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Summer Term

Monday April 25th

Friday July 22nd

Half Term

Monday May 30th

Friday June 3rd

PTFA Meeting

Thursday June 9th

Transition Day

Monday June 13th

Summer Fair

Saturday July 9th

Proms

Wednesday July 13th

Last day of school

Friday July 22nd

LATEST OFSTED REPORT

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/25/113638>

**PLEASE HAVE A LOOK AT
OUR WEBSITE**

[https://
www.pathfield.devon.sch.uk/news-
events/news/](https://www.pathfield.devon.sch.uk/news-events/news/)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had two really successful educational visits this week to Exmoor Zoo and The Plough Theatre. These were fabulous learning opportunities that everyone who took part in thoroughly enjoyed. There will be other community based visits next half term along with a programme of wider curriculum activities based in school. This will be in similar vein to last year when we were able to use additional government funding to promote engagement, group learning and positive self-esteem.

Our Read Write Inc reading sessions have fully started this week and the engagement has been fantastic. Well done to everyone!

We have been asked to share with you a link in our newsletter this week to the Devon County Council SEND local area inspection. This is carried out by OFSTED and is the equivalent to a school inspection, but at a county level. They have shared the Devon SEND strategy again and would very much like to hear your feedback.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Stuart





Devon Local Area SEND Ofsted re-visit



We have been informed that Ofsted will be conducting a re-inspection of the Devon County Council SEND provision on 23rd - 25th May 2022. The re-visit will be led by an Ofsted HMI who will be accompanied by a CQC inspector.

We have attached some key information about the inspection and a reminder of our SEND strategy and the outcomes we are seeking for children. This is attached to the newsletter email and you can also find all the information on our website.

<https://www.pathfield.devon.sch.uk/news/devon-local-area-send-ofsted-re-visit/>

As part of the inspection a survey needs to be circulated to parents and so we are asking for your support with this please. May we please ask our parents and carers to conduct the survey using the link below.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/DevonCountyCouncilRe-visitLASEND/>

The survey will open at 12 noon on Monday 16 May 2022 and close at 12 noon on Friday 20 May 2022.

Accessible Picnic Bench Donation

One of our Year One parents, Dave Coombs, has a wooden gifts and furniture business and has kindly offered to make us a wheelchair adapted picnic bench like the one shown below.



This will allow our wheelchair-using students to sit alongside their friends rather than having to perch on the end!

If you're interesting in seeing more of what Dave makes, please go to www.giftwoodcraft.com. For a little welcome present, use code **pathfield10** in order to receive a 10% discount on your purchase.



Safeguarding



Hi everyone,

I hope everyone is well and staying safe.

Our pupils love to get out and about during the school day during playtimes, PE lessons, Forest School sessions, adventures with Herbie the therapy dog and for many other exciting activities. The benefits of being outside are significant and really support our pupils in their learning and wellbeing.

Walking Helps Children's Mental Health - Please see the link to this useful article discussing the benefits of walking and getting out in nature for children's mental health. Walking and getting out and about in the outdoors can:

- Reduce chances of Developing depression
- Improve concentration
- Support children to connect with nature
- Improve sleep patterns



[How Walking Helps Your Children's Mental Health](#)

This month is Maternal Mental Health Month. Please see the below article for further information and support.

[Bringing awareness to maternal mental health](#)

[Postnatal depression and perinatal mental health](#)

We will be changing the format of our safeguarding newsletter slightly. Rather than doing a fortnightly update, we will be moving to a half termly section. We will continue to share useful information and resources regarding key safeguarding issues.

As always, if you would have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of the safeguarding team.

Adam James

Deputy Headteacher - Designated Safeguarding Lead

If you are worried about the safety of a child in Devon and want to speak to someone, or if you are a child worried about your own safety, please contact our Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on [0345 155 1071](tel:03451551071) or email mashsecure@devon.gov.uk and give as much information as you can.

If a child is at immediate risk contact the police on 999.

Summer Fair - stalls available

Our summer fair is planned for Saturday, **July 9th, between 10am - 12pm.**

We have a limited number of stalls available for local businesses or creative parents.

If you would like to rent a stall or know someone who might be interested, please get in touch with the school.

Phone: 01271 342 423

Email: admin@pathfield.devon.sch.uk

Price: **£10 per stall**



Pathfield School Vacancies

<https://www.pathfield.devon.sch.uk/news/category/vacancies-and-volunteering/>

Grade D Intervention Teaching Assistant

Salary £10.60 - 11.70 per hour

Job Term Permanent

Hours per week 32.50

Weeks per annum 40

Closing Date 13th May 2022

Interviews 24th May 2022

A sound knowledge and understanding of learning opportunities in a Special School is desirable. You will need to evidence how you would support learning to maximise pupil progress and how you would present professionally at all times. An ability to positively accept and follow direction is essential in order to maximise pupil learning, but also demonstrate initiative and creativity in response to the different aspects of the role. You will have well developed interpersonal communication skills and experience within an educational setting for children with special needs is advantageous.

Teaching Assistant Grade C

Salary £9.99—10.39 per hour

Job Term Permanent

Hours per week 28.75 (working daily

Weeks per annum 40

Closing Date 13th May 2022

Major responsibilities:

To work under instruction/guidance to enable access to learning by:

- Attending to the welfare and personal care of pupils including those with special educational needs
- Delivering pre-determined learning/care/support programmes
- Implementing literacy/numeracy programmes
- Assisting with the planning cycle
- Undertaking general clerical/administrative support for the teacher/department



PATHFIELD SCHOOL
PTFA MEETING

Thursday, June 9th 2022

at 12:15pm
In person or via 'Teams'

PTFA Meeting - June 9th

We will be planning our Summer Fair and we need everyone's help. You will also:

- Hear about other PTFA activities
- Decide how money raised is spent
- Help organise future PTFA events

Please come along and join the fun!

Email: admin@pathfield.devon.sch.uk

or phone us on 01271 342423 for more information.

Free school meal holiday vouchers for May half term

Our Family Liaison Sharon will be sending free school meals holiday vouchers to all our eligible families within the next two weeks. Please get in touch in case you did not receive yours and please make sure the email address we have available for you is up to date. The vouchers - worth £15 per child, can be redeemed in major supermarkets across Devon including Sainsburys, Tesco, Morrisons, Asda, Aldi, M&S Food and Waitrose.



SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS FOR MAY HALF TERM OUT NOW!

CHECK YOUR INBOX

Devon County Council

Take part in the Summer 2022 Parents Childcare Survey



Help to ensure there is enough high-quality, affordable childcare in Devon.



Calling all parents living or working in Devon

Devon County Council wants to find out more about your experience of childcare in Devon.

Knowing what childcare you use and need means the Council can ensure there are enough high quality childcare places at the times and in the areas that families need them.

Whether you use childcare or not, your voice counts.

Please [complete this survey](#) and help Council plan to make sure there is enough childcare for you to work or train.

Short Breaks Coffee Mornings



The Devon County Council's Short Breaks Project is working to improve the short breaks offer for disabled children and their families. And as part of this work, they are working alongside [Parent Carer Forum Devon](#) to host a series of coffee mornings for parents and carers so that you can talk directly to them.

Listening to feedback from families is fundamental to achieving successful outcomes for all. The Council wants to build on the work that families have been involved in so far by holding regular face-to-face sessions around Devon with Short Breaks Project team members. These sessions will enable them to share updates about the short breaks offer and to hear from families first-hand about your experiences.

There are four sessions taking place across May and June, the first of which is taking place in Barnstaple on Wednesday 18 May. Please see below for more details.

- Barnstaple Library, Wednesday 18 May, 10am - 1pm
- Newton Abbot, PCFD Office , on Wednesday 25 May, 10am - 12noon
- Honiton, The Beehive , on Tuesday 7 June, 10am - 1pm
- Tavistock College, on Thursday 16 June, 10am - 12:30pm

As space in the venues is limited, the organisers are asking you to [complete the form to book](#) in if you would like to come.

Further sessions in more locations across Devon are being planned for autumn; these dates will be announced once they have been finalised,

[More information on Short Breaks is available here.](#)

Mental Health Awareness Week



Together we can tackle loneliness One in four adults feel lonely some or all of the time. There's no single cause and there's no one solution. After all, we're all different! But, the longer we feel lonely, the more we are at risk of mental health problems. Some people are also at higher risk of feeling lonely than others. For Mental Health Awareness Week this year, we're raising awareness of the impact of loneliness on our mental health and the practical steps we can take to address it.



About Mental Health Awareness Week

The Mental Health Foundation started Mental Health Awareness Week 21 years ago and we continue to set the theme, organise and host the week. It has grown to become one of the biggest awareness weeks across the UK and globally.



Stories of loneliness

We can all experience loneliness. As part of this year's Mental Health Awareness Week, we are proud to bring together a collection of inspirational and moving stories of people's experiences of loneliness.

[Read stories of loneliness >](#)

HANDi Paediatric app

Advice for common childhood conditions

Developed by NHS organisations in Devon, the HANDi Paediatric app is available to download for free onto any Apple or Android smartphone or tablet.

[Download the app for Apple devices](#)

[Download the app for Android devices](#)

The app has been designed to help reduce the number of children and young people who visit A&E, but need no treatment.

Advice for common childhood conditions

The app has been developed by paediatric consultants and provides access to home care plans, as well as GP and hospital clinical guidelines, for the most common childhood health care conditions:

- Diarrhoea and vomiting
- 'Chesty baby' illnesses, such as bronchiolitis, asthma and croup
- 'Chesty child' illnesses, such as wheezing and asthma
- High temperature
- Abdominal pain
- Common newborn problems

Not sure what
to do when
your child
is unwell?



NHS

Get expert advice
for common
childhood illnesses

Download the free
HANDi Paediatric app



Reporting your child's absence



Just a reminder to use our absence line if you are calling us to report your child's absence.

Please press option 1 when calling our school at 01271 342 423.

Our Attendance Officers monitor the absence line regularly throughout the day.

Thank you.

Lunch Menu w/c 16/05

Week 1

25/04, 16/05, 13/06, 04/07

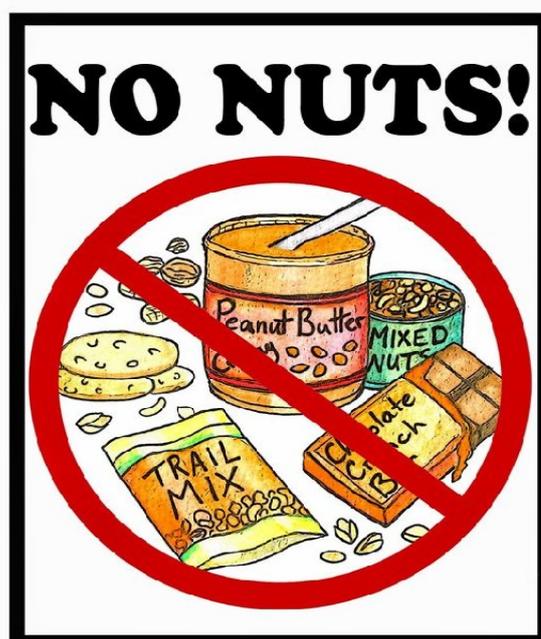
Mon	Sausages Vegetarian sausages Creamed potatoes Baked beans Apple and cherry crumble Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Tues	Bacon & pea pasta bake Sneaky flan Swede & green beans Orange shortbread Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Bowl
Wed	Roast chicken Vegetarian roast Roast potatoes or pasta Cauliflower & broccoli Jelly & ice cream Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Bowl
Thurs	Ham pizza Jacket potato & cheese Mixed Vegetables Fudge tart Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Bowl
Fri	Battered cod Roasted vegetable tart Chips or pasta, peas Marble cake Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Bowl

We are a Nut Free School

Just a reminder that we are a Nut Free School.

We ask for parent's / carer's help in making appropriate choices for their children's snacks and lunches. Please do not bring to school anything that includes nuts as we have a number of children and staff who have severe nut allergies. This includes chocolate spreads, e.g. Nutella.

Thank you for keeping our school safe.



Pathfield School Term Dates: 2021-22 Academic Year

School Holidays

Occasional Days (no school)

Training Days (no school)

Weekends

Bank Holidays

Pathfield School Queen's Platinum Jubilee day in lieu

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