



FAMILY NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGES FROM JACQUI WARNE

We are still enjoying lovely weather, so please continue to send your child into school with a named water bottle and applied suncream. Staff will happily re-apply suncream during the day if you provide a supply.

Teaching School – I am delighted to announce that following an application by Ellen Tinkham School, we have been awarded Teaching School status.

There will be exciting opportunities for all staff across the Federation, through leading on initiatives, delivering professional development, supporting other schools and through participating in new and exciting professional development opportunities.

One of the key elements in the Teaching School plan is a **TA Development Programme**. Currently under construction, the plan is to have in place a four part TA programme. Part One will result in a Diploma, Part Two a Foundation Degree, Part Three a specialist degree (BA) and Part Four the opportunity to carry out PGCE with one of our partner organisations, Marjon or Devon Primary SCITT. Marjon will be the degree awarding body.

These are exciting times ahead which will benefit all our pupils across the whole Federation.

FURTHER NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL ...

DATES

School Uniform

Wednesday 4th July—10—11.30 am—
Lower School Sports Day

Thursday 5th July— 10—11.30 am—
Upper School Sports Day

Thursday 19th July—Leavers Assembly
FE & KS4 Students only

Monday 23rd July—Transition tea party
10—11am Parents and students invited
to classroom to meet staff team for
September

Wednesday 25th July: Last day of term
for pupils

Thursday 6th September—Pupils
return to school

School Uniform is available to order online at www.schoolgateway.com using either a debit or credit card. Alternatively uniform can also be ordered by using one of the attached forms. Payment using this method can be made either by cash or cheque. Orders need to be placed by **Friday 20th July**. Uniform will be sent home with children when we return in early September.



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Whats On

Lifeworks Summer Holiday Programme

Weeks 1 and 2: Mon 30th Jul – Fri 10th Aug:

KEEP CALM AND DO IT ANYWAY - a new wellbeing activity week programme providing a comfortable space for young people to gain confidence, build resilience and develop creative coping strategies involving physical activity and mindfulness.

Week 3: Mon 20th Aug – Fri 24th Aug / **Week 4:** Tue 28th Aug – Fri 31st Aug:

ALL ABOARD - come and explore the South Devon Railway using the mediums of broadcast; music, digital art, print making and even dance. Together you will ride the train; talk to people who used to ride the Branchline 60 years ago, take photos and create content for the ALL ABOARD Exhibition open to the public on the last weekend of the summer holidays. Down time activities include: Zip wire at the Eden Project, River Dart Country Park and Paddleboard Yoga.

For more information visit our website page: The Holiday Project at www.lifeworks-uk.org

Or contact: Sarah-Jane Lowson [07500860288](tel:07500860288)/sarah-janelowson@lifeworks-uk.org

Mencap - Planning for the Future

Mencap are holding a free Planning for the Future seminar in Exeter on 11th July 2018. Additionally, there are also seminars in Plymouth on 10th July and Bristol on 24th July. Mencap hold Wills and Trusts seminars around the country, these sessions are friendly, informative and give clear, helpful advice on how to provide financial security in the future for a relative with a learning disability. To find out more or to book a space contact: 020 7696 6925 or email willsandtrusts@mencap.org.uk Alternatively go to: www.mencap.org.uk/willsandtrusts

Devon Parent Carers Voice

The Devon Parent Carers Voice Conference in South Devon.

Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre, TQ11 0EG. 18th July 9.30-2.30pm

This year the focus is on the core values of connecting and empowering parent carers so you can support each other, share experiences and discover how you can have a say in improving services around children with additional needs.

To book your place on the conference please follow this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dpcv-conference-for-parentcarers-tickets-46709824342?aff=erelpanelorg>

Blue Light Day

Wednesday, 15th August 2018, 10am - 2.30pm, Westpoint, Clyst St Mary, Exeter, EX5 1DJ. Attractions include: Police drone, Workshops Saints South West, Information on healthy living, First-aid, Fire service simulator, Music and dance, Food and drink, Exhibitors/stalls, Inclusive sports and more.

Sports Day

Don't forget Sports Day is Wednesday 4th for lower School and Thursday 5th - for upper School