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**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**No 17**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! I hope you enjoyed the sunny half term break.

There are various events taking place over the next few weeks - the School Fete, sports days, our open day to meet next year's teacher amongst many others. Key Stage Two pupils have a fantastic residential trip planned this term and for pupils at school during this time, there will be opportunities to take part in an exciting 'Drama Week!' Details will be provided shortly.

As always, please keep an eye on the above "Dates" and check our website for any updates.

Term Date Changes for the Academic Year 2017-2018 - Due to mandatory staff training commitments, we are slightly changing our Term Dates for next year. Pupils will return to school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017, not Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017. And the last day for pupils will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018, not Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018. A full list of revised dates is attached.

Ellen Tinkham School - Increase in Pupil Numbers - The Local Authority is going through a consultation to increase pupil numbers at Ellen Tinkham School from 155 to 180 as from September. If you would like further information about this consultation, please check the BB website for details.

**On to other news from around the school:**

**School Comms**

If you haven't already done so, please take a few minutes to sign up to School Comms. This is quick and easy to do and will mean that we can contact you by email or text about any attendance or other queries. You will have the choice to make payments online although you can still send in cash or cheque if you prefer to.

**Dates  
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- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Summer Fete
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of Term
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Pupils return



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School Gateway - this is the School Comms online parent portal. Parents can view information, respond to school requests, book on to school trips and clubs and make payments (if they wish).

Getting started is easy. Log onto [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) and click on the New User Tab. Simply enter your mobile number and email address and the system automatically generates a login code. If you cannot create an account it may mean that your information is different to that which we hold for you here, so please phone the office to let us know of any changes.

There is also an App that you can download to your mobile phone. You can view all of your children on the one account - even if they're at different schools.

## What's On

**DISC Plus** - There are many events and activities across Devon being advertised through DISC Plus. To view their latest newsletter, go to <https://virg.in/DISCplusSpring> or email Kristine Taylor via [Kristine.Taylor@devon.gov.uk](mailto:Kristine.Taylor@devon.gov.uk) for further information."

**Exeter and East Devon Down's Syndrome Group** - This group organise many activities for families. If you would like details of what's going on, please contact Harriet Hall on 01392 410817. This group has their own Facebook page and offer opportunities for families to meet and enjoy free days out.

**Dartington Outdoor Swimming Pool** at Meadowbrook (a pool which some of our children use) will be opening shortly for the summer season. They are desperately seeking lifeguards (must be 16 years + and suitably qualified) and volunteers to join the team. If you can spare some time and would like to help please contact Elaine at [ehopkinsdpc@gmail.com](mailto:ehopkinsdpc@gmail.com) or call 07933844264 for further details.



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**Think Art - A free day of creativity and learning for all the family at the University of Exeter**

This is a family event on 17<sup>th</sup> June from 11 am to 4 pm

For more info go to:

[www.artsandcultureexeter.co.uk/event/1538/think-art](http://www.artsandcultureexeter.co.uk/event/1538/think-art)

Parking will be free in Campus car parks on Saturday 17 June.

Enjoy the weekend.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqui Warne".

Jacqui Warne  
Executive Head