

# Newsletter Summer 3: 2022



## Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the second half of the summer term. It is lovely to see lunchtime and after-school clubs happening again and seeing so many children taking part. There are lots of exciting events planned for the children, we had the Space Dome in last week for 4 year groups and the whole school is looking forward to Sciencedipity coming in a couple of weeks' time. If you want to find out more about Sciencedipity use the QR code and it will take you to a short film clip.



## Fundraising for Ukraine

We are extremely proud of Beth in Year 6 for initiating her own fundraising event for Ukraine. Thank you to all our families too for their fantastic support for Beth's DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. She has now raised a further £169 to add to £37 she raised at Decoy Park. Well done Beth for raising £206 from your jewellery sale.

## Sports Days

We hope you will be able to join us for our Sports Days. We took it for granted that these kind of events would run every year and be supported by family and friends until we suddenly could not hold them over the last 2 years. We are really looking forward to seeing you there, if you are able to make it!

## DecoyFest

Another important date in the annual Decoy calendar is DecoyFest! It is incredible to think that many of our children and their families have not been to one yet. The PTA are a very friendly group and have put together a great event. If you are able to lend a helping hand for an hour on the day, it would be greatly appreciated.



## The PTA currently have 1hr slots still on:

The Bar - serving drinks and taking payment

Sweet stand - serving sweets, & ice cones & taking payment

Games stalls - taking payment and handing out prizes

Face Painting and Hair braiding, taking payment and painted faces/braiding hair

**All volunteers receive free entry to the fete!**

## Places now available for free holiday activities with meals this summer

Here is some important news from Devon County Council.

*Places are now available for children from across Devon, aged five to 16 years old, who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals, to take part in holiday activities with meals this summer.*

*It's our [Holiday Activities and Food programme](#), providing free physical activities as well as healthy, nutritional, hot meals, for four weeks over the summer break.*

*This time, we've got 40,000 places available for a range of activities including sports and coaching opportunities; indoor and outdoor play activities; outings to local parks and beaches; magic and circus skills; film making, arts and crafts; music; cooking; theatre workshops; yoga and mindfulness, and a lot more.*

*Councillor Andrew Leadbetter, our Cabinet Member with responsibility for children's services, said:*

*"School holidays can be difficult for some families, with added costs of food for example – especially now with rising food prices. For some, it can lead to a holiday experience gap, with children possibly more likely to feel social isolation and less likely to enjoy healthy exercise."*

*"We know young people value this time, and we're delighted once again to be working with even more providers this summer to arrange an even fuller programme." You can read the full story, with details about how to book, [on the news page of our website](#).*



**Jubilee Art Project**



**Yr. 4 Living Animals and their habitats homework project**

### **Lost property**

We now have a grand total of over 120 green school jumpers, cardigans and sweatshirts in our lost property. These jumpers cost around £10 each to buy new. We do try to get them back to their owners if they are labelled but unfortunately, many items do not have names. There are also probably 60 school trousers/skirts etc. There are white shirts, school dresses and various other items - all without name labels. Please help us to return items to their rightful owners by making sure your child's name is in each item of school uniform. Thank you.

### **Parent/Carer Questionnaire**

We appreciate that our families have very busy lives but please can I encourage as many parents/carers to complete our online Parent/Carer questionnaire as we have only had 41 responses so far. It is really important to get feedback from parents/carers as we value your opinion. The questionnaire that can be accessed by the following links.

For Reception – Year 6 <https://forms.gle/xUkURowhWCUj34Wj6>

For Nursery <https://forms.gle/QrkqJxKy4Ym3Yqt6>

Thank you very much for your time to help with this.

Finally, I have attached the Dairy Dates to this newsletter again as I know some parents/carers missed it the last time it was sent out.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope to see you at DecoyFest, if not before!

Kind regards

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