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FAMILY
NEWSLETTER



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Message from Jacqui Warne:

Dear Parents & Carers,

Dates for your Diary

July:

Africa Trip Fun Day – Sat 1st
KS4 Bunkhouse Residential – Mon 3rd
Lower school Sports – Tues 11th
Upper School Sports – Thur 13th
Ellen Tinkham Fete – Fri 14th
Prize Giving – Mon 17th
Summer Ball at ETC – Fri 21st
Last day of term – Tues 25th
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School Fete – Ellen Tinkham School's Fete is taking place on Friday 14th July 2017 from 10 am until 12 noon. We hope you are able to join us! As usual, there will be games, class stalls selling lots of lovely treats, a café and this year, our lovely PTFA is running the prize draw! Raffle tickets have been sent home today for you to buy/sell – if you need more, please contact the school office. Donations for the Hamper will be gratefully received as well as any spare plants you might have, nearly/new cuddly toys and a bottle of wine (preferably full for our bottle game!). Very many thanks for your continued support.

Summer Sun – Although it seems the weather is now returning to average June temperatures, please continue to send your child into school with a hat, suncream for staff to apply throughout the day, and a named water bottle. Thank you!

Family Newsletters & Communications – With activities and trips continuing this term, please take time to read newsletters and communications from school. If we are sending you a hard copy of the newsletter and you would be happy to receive it via email, please call the School Office. We will also be linking the newsletter to our Facebook page!

Increase in Pupil Numbers at Ellen Tinkham School – As part of the consultation to increase pupil places at Ellen Tinkham School from 155 to 180 from September 2017, the Full Proposal has been published and is now available to read on the Ellen Tinkham School website. An electronic copy is attached for those of you receiving an email version of this newsletter. Hard copies can be requested from the school office.

On to other news from around the school:



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Message from Anne Davies:

Tuck and Cookery Contributions - Many families have not yet paid their tuck and cookery contributions for this term. If your child takes tuck and this applies to you please make arrangements to pay as soon as possible. The cost of tuck for FE is £21 for half a term, Seniors £15.75 and KS3 and below £10.50 and the contribution for Cookery is £5 for the half term. You are welcome to pay by cash, cheque made out to Devon County Council or online via School Gateway. Please also feel free to provide your child with their own snack if you prefer not to pay.

Tuck and Cookery are an increasing cost to the school budget with 65% of families currently not paying. Due to the tight budget situation which has become a well publicised issue for all schools we are currently reviewing these arrangements and these activities may be at risk in the future if not enough payments are made.

Dinner Money and Trip Money – Please make sure you are also up to date with all outstanding dinner monies and trip monies. As we move toward the end of the school year we need to be able to balance these accounts and ensure the sums owing have been received. Thank you

Message from Nikki Burroughs:

If any parents have successfully obtained swimming lessons for their son or daughter please could you let me know who you have used as we have quite a few children who are looking for swimming lessons.

Message from Sue Smye;

Athletics

Following on from my report in the most recent family newsletter, I was thrilled to receive the official results from the South West regional disability Athletics Championships. 2 of our students from KS 3 ran qualifying times for the 100m and are preparing to compete at the National Championships in Coventry on 1st July. We wish Casey and Isaac all the best; they also are being given the opportunity to run the 400m. Many other students recorded good times and with a bit more training, I am sure next year we could be celebrating more success !

Well done.

Message from Grant Vaughan-Atkins:

Appealing for any child or young person's bicycles that are no longer needed at home but are in working condition to help our students to learn to ride a bike safely and to help those who may not get a chance to outside of school. If you can help or know of anyone that could help, please contact admin@ellentinkham.devon.sch.uk or telephone the school office.

"On Friday a group of Key Stage 3 students went to Bovey Tracey Cricket Club for the Special Schools Cricket Festival. In the morning the students took part in cricket related mini-games.

These soon became competitive and the students decided they wanted to have the boys play against the girls! After all the morning games the scores were tied at 3-3.

The Cricket match in the afternoon took on added competition with the winners not only winning overall but with the added competition of an individual top scorer for the boys and girls too.

The boys edged the afternoon game 65-44 to take the win overall. Top scorers went to Izzie in Silver for the girls with 17 and Timmy in Silver for the boys with 28.

Despite the hot weather all the students put in a lot of effort and thoroughly enjoyed themselves."

Message from Deb Ward:

We are collecting Pringle tubes (or anything similar sized) for the Summer Club to use during our craft sessions. If anyone has any, can they please send them in to school to Becky in the nurses room.

If you would like to read the latest edition of the DISCplus newsletter, click here :
<https://virg.in/DISCplusSpring>

If you would like to read the latest snippets newsletter please email
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Enjoy your weekend



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