



DEVONSHIRE PRIMARY ACADEMY

The Best That We Can Be

Friday 20th September 2024

Headteacher's Notice

Hello Devonshire!

This week, some of our Year 5 pupils have been away on a residential trip to FSC Castle Head in Grange-over Sands. Judging by the photos we've seen, they look to have had an amazing time experiencing the great outdoors! I would like to thank the venue for welcoming our pupils with such enthusiasm and looking after them so well. I would also like to express our gratitude to DEFRA for funding the trip, which has been an incredible experience for our pupils. Finally, thank you to Mrs Horabin, Mr Dodding, Miss Sutton, Mrs Redwin and Miss Thornton for giving up their evenings to support our pupils on the trip.

On Wednesday, we held the first session of our 'Managing Challenging Behaviour' workshop. This 4-week course is designed to give practical advice to support parents to deal with challenging behaviour, both at home and in school. The attendance at the session was quite overwhelming and so we have decided to split the group and run the course over two separate sessions moving forward; the Learning Mentors will share further details. Thank you to those who attended and to our brilliant Learning Mentors, Miss Nicholson and Mrs Rowlands, for facilitating the workshop.

Yesterday, KS1 and KS2 had a visit from Mad Science. This company has visited our school a number of times now and it's always such a treat for the pupils. Once again, they delivered a unique 'hands on' experience covering a huge range of science experiences and demonstrations. Thank you to Mrs Brady for organising this fantastic event.

Today, the pupils have enjoyed an hour-long production of Alice In Wonderland by M & M Productions. Year 6 pupils also took part in a drama workshop with the company. We're so pleased to have once again been able to offer this fantastic experience for our pupils, which they thoroughly enjoyed! Thank you to Miss Preston and Miss Hirstwood for organising the show.

This week has been our second full week back at Devonshire and I am delighted with our strong attendance figures. 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 to all parents and carers – keep up the good work!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend of sunshine.

Mr Simm
Headteacher



LET'S SEE WHATS BUZZIN'

3P took CTRL of their ICT lesson and enjoyed becoming tech-savvy by investigating computer systems!



3H COUNTED on visual aids to help them practice their understanding of place value this week!



In History, 1S took a walk down MEMORY LANE by looking at items they brought from home. The children also spent some time playing with wooden toys from the past.



THISTLE be a lesson to remember! 1H visited our allotment as part of their learning about wild and garden plants.



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The scheme is running until the 30th November.

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



Apply for your child’s high school place in September 2025!

The closing date is 31 October 2024.

Apply online at:
https://emsonline.blackpool.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

Apply for your child’s primary school place in September 2025!

The closing date is 15 January 2025.

Apply online at:
https://emsonline.blackpool.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

School Uniform

Daily Uniform

Grey Trousers or Skirt/Pinafore
Yellow Polo Shirt

Royal Blue Sweatshirt/Cardigan

Black Plain Shoes/Trainers (full shoe with back and no logos)
We recommend children who are unable to tie their own laces wear shoes/trainers with velcro fasteners.

Grey or White Socks or Grey Tights

Optional – Black Hijab for Muslim Pupils/Black Turban for Sikh Pupils/Black African Heritage Head Wrap

Optional Summer Uniform – Grey Shorts or Blue & White Checked Dress

PE

Black PE Pumps/Trainers (full shoe with back)

We recommend children who are unable to tie their own laces wear pumps/trainers with velcro fasteners.

Plain White T-Shirt

Black PE Shorts Or Black Tracksuit Bottoms/Joggers
Grey PE Hoodie/Sweatshirt

Reminders for Parents and Carers

Check all items of clothing and accessories are labelled with your child’s name.

Send your child to school with a coat in case of cold and rainy weather.

Send your child to school with their book bag and reading record every day.

Fill your child’s water bottle with fresh water every day.

Update personal/dietary information with the office or via ParentApp.

If you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming academic year, please discuss these with your child’s class teacher.

Blackpool Central activities for you and your family						2 Sept - 31 Dec 2024
All sessions are free to attend unless otherwise stated. See 'Activity Descriptions' pages for more details and booking information.						
Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Central Family Hub Gorton Street, Blackpool FY1 3JW T: 01253 951190	Café 9am to 1.30pm Midwifery clinic 9am to 5pm Booking essential Well Baby Clinic and Baby Group 9.30am to 11am HENRY drop in 9.30am to 11am Cost of living advice drop in 10am to 11am Sip and Share with Hannah 11am to 12pm Parent Carer Panel 9 September 21 October 2 December 11am to 12.30pm Horizon Family Support Recovery drop in 1.30pm to 3pm Dads Peer Support group (pre-birth) 1.30pm to 2.30pm (post birth) 4pm to 5pm	Café 9am to 1.30pm Midwifery clinic 9am to 5pm Booking essential Babbling Babies 3 Sept - 15 Oct 29 Oct - 17 Dec 10am to 11am Under 5's Holiday Session 22 October 10am to 11am Ready Steady School Starts 1 October 1pm to 2.30pm Triple P Teen Parenting Programme 12.30pm to 2.30pm Booking essential HENRY Preparing to feed my baby workshop 24 September 6pm to 8pm Booking essential Halloween photoshoot 22 Oct - 25 Oct 9am to 5pm	Café 9am to 1.30pm Midwifery clinic 9am to 5pm Booking essential Stop Smoking Blackpool Addiction Service 9am to 5pm Booking essential Baby Massage 18 Sept - 16 Oct 10am to 11.30am Booking essential Dance and Move 23 October 10am to 11am Chatting with Children 4 Sept - 16 Oct 30 Oct - 18 Dec 1pm to 2.15pm Baby Steps 1pm to 3pm Booking essential Busy Builders 4 Sept – 16 Oct 30 Oct – 18 Dec 3.30pm to 4.30pm	Café 9am to 1.30pm Midwifery clinic 9am to 5pm Booking essential Stop Smoking Service – Blackpool Midwifery 9am to 3pm Booking essential Sensory Time From birth to crawling 10am to 11am Private Fostering drop in 31 October 11.30am to 12.30pm HENRY Bears Stay and Play – Infant feeding support 1pm to 2.30pm HENRY Starting Solids workshop 7 November 1pm to 3.30pm Booking essential Get Crafty 5 Sept - 17 Oct 31 Oct - 19 Dec 3.30pm to 4.30pm	Café 9am to 1.30pm Midwifery clinic 9am to 5pm Booking essential First Stages of Pregnancy 9.30am to 11.30am Booking essential Blackpool Art at the Start 6 Sept - 18 Oct 1 Nov - 13 Dec 10.30am to 11.30am Monster Mash 3-11 years old 25 October 11am to 12pm Booking essential Baby Massage 1 Nov - 29 Nov 1pm to 2.30pm Booking essential Baby Steps 1pm to 3pm Booking essential The Big Food Truck Coming soon Look out for more information on our Facebook page.	SEND Saturdays 26 October 10am to 12pm Family Stay and Play 14 September 12 October 9 November 14 December 10.30am to 12pm

PE Days

Year 1 - Monday + Wednesday

2AM - Monday + Tuesday

2CM - Tuesday + Friday

Year 3 - Tuesday + Friday

4S - Wednesday + Friday

4MT - Friday

Year 5 - Thursday + Friday

Year 6 - Thursday + Friday



Dates for your Diary

Friday 27th September - Times Tables Rock Stars Day (Dress as a Rock Star)

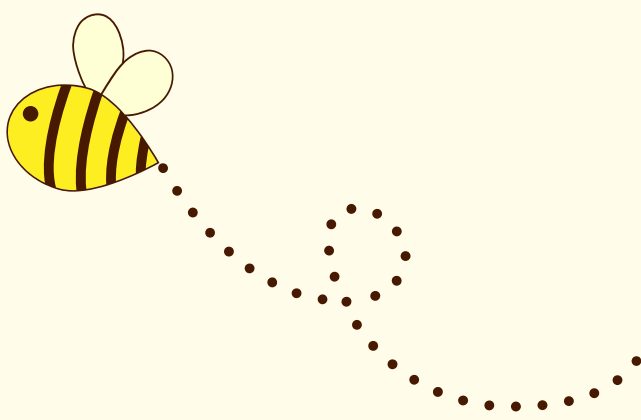
Thursday 10th October - Mental Health Awareness Day (Wear Yellow)

Wednesday 16th October - Parents Evening 15:30 - 18:30

Thursday 17th October - School Closes for Half Term at the Normal Time

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

STAR OF THE WEEK



Class Attendance: 1H			
Star of The Week		Star Citizen	
RG	Leo F	RG	Melody H
RM	Muhammad S	RM	Christian E
1H	Joey P	1H	Christal M
1S	Jan A	1S	Erin B
2CM	Kenley M	2CM	Elisha B
2AM	Libby-Mai T	2AM	Isabel W
3P	Caitlyn B	3P	Barbara B
3H	Freya-May B	3H	Star L
4MT	Joshua J	4MT	Sienna-Kira S
4S	Maddison H	4S	Tommy-Lee T
5S	N/A	5S	N/A
5D	N/A	5D	N/A
6O	Edward C	6O	Violet B-C Amelia H
6J	Ella G	6J	Jasmine F

Friday 20th September

National Care For Kids Day

WANTED:

We are looking for rockstars on Friday 27th September!

Join in the fun by dressing up and showing your rocking math talents.

With prizes to be won for best dressed and LOTS of opportunities to rock out in the day.

ROCK STARS

MULTIPLICATION & DIVISION SOLVER

KIDS' COMMUNITY CHOIR

MONDAYS 5-6PM

CALLING KIDS AGED 5-12 TO JOIN US IN SINGING AT OUR KIDS COMMUNITY CHOIR

FREE ENTRY - JUICE PROVIDED

The Salvation Army, Raikes Parade, Blackpool FY1 4EL (front entrance)

Contact us on blackpool@salvationarmy.org.uk or 01253 626114 for more details

The Salvation Army registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC09559, Social Trust Registered Charity No. 215174 and in Scotland SC027931

ADULT COURSES

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*