

# DEVONSHIRE PRIMARY ACADEMY

The Best That We Can Be

Friday 1st November

## Headteacher's Notice

Hello Devonshire!

A warm welcome back to all of our families and new starters at Devonshire Primary Academy. It has been a spooktacular Halloween-themed week in school and the children have enjoyed several exciting events.

On Wednesday, we held our annual Halloween Discos and they were a great success! I think it's the highest number of children we have had attend both the KS1 and KS2 parties! This year's costumes were phenomenal and I would like to thank parents and carers for getting so involved to ensure your children had the best time – they certainly looked amazing! Thank you also to the staff who kindly stayed behind, voluntarily, to help support and supervise the children.

Also on Wednesday, we welcomed Mr Spencer, a colleague and music teacher from Stonyhurst College in Clitheroe, Lancashire. This half-term, Mr Spencer will be working with our Year 3 classes, teaching them how to improve their choral and vocal skills and have lots of fun with silly songs! Thank you to Stonyhurst College for providing Devonshire with this schools link and to Mrs Page, our Music Lead, for organising the sessions. I'm sure this will be a fantastic experience for the children.

Today, we have awarded our first weekly attendance award. At the end of every week, the names of children who have been in school every day and on time all week will be entered into a random name generator draw to win a £10 One For All voucher. Congratulations to Arin, our first voucher winner! This incentive will run every week until we break for Christmas, at which point the incentive will be reviewed.

I hope you have a pleasant and peaceful weekend.

Mr Simm  
Headteacher



## LET'S SEE WHATS BUZZIN'

We held our annual Halloween Disco this week and we had a FANGtastic turnout with lots of ghosts and ghouls BOOging the night away! Everybody looked SPOOKtacular and helped us raise £392 for our School Funds!



Reception children have had a lovely first few days back in school this week. They have explored the classroom with their friends, learning through play.



### Guess The Name Of The Teddies!

Miss Hirstwood will be at the school gate (Devonshire Road) next week until all the names have been sold so don't PAWS, just come and have a go! It costs £1 to guess a name.

All money raised will go towards our fund for Children in Need on Friday 15th November 2024.





**Attendance Incentive**

This half-term we are trialling a new School Attendance Incentive. Children who attend school on time and without absence all week will be entered into a draw to win a £10 One4All voucher the following week. A voucher will be awarded every week for 8 weeks; the incentive will be reviewed after Christmas.

As you are already aware, regular and punctual attendance is vital for children to succeed in their educational journey. Good attendance supports learning, the development of social skills and friendships and building good habits that are essential for adult life. Thank you for your support.



**♥ Please help the Poppy Appeal! ♥**

Devonshire Primary Academy will be selling Poppies and other Remembrance Day merchandise every day between Monday 4th - Friday 8th November 2024.

Year 6 pupils will be responsible for selling these items throughout the school day - you will not be able to purchase these items from the school office. If your child wishes to purchase a poppy, keyring, snap band or zip tag, please send them to school with a donation.

The money raised will be collected by the Royal British Legion and it is for a very good cause so please be as generous as you are able to with your cash donations.

Thank you for your support.

**Childcare  
Choices**

**Apply now for your childcare code to start our Preschool in January 2025!**

If you are an eligible working parent in England, you can apply for a childcare code online via your childcare account on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) for:

*15 hours childcare per week for your child aged between 9 months old until they turn 3, over 38 weeks of the year.*  
*30 hours childcare per week for your 3 or 4 year old, over 38 weeks of the year.*

The deadline to apply is 31st December to use from 1st January.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working>



**P.E Days**



- Year 1 - Monday + Wednesday
- Year 2 - Tuesday
- Year 3 - Tuesday + Friday
- 4S - Wednesday + Friday
- 4MT - Friday
- Year 5 - Thursday + Friday
- Year 6 - Thursday + Friday



**Word of the Week: Practice Previous Words of the Week**

**ADULT COURSES** **B&FC** **Blackpool Learning Rooms**

**IT ALL STARTS ON YOUR DOORSTEP**

COMMUNITY COURSES NOW AVAILABLE AT **DEVONSHIRE PRIMARY ACADEMY**

- ✓ SHARING STORIES WITH YOUR CHILD - 19TH SEPTEMBER
- ✓ CREATING A CALM HOME ENVIRONMENT - 3RD OCTOBER
- ✓ PARENTS ARE PEOPLE TOO: THE IMPORTANCE OF SELF CARE - 17TH OCTOBER
- ✓ TIME MANAGEMENT FOR PARENTS- 7TH NOVEMBER
- ✓ CREATING MAGIC MOMENTS: STRENGTHENING FAMILY TIES - 21ST NOVEMBER
- ✓ BUILDING STRONGER FAMILY BONDS - 5TH DECEMBER

**THURSDAY, 9.15 AM - 11.30 AM**

**STAY LOCAL AND IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS WITH A FREE COURSE\***

**Blackpool Learning Rooms**  
Adult Skills

**Blackpool Rocks course for Year 1 families**

Take part in fun activities with your child based on a Blackpool theme

- ✓ Find out what your child learns at school
- ✓ Support your child's learning by working together
- ✓ Make a scrapbook with your child

Children join in last part of every session

**Free 4 week course**  
**Tuesday 5th November 9-11am**  
**at Devonshire Primary**

Book your place by filling in the form at <https://bit.ly/BR24>

Due to health and safety we are unable to accommodate younger siblings in the session



Please can we remind drivers not to park on the pavement in front of the school car park and ask parents to keep a close eye on their children. Disappointingly, our 'Slow Down School Zone' sign was damaged beyond repair last half-term.

**INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS.**

**You scan, we donate ££s**

Opt in required. T&C's apply. Excludes George.com. Min spend £2.

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**💰♥ ASDA Rewards Cashpot for Schools ♥💰**

Cashpot for Schools is really simple and easy to do! If you use the ASDA rewards app, please search for our school using our postcode FY3 8AF and link your Cashpot to 'Devonshire Primary Academy'. Each time you shop and scan rewards, ASDA will donate 0.5% of the value to our school without affecting your personal pot or rewards.

**The scheme is running until the 30th November.**

This is a great initiative to help schools raise funds and we would love your support! ♥

'Study Smart' online webinars are online courses run with full tutor support, within term time and school hours, making the courses more accessible to learners who have children.

**STUDY SMART** Free Online Courses

**Aspire Education** **ncfe** **cache** **Education & Skills Funding Agency**

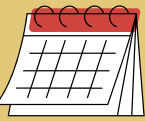
**Fully Funded School Support Course**

**Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3**

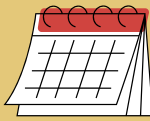
\*Please go to our website for more detailed information.

**6 Week Course**  
**Mon - Fri**  
**Daily sessions**  
**1st session 9:30 - 11:30am**  
**2nd session 12:30 - 2pm**

**www.studysmartuk.online**



**Dates for your Diary**

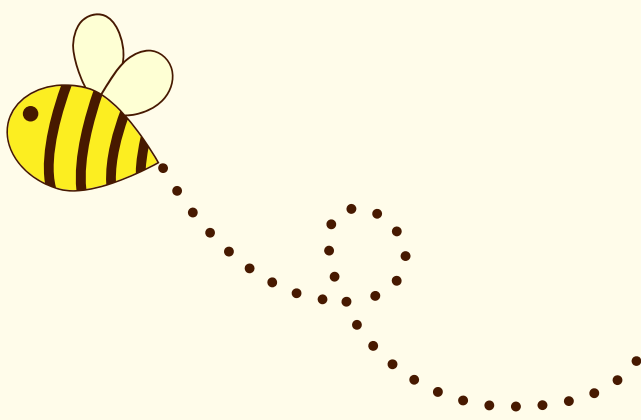


- Thursday 7th November - Whole School Nasal Flu Vaccination (for those with consent)
- Monday 11th November - Friday 15th November - Anti-Bullying Week
- Tuesday 12th November - Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying Alliance (no donation)
- Friday 15th November - Children in Need (£1 donation - dress neon/colourful)
- Wednesday 20th November - National Switch Off Day

Please see Class Dojo, Parentapp and Facebook events for more information.



# STAR OF THE WEEK



Class Attendance: 1H + 2CM			
Star of the Week		Star Citizen	
RM	Jax S	RM	Ruby O
RG	Haver S	RG	Hughie C
1H	Emily S	1H	Carter B
1S	Mathews R	1S	Thomas P-B
2CM	Lucas E	2CM	Sharon B
2AM	Mason H	2AM	Kelsey M
3P	Seira S	3P	Arcadius K
3H	Gracie-Mae W-S	3H	Archie M
4MT	Logan W	4MT	Mariam S
4S	Theo B	4S	Danika P
5S	Great I	5S	Jana A-F
5D	Lilith M	5D	Jezrel N
6O	Amelia H	6O	Freya W-B
6J	Kiara F	6J	Connor A



Friday 1st November  
National Brush Day







**Devonshire Primary Academy**  
**Pre-School 3-5yrs - Flexible hours**

15 & 30 hours free childcare accepted

***Apply now!** For more information or to reserve a place, visit our website at [www.devonshire.blackpool.sch.uk/preschool/](http://www.devonshire.blackpool.sch.uk/preschool/) or phone 01253 478271*

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