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Dear Parents & Guardians,

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We have had a fantastic week in school and have definitely enjoyed the cooler temperatures. Our Year 6 children who are attending SMCC visited for two days this week and were so full of excitement upon their return to tell us about what they got up to. We also held our second Sports Day for KS2. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Holland for organising both events- it takes a huge level of organisation and preparation. Thank you to our families who also joined in the sporty celebrations!

We have lots of updates for you this week so have a read below of what we have been up to!

### **Parking – A Serious Safety Concern**

Once again, we are having to raise serious concerns about unsafe and inconsiderate parking around the school. Yesterday, when our Year 2 children returned from their Westward Ho! beach trip, the coach was unable to access the school entrance due to vehicles being parked on



pavements and across dropped kerbs on both sides of the entrance road. Children and staff were forced to disembark on North Road and walk back to school. This was not only disruptive but created an entirely avoidable safety risk. It is extremely disappointing that, despite previous requests, this situation has happened again.

Today, during our KS2 Sports Day, further irresponsible parking was observed, with vehicles restricting access to the school site. A photograph has been included to highlight the issue. In the event of an emergency, access for emergency vehicles could have been significantly delayed or even prevented altogether. This is a matter we cannot take lightly.

We continue to receive reports from parents and children who feel unsafe when walking to and from school due to vehicles blocking pavements. Wheelchair users, parents with pushchairs and children are often forced into the road because they cannot safely use the pavement, placing them at unnecessary risk.

The safety of our pupils, families, staff and wider community must be our priority. We therefore ask all parents and visitors to park responsibly, avoid blocking pavements, dropped kerbs and access routes, and consider walking to school or parking further away from the site where possible. We appreciate your cooperation in helping to prevent a serious accident and ensuring that our school remains accessible and safe for everyone. Thank you for your support.

## Year 2 Beach Trip

Year 2 had a wonderful time on Thursday on their trip to the beach! We learned about the pebble ridge, created sand art of rockpool creatures, counted 81 jelly fish on our walk up the beach and talked to the lifeguards about how to stay safe on the beach. Then we had the best time searching for rockpool dwelling creatures with buckets and nets and topped it off with a trip to the Hockings van! Thank you to year 2 for making it such a lovely day!



## Science: Sink or Float

This week, Reception became little scientists as they explored which objects sink and which float. The children made predictions, tested different items in water, and discussed their findings using words such as *sink*, *float*, *heavy*, and *light*. It was a fun, hands-on activity that encouraged curiosity, observation, and early scientific thinking.



## School Games Platinum Award

We are incredibly proud to have achieved the **School Games Platinum Award**, the highest accolade within the School Games programme. This prestigious award recognises our long-standing commitment to providing high-quality PE, sport and physical activity opportunities for all pupils. It is only awarded to schools that have consistently demonstrated excellence in school sport over a number of years.



This achievement reflects the dedication of our pupils, staff and families, whose enthusiasm, teamwork and commitment have made this possible. We are delighted to receive this recognition and look forward to continuing to promote healthy, active lifestyles and sporting success across our school community.

## Reminder – Next Week! Textiles Resources

**Next week commencing 6th July, all children will take part in a textiles project.** Please send in one or two items of clothing that can be upcycled, such as plain T-shirts, cardigans, jumpers, trousers, skirts, caps or hats.

Children will cut, stitch and dye these items to create carnival-themed garments. Although the South Molton Carnival has been cancelled, this project will still go ahead. Items may be stained, ripped or no longer wanted, but should still fit. Spare items in a range of sizes would also be greatly appreciated.

### School Meals – Price Update

We would like to inform all parents that, after careful consideration, we are increasing the cost of school meals. From **1 September 2026** the cost per meal will be **£2.70**.

Please be reassured that this decision has not been taken lightly. As with many areas, we continue to face increasing costs in delivering high-quality meals for our pupils. We know this is a challenging time for many families and have taken care to keep the increase as small as possible whilst ensuring the sustainability of our catering provision.

We appreciate your understanding and ongoing support.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Mrs Charles-Jones

### Upcoming Events

Year 1 Caffyn's Farm Trip 7th July

Race For Life Event: Friday 10th July - 2pm-3pm

Year 6 London Trip 13th July -15th July

Summer Fair - 17th July

***Full term dates for the year are on our website***



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