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## Newsletter

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! Despite the problems with the internet this week, the children have returned to school with enthusiasm and ready to learn attitudes which has been recognised by all staff.

We would like to welcome Mrs Jayne Walter to our staffing team who will be working mainly in class 1 with myself. Mrs Walter has a wealth of knowledge working with children with learning difficulties as well as spending over a term working within one of our Federation schools. Mr Thomas will also be with us this year carrying out forest school sessions with both classes on Thursdays as well as teaching class 1 on Fridays.

In our worship this week we introduced our new reward system – the golden stars. These will replace ‘team points’ and the children will be rewarded a star for showing a range of ‘yes please’ behaviour choices. Children have been given their own sticker book this week and it is their responsibility to look after them. The children will then earn certificates for their achievements:

**50 stickers – Bronze Certificate**

**100 stickers – Silver Certificate**

**200 stickers – Gold Certificate**

**400 stickers – Platinum Certificate**

As well as earning their certificates, the children also have the opportunity to be chosen to participate in various activities at the end of each term for earning the most stickers for their team, within their class. Our first outdoor adventure activity will be to ‘Clip and Climb’ in Exeter in December.

Next week class teachers will be sending home a copy of this term’s Curriculum Newsletter, this will give you information about what we will be covering in all areas of the curriculum in the Autumn Term. We will also be sending out an updated copy of our behaviour rewards and sanctions flow charts. If you have any books, artefacts or resources that would support the children with their learning, please speak to your child’s class teacher.

We are waiting to clarify and finalise our after school clubs which are due to begin the week of **Monday 16<sup>th</sup>**. Please check School Gateway to book your child in for the sessions, without being registered your child will not be able to stay for clubs.

Further dates for your diaries for this half term are included in this week’s newsletter. Hope you all have a great weekend, looking forward to another productive and successful year working in partnership with our parents,

Mrs Cook

# School Diary

## September 2019

<b>Monday - 9th</b>	KS2 Swimming Sessions, 1:30-2:30 (Aqua Stars)
<b>Tuesday - 10th</b>	
<b>Wednesday - 11th</b>	Supply teaching KS1- all day
<b>Thursday - 12th</b>	<b>Forest School</b> with Mr Thomas- KS2 am & KS1 pm
<b>Friday - 13th</b>	Mr Thomas teaching KS1- all day <del>NO Celebration Assembly at 3.00pm</del> Rearranged for Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> at 9am



### Swimming- Autumn Term 2019

Children in **class 2** will begin their swimming sessions from Monday, 1:30-2:30pm at Aqua Stars, Brandis Corner.

Children will need their swimwear & towel in school every Monday morning. They can bring a snack to eat after their swimming session or some money to buy a snack at the café (no more than £2 please).

Parents are welcome to watch their children swim from the pool café but will need to make their own way there.

**All payments (except new reception children) should now have been made using School Gateway. Please speak to the school if you're having trouble making payment.**

Session Dates	
Class 2	Class 1
September- 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>	November- 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>
October- 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	December- 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup>

### PE Kits

All PE kits (white t-shirt, shorts or tracksuit bottoms & trainers) must be in school every **Monday**, ready for Lessons.

### Children's Roles And Responsibilities

We are looking for responsible children to take on duties around the school (Librarians and sports leaders) as well as having an active voice within our Ethos and School Council Groups. Children from year 2 to 6 are invited to apply in writing explaining why they would be best suited for the particular role, they may wish to apply for more than one responsibility. Letters of application need to be handed into the office by **next Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>** and the chosen children will be announced during our first Celebration Assembly on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 9am**.

### Northlew & Ashbury Produce and Craft Show

Pop into the village hall tomorrow (Saturday), 1:30-3:30 and see the fantastic art and DT models the children have produced.

## **Parents Evening**

Our first Parents Evening will take place on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 3:00–5:30pm for class 1 and from 2:00-5:30 for class 2**. Sign-up sheets will be available in the office next week for parents to choose a convenient time to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how your child has settled into the new school year and any concerns or queries you may have. If you have any immediate concerns please speak to your child's class teacher before this date.

## **Parents Forum/Ethos Committee Meeting**

Our first parent's forum and Ethos committee meeting will take place on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 3:30pm**. If there is anything that you would like to discuss at this meeting please fill in a suggestion sheet and pop it into the box in the lobby before Friday 20<sup>th</sup> so that I can include your ideas on the agenda. It would be lovely to see as many parents there as possible to support our children in all areas of the curriculum.

## **Class 1 Outside Learning Environment**

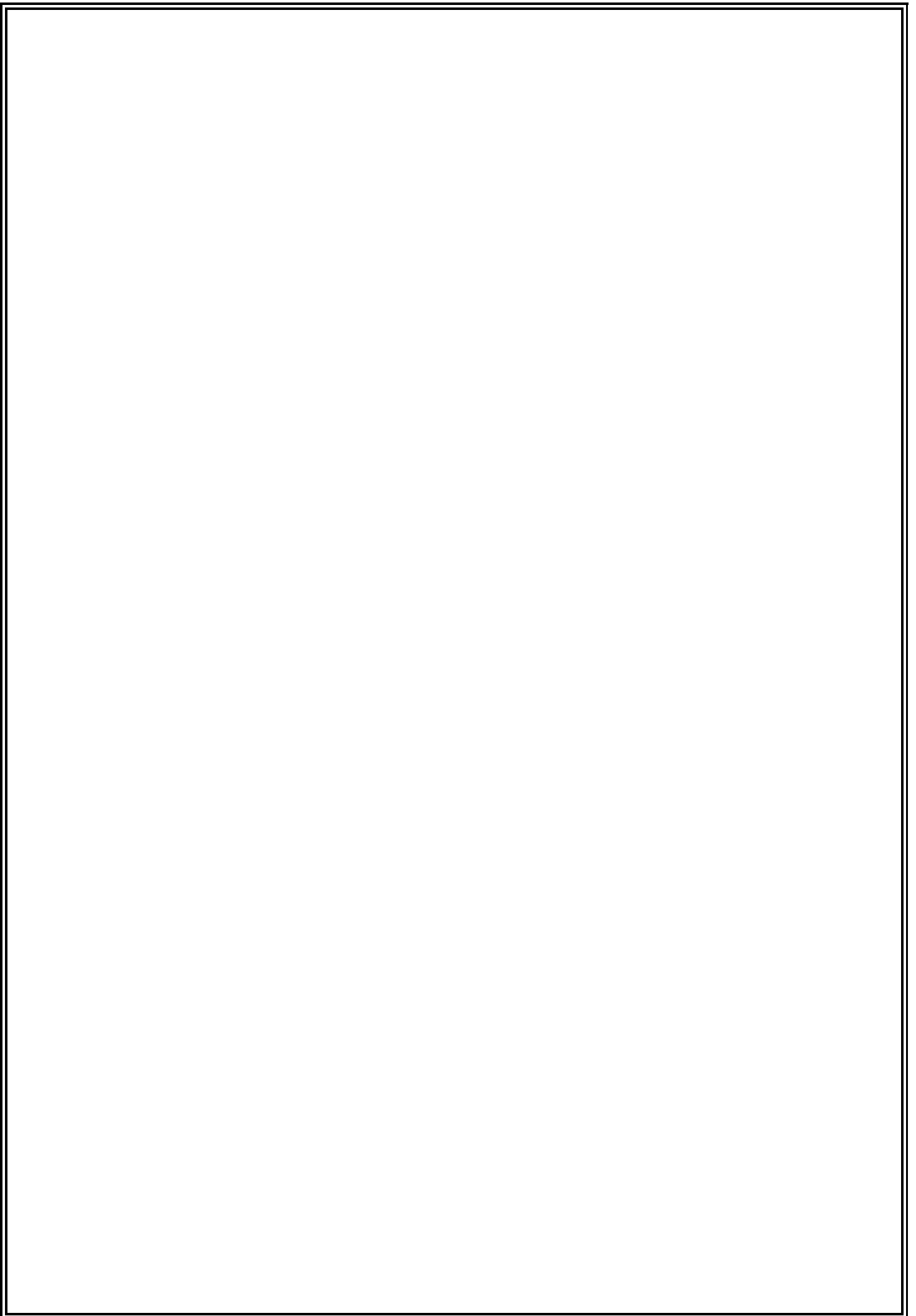


Extensive work has taken place over the summer break and I am pleased to announce that we now have an extension to our learning environment in Class 1. The children have thoroughly enjoyed being outside this week exploring the new activities and role play area in the sunshine.



## **School dinners**

Attached in the newsletter is a Norse Special Diet Registration form. If your child has any allergies, please complete the form and return it back to the office ASAP. Many thanks.





## Special Diet Registration Form

At Devon Norse, our menus adhere strictly to the School Food Standards and we endeavour to cater to the majority of the school population. We are aware that not everyone is able to eat all foods **safely**. If a child has a medically diagnosed allergy or intolerance or health condition, we can work with parents/guardians and health professionals to develop an individual menu for that child. In order for Devon Norse to provide a special diet menu for a child, parents/guardians should complete this in full.

Please note: *We cannot provide a menu without supporting evidence from a member of your child's health care team. If you have a recent letter written to you from your child's consultant, a dietitian or other health professional please send this with this request form to address below. Please note: you will **not** need a GP/health professional signature if this evidence is provided. Otherwise, please seek advice from your school nurse, who can speak to your GP if necessary.*

School	Post Code
Telephone	

Child's Details	
Full Name	Date of Birth <u>  </u> / <u>  </u> / <u>  </u>
Parent/Guardian Contact	
Name.....	
Home Telephone ..... Mobile: .....	
Email Address.....	
Home Address.....	
<b>Please supply a current photograph of the child and give to the school or caterer.</b>	

Please complete both sides and send by post or email to the address below. Please allow two working weeks for the menu to be arranged and in the meantime continue to supply a packed lunch from home until a menu is in place.

*Please note that on a rare occasion it may not be possible for Devon Norse to provide a special diet safely and may ask parents to provide a packed lunch on all or some days. This decision is not taken lightly and usually occurs when a child has a very restricted diet or medical condition, coupled with the limitations of catering for large numbers in a school. In these circumstances, we feel the parent is best placed to provide food at lunch to ensure a balanced diet is provided for that child safely.*

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### Menu Planning

This menu will be planned around eliminating the reported allergen/s. The menu will be nutritionally balanced where possible and as close to the standard menu as the diet will allow. The Devon Norse kitchens are nut free environments and we take every precaution to eliminate cross contamination with all allergens. However, we cannot guarantee 100% allergen free.

**Please ring or indicate:**

Lunch required all week: Yes / No If no state occasions when not required:
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#### **MENU REQUIREMENTS**

Please indicate the Food (triggers) to be excluded from the menu:			
Gluten		Wheat	
Milk		Eggs	
Fish		Soya	
Other foods:			

Please give brief description of symptoms:
Injectable treatment required in an emergency: Yes / No
Care Plan in Place: Yes / No

<b>GP or other Health Professional and Parents/Guardians signature</b>
I can confirm that this child needs to exclude the foods indicated above. This is due to an Intolerance / Allergy / Coeliac disease or other Medical Condition .....
Surgery / Hospital .....
GP / HP Signature ..... Print Name .....
Parent / Guardian Signature ..... Norse Rep .....

This document is confidential and a current copy should be kept with the child's care plan with the latest menu. A copy of the menu and current photograph will be kept in the school kitchen.