



# The Devonshire Hill Times

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents/carers, staff and governors for their continued support during Summer 1. There is only one more term left and we're hoping for the best yet! Have a wonderful half term break everyone!

## FREE School Book Bag

We are offering families with a child in Reception and/or Year 1 a **FREE Book Bag** (RRP £8.76). All you are required to do in return is agree to bring your new Book Bag to school every day. We have limited stock and book bags will be offered on a first come first serve basis - please register your interest [>>>here<<](#) The first 10 requested book bags come with a free book!



## Important Dates:

**Friday 28th May**

Last day of Summer 1

**31st May - Fri 4th June**

Half Term Holiday

**Monday 7th June**

First day of Summer 2

Into University Focus Week  
Y6 - Ammolite

**Tuesday 15th June**

Secondary Transition Meeting - Y6

**Monday 21st June**

Into University Focus Week  
Y6 - Azore

**Friday 23rd July**

Last day of Summer Term

To everyone who celebrated Eid this month, we hope your celebrations were wonderful!



## Potatoes!

We are so excited that Year 3 are growing potatoes! During Spring 2 both classes started the 'chitting' process on their classroom window ledge - this is when the potatoes grow the first shoots. This term the potatoes were ready to go into the soil to get some nutrients. Year 3 check on their potatoes every week to top up the soil and water them. We cant wait to see the harvest next term!

## Young Designers

Well done to everyone who submitted a beautiful design

to our most recent competitions. There were some incredible entries and all have now been sent off to be officially judged by the competition hosts. We will keep you updated with any news to follow. In the meantime we have decided to present our very own recognition for the best stamp designs in KS1 and KS2. These designs will be judged by our very own internal judging panel of 'Art Ambassadors'. The winning designs will be added to a very special display in our school.



## Animal Care Garden

We are in the early stages of creating an animal care garden at our school. So far we have a plan to build a beautiful outdoor space for some cute rescue rabbits and plants to live and be cared for by our school community. If you have an interest in animals or you have any items that could be upcycled to help build our beautiful garden we would love to hear from you. Suggestions for donations include; animal housing (suitable for outdoor use), plant pots, hanging baskets, paint, plants. Perhaps you have a general interest in animal care and would like to share a skill in our garden - please get in touch.



## Volunteers Feed Community

A huge thankyou to our most recent volunteers who have been supporting with the creation of food parcels. Each Wednesday they bag up the Felix Project donations which are given out in turn to our wonderful families. We are so lucky to have such a generous community surrounding us. Please get in touch via the Main Office if you would like to be involved in this very important project.

Remember we would love to see what delicious creations you are making - please do share with us your pictures, recipes and stories.



## Help Us Spend Donations

Our school has recently discovered some funds which were raised by Friends of Devonshire Hill back in 1972! The funds total at £724.44 and we are asking our parents/carers to vote for how they would like this money to be spent. Some suggestions from our Coffee Morning included plants and some outdoor décor. Place your vote [>>>here<<](#).

## Summer 2 Learning

Take a look our Subject [Learning Journey Maps](#) to see our exciting curriculum plans for the Summer 2 Term. There will be lots of plant growth in science, royalty in history and some tasty food projects in design technology. Now that restrictions are easing we looking forward to more specialist visitors and activities outside of school to enrich our subjects and offer first hand experiences. Summer 2 here we come!

Reading Learning Journey 2020-21 Nursery - Year 6		Successful Learners	
<b>Phonics</b>	<b>AUTUMN</b>	<b>Phonics</b>	<b>SPRING</b>
<b>Phonics</b>	<b>SUMMER</b>	<b>Phonics</b>	<b>SUMMER</b>



## Survey Results

Thankyou to everyone who took part in our recent feedback surveys. We have received lots of positive responses which will be used to help us enhance our existing high standards. KS1 children voted art & design as the most highly favoured lesson, whereas KS2 expressed strongest enjoyment in PE and music. Parents highly commended our staff for their ongoing support, and praised us for our innovative projects; such as the STEAM Engine and Forest school. Common requests for improvement include: more afterschool clubs, more educational days outside of school, a deeper community connection. As current restrictions ease we are keen to follow up all of these suggestions alongside many others that were shared - we want 2021/22 to stand out against the difficult year that we have all faced. In the meantime if you would like to share any further ideas please join us at one of our Virtual Coffee Mornings (every Friday at 10am). Alternatively your suggestions are welcome via email for the attention of Coffee Morning so that your ideas can be included for discussion in the next meeting.

## Singing is BACK!!!

We are so happy to welcome back Ms Brown for our weekly singing assemblies. It was so wonderful to hear the childrens' powerful singing back in action! Pupils remembered so many songs and their actions, some children even had their own special requests. What a great feeling!



## Art Afternoon

As the creative focus moves from art and design to design technology we chose to celebrate our artistic success with a whole school art session. Each class spent an afternoon applying their new artistic skills to a 'grand finale project'. There were some incredible masterpieces created which will be displayed around the school very soon. We can't wait to share a collection of the final projects but for now we have included some 'work in progress' pictures.



## Google Translate

Did you know that our surveys can be translated? All surveys sent out to our community are created using Google Forms. This means that they can easily be translated into any language supported by Google translate! Here is how:

- Select the three dot menu on your device



- Chose 'translate' from the drop down menu

## Terracycle

Have you ever heard of Terracycle? This eco friendly initiative offers free recycling programmes for 'hard-to-recycle' items. Examples of items recycled include: pens, bread bags, contact lens packets, confectionery packets. Reducing waste is a key step to protecting our planet from environmental damage. Why not take a look at how you could utilise these free recycling programmes. Our most recent eco committee introduced the recycling of empty writing and felt tip pens and used batteries. So far they have prevented a vast amount of items from entering landfill. We as a school are so very proud of this.

