

Remote Learning and Bank Holiday

We hope you are enjoying the 'Be Your Best Self' bulletin as much as we are receiving pupils' excellent work.

This week, Bank Holiday is on **Friday 8th May**. We want to ensure that families and staff have the opportunity to mark and enjoy this day as an opportunity to rest and reset. We have therefore made a few changes to the remote learning process for **this week only**.

Secondary Pupils

- Work is still being set on Monday 4th May for all subjects but the amount, and recommended time, is reduced.
- The submission date is being moved to Thursday 7th May (with the exception of Maths/Sparx, which is a 'fixed' deadline on Fridays).
- If you have been using the recommended timetable, below is an amended timetable for this four-day week. Otherwise, please continue to support your child's learning structure in a way which works best for you and your family.

Recommended Timetable for Bank Holiday Week - Years 7 & 8

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Morning (9-10.45am)	Science	History	English	RE
Midday (11-12.45pm)		Art	Maths	Maths
Afternoon (1.15-3pm)	Creative Curriculum	Geography	French	ICT
Between subjects	PSHE; mindfulness and/or creative task; daily PE activity			

Recommended Timetable for Bank Holiday Week - Years 9 & 10

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Morning (9-10.45am)	Film	Geography	French / PD / Photography	PE
Midday (11-12.45pm)	Catering	Art	Maths	Maths
Afternoon (1.15-3pm)	Science*	History	English	RE
Between subjects	PSHE; mindfulness and/or creative task; daily PE activity			

Primary Pupils

- You will still receive the weekly email from your teacher over the weekend.
- Various tasks will be set as usual from Monday to Thursday.
- Teachers will be available to make calls, respond to emails and to receive pupil work in this time.
- Friday is a day off from school work but please feel free to use any of the activities on the Keep Calm Kit which you will receive alongside the weekly email.

Many thanks for your continued collaboration and constructive feedback regarding the remote learning process. Teachers, parents and carers are working incredibly hard to lead to children's success so far; please continue to get in touch if we can help.

Is your child eligible for free school meals? This includes all pupils in Primary.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, you are entitled to free vouchers from the Government to help pay for your child's food, regardless of whether or not they are attending school right now.

Given that, prior to school closure, universal free school meals ran for children from EYFS-Y2, it is possible that you have not previously made an application for free school meals for your child. Eligible children who are at home are entitled to food vouchers worth £15 a week, which can be exchanged at most supermarkets.

[Applying for them is simple and quick via our Devon Citizens Portal.](#)

If you meet these criteria and have not previously done so, please follow this link to make an application:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Once this has been approved and the Academy receives this information, we will be able to support you with accessing vouchers for the duration of school closure.

Pyjamarama: Friday 1st May

Libraries Unlimited is encouraging families across Devon to join them on Friday 1st May for a celebration of bedtime stories as part of the Book Trust's online reading festival, Pyjamarama. Find out more about the events planned by your local library by following them on Facebook.



Devon Libraries Free Ebooks for Home Schooling

Running out of books for school reading? Look no further...

1. Go to www.devonlibraries.org.uk
2. Join the library for **free** using the online form and receive your card number and pin
3. Visit our Overdrive kids pages for ebooks
<https://librariesunlimited.overdrive.com/collection/78153>

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Devon Libraries is part of Libraries Unlimited

Libraries Unlimited is a registered charity. Every penny raised goes directly towards library services that help make a difference to people's lives and communities. To donate, please visit librariesunlimited.org.uk
Register charity number: 107992

Celebrating VE Day on Friday 8 May – Bank Holiday

It will be 75 years to the day, on Friday 8 May 2020, since the guns fell silent at the end of the war in Europe. This year, the nation will be marking the occasion differently. Many community celebrations, due to take place on the bank holiday weekend (Friday 8 to Sunday 10 May), have been postponed. The veterans' procession and events in London will no longer go ahead. But mark the occasion, we will still.

There are lots of ways that you can get involved and show your support in marking the day on social media and via your digital channels. The government has published a toolkit of resources, to include bunting and posters that you can print and display at home in your windows. English Heritage has a pack to help you put together your own celebrations to mark the anniversary from home. Share your Second World War stories, families' histories and messages of remembrance on social media, using #VEDay75 to join the conversation.

However you mark the day, privately or publicly, please do so safely.



Charlotte runs for South West Ambulance Service

A former pupil from Dartmouth Academy, Charlotte Slade is running from Paignton Conservative Club all the way along Paignton and Preston seafronts and back again every day during May to raise money towards PPE for our NHS Ambulance Service. If you would like to donate towards Charlotte's target, please visit:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/charlotte-runs-south-west-ambulance-service?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy-link-tip&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet

Well done Charlotte!



Staying Safe Online

- 1) Don't post any personal information online – like your address, email address or mobile number.
- 2) Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online most people can see it and may be able to download it, it's not just yours anymore.
- 3) Keep your privacy settings as high as possible
- 4) Never give out your passwords
- 5) Don't befriend people you don't know
- 6) Don't meet up with people you've met online. Speak to your parent or carer about people suggesting you do
- 7) Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are
- 8) Think carefully about what you say before you post something online
- 9) Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone else's views doesn't mean you need to be rude
- 10) If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: leave the website, turn off your computer if you want to and tell a trust-

Help for parents to monitor online safety or for anyone who has concerns that their child may be looking for age-inappropriate, violent or abusive topics: you can contact parentzone with questions <https://parentzone.org.uk/> as well as contacting school as usual.

Other useful links:

<https://support.google.com/families/answer/7086922?hl=en>

<http://www.crckids.org/parents/parenting-tools/online-activity/how-to-check-your-childs-internet-history/>

<https://home.bt.com/tech-gadgets/internet/browsers/how-to-check-your-childs-web-browser-history-11363878002352>

IT Support at home for remote learning

Parents and pupils are able to access support from our brilliant team of IT technicians. You can do so by calling the main school phone number, **01803 839700 and pressing option '9'** when prompted. Please do so for any issues - IT, technology or connectivity related - which might arise and allow the team to help to find a solution.



Our Vision: Be your best self.