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Lifton Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have sent you a detailed letter for the return to school via email on 3rd July, and hope you can refer to it again before we start back in September. We are really looking forward to seeing you all and welcoming the children back to their new year groups in September with a return to full time education for the children at school with teachers and friends. To add to this as you know Breakfast club will reopen in September. We have decided that Breakfast club for children in the new Reception Class (Robins) will be in the Foundation unit and will be led by our foundation staff. Breakfast Club for years 1-6 will be in the hall as usual with Miss Curtis and Wendy, our school cook. The children will be arranged in their bubble groups in different areas of the hall and will only use the toilets which are linked to their bubble.

I know some parents have been coming to school to collect belongings and school reports this week. School reports and belongings for children who attend school at the moment, will go home with them at the end of term. It has been lovely for me to be able to comment and sign the reports myself this year. I was unable to do this last year as I was looking after another school and with so many children, it would have been an impossible task.

I hope you have been able to take a look at our new curriculum which has been set out in a series of documents on our school website. We are just working on the PSHE curriculum which will be put onto the website soon for you to view. Please go to the About Us section and look under the curriculum tab. All of the teachers are excited about getting started on the new curriculum and exploring new ways to learn with the children.

I hope you have all been able to see and benefit from the school Facebook page and read the messages from the teachers and watch our virtual assemblies. Under the new government guidelines, we are not permitted to hold collective assemblies in the hall in September so we will continue to record our assemblies as separate classes and post them on the Facebook page. This will give you as parents the chance to watch the assemblies particularly if your child receives an award.

Although we will continue to use our school Facebook page for the foreseeable future, the teachers will not be posting on the page throughout the holidays. If you do have an urgent enquiry you can email the school office. Although emails will be checked fairly regularly, please do not expect an immediate reply.

This is the last newsletter of the term and I know it has been a very challenging time for all of our families and staff. We hope that in September there will be a return to some normality and we will endeavor to keep you well informed of any changes as time progresses. I would like to thank you all for your incredible support and understanding throughout this difficult time and wish you all a very happy and safe summer. I would also like to wish our lovely year 6 pupils all the very best at secondary school and remember Aim high, reach for the stars! We will really miss you!

Take care everyone!

Melanie Cripps

Headteacher



Diary Dates



21 st July 2:45pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly. Year 6 parents/carers only please. The assembly will take place outside.
22 nd July	Break up for Summer Holidays
7 th Sept	Children return to school
22 nd Sept	Bags2School Clothing Collection
23 rd Oct	Break-Up for half term
2 nd Nov	Children return to school
10 th Nov	Individual school photos
18 th Nov	Flu nasal vaccinations

Free School Meals

If your child is moving into Year 3 in September, please be aware that they will no longer receive Universal Infant Free School Meals, as these are only available to children until the end of Year 2.

Families in any year who are on a low income, or who are in receipt of certain benefits should please apply online for free school meals, by visiting the Devon Citizens Portal at the following link:

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCCSCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

or by googling Devon Citizens Portal.

Once you have done this, you will receive an email from them if you qualify. Please forward this email straight away to admin@lifton.devon.sch.uk

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Wootton in the school office.

Contact Detail Survey

As we are moving to our new online payment, emailing, texting and trip consent system in September, we need to ensure that everyone's contact details are fully up to date.

If you have not yet filled in the online survey, please do so by Monday.

You can access the survey by going to <https://forms.gle/3oLr7LmsTdgKbyPw6>

School Reports and Belongings.

If you did not come to school during your designated slot to collect your child's school report and belongings, please contact the school to arrange a time to come and collect.

The remaining times are as follows

Year 4 Friday 17th July 11-12

Year 5 Monday 20th July 11-12

Year 6 after the Leavers Assembly on Tuesday

This is the final newsletter of the school year before we break up on Wednesday 22nd July.

The staff wish you all a lovely summer break, and look forward to seeing you everyone again on Monday 7th September.

Please keep an eye out for a video from Mrs Cripps and the children in school saying goodbye to everyone for the summer, which will be on our Facebook page next Wednesday.

