am

Tuesday, 23rd July
Leaver's Assembly-11am
Pre School Leavers
Celebration -1 pm
School finishes -1.30pm

**Wednesday, 4th
September**
Children back in school

Friday, 13th September
Year 5 swimming

Monday, 16th September
Year 6 Residential week
begins

Monday, 21st October
Autumn Half Term starts



July 19 News

As we near the end of the school year, it is good to reflect on what a fantastic (and very different) year it has been. Obviously the year started with us moving into our brand new building. I must thank all the staff for their amazing hard work in making sure the school was ready for when the children started. Even with builders still on site and surrounding us, the staff made sure everything was ready. All went smoothly during those two terms while we waited to finally get all our spaces.

When the children first came in, the excitement was clear for everyone to see. The new hall was a 'Wow' for all of them. Several were heard, after their first assembly, talking about the fact they had space either side of them as well as in front and behind!

During the year there have been a lot of highlights, the fashion parade and that first chance to use the hall with parents and children. Wake up and Shake up every morning, various exciting trips from Roman Baths to the Donkey Sanctuary, Escot to the Muddy Bear Trail, Farm visits to Science events and raft building at Haven Banks. The many sporting events throughout the year, including our Y5/6 Quadkids team representing East Devon in the Devon Summer Games. The visit of The English Touring Opera and their first chance to perform in our new hall – which they thoroughly enjoyed. Once again they commented on how much they enjoy their visits to our school, because of how engaged and enthusiastic our children are. Finally our Grand Opening last month, which gave us a chance to show the school to past members of staff and the local community. Despite the weather it was an occasion enjoyed by all.

A highlight for all those in Early Years (staff and children) was, of course, the arrival of the outdoor classroom area – something which unfortunately got delayed quite a few times! Now it is here though it is a definite 'Wow' for them all.

The Twilight after school club phone number is 07513269489

My thanks go also to the volunteers that come in every week and help out in school in various ways - the staff very much appreciate everything they do.

On behalf of all the staff I must also thank the PTFA, for all their wonderful fund-raising efforts over the last 24 months. Thanks to their brilliant and tireless work, we have been able to make sure that we have a lot of wonderful, new kit in our brand new school. This all helps to enhance the children's learning environment.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer break with your children and look forward to our second year in the new school in September.

From the Governing Body

The Governors want to express their sincere thanks to all school staff for the exceptional efforts made throughout the school build. We want you all to know we appreciate how many hours and how much energy has gone into making the move possible. The fact that the school has continued to provide a fantastic learning environment for the pupils, and delivered great results at the same time is a testimony to your dedication and professionalism.

We would also like to thank all the members of the PTFA for their amazing fundraising work throughout the school build, helping to make sure the children have been provided with brilliant facilities and equipment.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to all the volunteers who have given their time in school and to school activities.

Thank you all, and have a great summer.

From the PTFA

THANK YOU! The Summer Fete raised a staggering £2,700, huge thanks to the whole school community!

EXCITING PLANS! We are planning to use some of the Summer Fete takings to fund an allotment project in school so the children can grow their own fruit and veg!

FANTASTIC NEWS! The school has been accepted as a public crisp packet recycling point with Terracycle! Watch this space as the children's eco-council launch the scheme in September. The PTFA get paid by the kilo for recycling crisp packets, a win for us and a win for the planet!

All unsold school uniform from the Summer Fete will be donated to the Sidmouth School Uniform Bank.

The **PTFA AGM** will be held on Wednesday 18th September 2019 in the school hall. We will have committee elections and reports on what we raised/how we spent it, plus plotting for the year ahead. Everyone is welcome!

School Office News

Menu Change—On the last day of term (July 23rd) the school dinner will be **fish and chips**. Please make sure any outstanding dinner money is paid before the end of term.

Any unclaimed school uniform in the lost property area will be donated to the **Back to School Bank**. An article in last week's Sidmouth Herald described the help the Back to School Bank can provide to parents, in particular, school uniform <http://bit.ly/2xEzzHl>

School Lane is likely to be **closed** either between August 27th–30th OR September 23rd–27th for South West Water Utility Works.