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Village Celebrations

Don't forget to come along and join in the village celebrations this weekend, a programme of events should be attached to this newsletter. The children and teachers have been working extremely hard over the last few weeks putting together the display on the history of the school and other parts of the village – well worth popping up to the village hall to have a look at it. Thank you also to the teachers who have put in many hours of their own time researching, mounting and putting the display up. The country dancing squad will also be in action on both Friday and Saturday afternoons.

Children's Bring and Share Tea Party

All children have been invited to a "bring and share" tea party on Saturday afternoon at 4pm. Food for this party can be stored at Mrs Beryl Walters, Monkswood (opposite Priest Hall).

A Note From Pre-School

To celebrate Debbie Hinchcliffe's eleven years of dedication to Kentisbeare Pre-School and to say a sad farewell, we would like you to join us at an informal tea party on Friday 17th July at 3:30pm in the village hall.

Devon Games To Inspire 2009

Mid Devon Youth Games Voluntary Group would like to say Thank you and congratulations to Chloe Henry for taking part in Devon Games To Inspire on 5th July at Barnstaple and for representing Mid Devon. All competitors should be very proud of their achievements on the day; the team spirit was fantastic and everyone had a great day.

Hockey Summer Camp

ECV hornet's hockey team are holding a summer camp on Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th and Friday 31st July. Starting from 10am until 2pm everyday. Only £20 for all three days of coaching. Application forms are available on the website or contact Andy Smith on 07837 239122. Website: www.evchornets-hc.co.uk.

Cricket Fun In The Sun!

A three day coaching course from Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th July, that gives 7-12 year olds the opportunity to improve their cricket skills through fun games and activities. This is being held at Kentisbeare Cricket Ground. For more information please contact 07590 724833 or visit www.coachingexcellence.co.uk.

Devon Christian Youth Camps

The Devon Christian Youth Camps will be held from 25th July through to 22nd August. These are being held for children from age 10 up to 17years. For more information please take a information sheet from the school office or go to DCYC.ORG.UK.

Children's Holiday Club

There will be a Children's holiday club being held at St. Mary's Church hall, Willand from 19th – 21st August. Times are 10am until 12pm. For more information and to book a place, please contact Elaine on 01884 820542.

Swine Flu

With the Summer holidays approaching and the number of swine flu cases in the region continuing to rise, I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the advice we have been given by the NHS and Health Protection Agency about dealing with any cases of swine flu we may have in the school in the future.

National guidance has recently been updated so that school closures are only likely now in exceptional circumstances and preventative anti-viral drugs will no longer be routinely offered to large groups of school pupils. As swine flu starts to circulate more freely in the local community, these measures are no longer effective, as people may be exposed to the virus outside of school, or as soon as they have finished a course of drugs.

The most important advice we have been given is that children who have symptoms of flu-like illness should stay away from school until they have recovered and are free of symptoms. This is to avoid spreading the infection as much as possible.

You can check any symptoms online at www.nhs.uk or call Swine Flu Information Line on 0800 1 513 513. If you are still concerned, stay at home and call your GP, who may suggest a course on anti-viral drug treatment. This is designed to reduce the symptoms and help a quicker recovery.

If your doctor does advise anti-viral treatment for a child, please let the school know as soon as possible.

Other members of the household who are free of symptoms may continue with normal work/school activities however they should monitor for flu-like symptoms over the next 5-7 days.

It's important to point out that the vast majority of people who have swine flu make a quick recovery at home. However, you should do what you can to prevent the infection from being spread to others by ensuring your family take some simple precautions:

- Covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue when possible.
- Disposing of dirty tissues promptly and carefully.
- Washing your hands frequently with soap and water to reduce the spread of the virus from your hands to your face or to other people.
- Cleaning hard surfaces (such as door handles) frequently using a normal cleaning product.
- Making sure your children follow this advice.

Yours sincerely

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