

Merry Christmas

Friday 18th December 2020

From the Headteacher

Thank you for all the support and best wishes we have received throughout an unprecedented year! We have all learned to be both flexible and cautious—sometimes at the same time. Our children have been a credit to themselves, their parents and their teachers. Have a Happy, Harmonious and Safe Christmas.

Reception applications for September 2021 Deadline 15th January 2020

If you have a child that is due to start school in September 2021 then the deadline for applications is Friday 15th January. The best way to apply is via the Citizen portal: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or if you would prefer to make an application via a paper form then please request this from the school office.

If you need help in making an application then please do not hesitate to contact the school office - we are more than willing to help you complete an application online or will scan paper forms through to DCC Admissions if you would like us to.

Your child may be disadvantaged if you do not make an application by the deadline, as their application will be considered late. If the school you are applying to is likely to be oversubscribed then late applications are very likely to be refused admission, regardless of their priority for a place at the school.

Learn Devon

Learn Devon provides adult and community learning courses on behalf of Devon County Council. For details of next year's courses go to:

<https://www.learndevon.co.uk/spring-programme/>

Adventure Island-Thimble the Christmas Mouse

Since our last update pre-school and reception children have discovered three new characters in Adventure Island! First, we found out about Hoddy Dodd who is a very tall giant who spends his time looking after the birds. He is a bit like a postman for birds as he delivers the secret messages they send to each other, dropping them into their nests as he walks past.

We then discovered Smeech. Now, Smeech is a troublesome character that we all need to watch out for because she is the queen of the goblins and she likes to drop litter EVERYWHERE! We now take a bag down to Adventure Island each time we visit just in case she has been and we need to tidy up.

The third character we found is a very special one we would like to share with you all... Thimble the Christmas Mouse. It is her job to leave magic messages to remind us of the joy of family and of all the unknown adventures heading our way in the new year.

Please follow the link below to find the 'Thimble the Christmas Mouse' series of 12 short videos. They feature Greg Bottrill, the creator of Adventure Island, and are aimed at younger viewers. They will give you an insight into the magic of Adventure Island and some really brilliant simple ideas you can use at home. Who knows, maybe Thimble the Christmas Mouse will leave some magic messages at your door this Christmas! If she does, we would love to hear about it!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mw_Odnm9w4U

Pictures from Adventure Island



Above One of our pre-schoolers leaving a Christmas Pudding at The Bog Swamp for the Bog Babies.

Left A Christmas tree made by Year 1

Fruit Trees

Year 3 planted a number of fruit trees on the slope at the front of the school with the help of Mr Filer and Mr Davey.



From the PTFA We're going on a Christmas Bear Hunt!

A new trail for the festive season! Open 18th-24th December. Take in the twinkly lights and enter the prize draw, £1 each, honesty box and trail sheets outside No 42 King Alfred Way, Newton Popleford.

Sporty Stars

Over the course of the term all our pupils have worked incredibly hard during their PE, and it was decided to award a termly prize of recognition for the pupil who has tried their hardest and gone above and beyond their own expectations.

For this term the prize goes to

HATTIE in year 3.

MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS AND KEEP IT UP



Children are back in school on Tuesday, 5th January, 2021