

Well settled in

This week, I've been roaming the school to see how well everyone is. The classrooms are really calm and settled already, which is amazing. I even got to teach some Design and Technology to Beech class, who have learnt about structural integrity and have made towers strengthened with struts. Very impressive!

On the right, we have Cherry class. They've been creating work in the style of Kandinsky (one of my faves!) and learning what a map is. Some of the children made their own 3D map (think Google Earth) using junk modelling.

We also welcomed Mr Pratchett and Mrs Betty to the school this week - they are our new PE teachers. They are also doing an after school club for year 6 and year 1 or 2.

And a big well done to Henry in Willow class - he's pictured with the mayor Mike Hillier, as he has completed the Book Track at Budleigh Library. That's 100 books read!



Thanks for all your continued support at the start of this strange year. There are some important notices to read below in the COVID section, including what to do if your child is ill.



Before and After School Club update

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our survey about the club.

The general response has been positive, however we need you to support the club if you are able. We are also applying for a DCC grant which would help us recoup some of the losses due to COVID-19.

It is imperative that you do use the club if you can! We are not out of the woods yet, but rumours that it will definitely need to close are not true.

Small notices

- Please **ONLY** send in water, not squash, in **waterbottles**.
- It is a one-way system at the end of the day. Please **do NOT enter** through the green gates unless you have been given special permission.
- **New website content**
 - to support Reception/KS1 pupils and parents/carers at home:
 - <https://www.st-peters-school.org.uk/parents/read-write-inc/>
 - to access the links to order Library books:
 - <https://www.st-peters-school.org.uk/parents/school-library/>
 - for details about Reading Rivers (new reading logs), including examples:
 - <https://www.st-peters-school.org.uk/parents/reading-rivers/>
 - **PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD'S READING RIVER EACH WEEK**
 - Class pages are updated with useful information: <https://www.st-peters-school.org.uk/class-info/>
- **TikTok** alert and advice - <https://ineqe.com/2020/09/08/tiktokalert>
- News from **Exmouth Larder** (which serves our town too) <http://www.exmouthlarder.co.uk/news/>

- Dates below for **parents meetings**, and meetings for parents who have children on an IEP. All meetings will be online, or via telephone.

Autism support course for parents

The Cygnet course is aimed at parents/carers of children aged between 7 and 18 who are currently on the autism assessment pathway as well as those who have a diagnosis. The online course starts in November. Click here for [more](#).

PTA meeting minutes

The first PTA (Crisis) meeting of the academic year was held on Thursday 10th September via Zoom. It was the most attended PTA meeting we have had in a long time with 27 parents contributing to, what was, an extremely productive meeting with every year represented. It was fantastic to see so many new and old faces, virtually, and even more fantastic were the ideas, enthusiasm and sheer passion for our school community. Minutes of the meeting can be found [here](#). If you would like more information on anything raised in the meeting or how to get involved please contact us by emailing budleighpta@gmail.com

COVID-19 updates

It is very hard at the moment to judge whether your child has COVID-19 or not.

At the moment, NO CHILDREN have tested positive for COVID-19 in any school in the wider Exmouth area.

It has been ridiculously difficult to get tests. I have written to our MP Simon Jupp, on behalf of all the Exmouth schools, to express my concerns. He replied to explain there are issues with a surge in demand.

We have produced a [document](#) to make it easier to work out what to do. Click [here](#).

- I am trusting in parents judgements about a cough. You are better placed than I am to tell whether the cough is 'normal' i.e. linked to asthma etc, or something more serious. See the chart below for clearer guidance.
- If you do not have access to a thermometer – let me know. I can meet you in your car outside the school and zap you or your child with our laser thermometer. This is painless and takes 2 seconds. This week I zapped every child and member of staff. No one had a fever, which is great news.

COVID-19 Symptoms are:

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- **A high temperature:** this means a temperature of **37.8 or above** or you feel hot to touch on your chest or back.
- **A new, continuous cough:** this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- **Upper or lower respiratory tract infection symptoms:** cough, runny nose, sore throat, headaches, muscle aches, breathlessness and fever.
- **Anosmia:** loss of sense of smell.
- **Malaise:** including feelings of tiredness, weakness and general discomfort.
- **Non-specifically unwell - not feeling well enough to be at work/school**

Widgit - helpful resources for parents

Please find below a link to free symbol resources by Widgit- some are specifically related to Covid-19 whilst others are more generic eg visual timetables. I hope you will find them useful.

<https://www.widgit.com/covid19.htm>

Swimming Pool

Please look out for an important letter about our swimming pool coming out soon. We need to ensure every parent contributes this year to help it break even.

DROP OFF & PICK UP REMINDERS

Drop offs

- One parent only. Any gate.
 - Nursery - 9am (at the Nursery gates)
 - 08:45 - Cedar, Sycamore and Cherry
 - 08:55 - Willow, Rowan and Chestnut
 - 09:05 - Beech, Ash and Oak

Pick ups

- One way system: Enter via Moor Lane gate - Exit via the Green Gates.
- Wait on a blue dot in the playground.
 - 15:00 - Nursery
 - 15:15 - Cedar, Sycamore and Cherry
 - 15:25 - Willow, Rowan and Chestnut
 - 15:35 - Beech, Oak and Ash

What's going on soon?

IEP meetings

w/b 28th Sept

PTA AGM

Thurs 12th Nov 20:00

NON PUPIL DAY

Monday 23rd Nov

Parents meetings

Wb Monday 23rd Nov

Last day of term, school closes at 1.30pm Friday 18th Dec

New term starts

Tues 5th Jan

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