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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your families are all keeping well.

As we approach the end of the summer term, I write to wish you all a safe and healthy summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming every child in Year 1 - 6 back to school for the autumn term on **Monday 7th September**. Children in nursery and Reception will have a staggered start back and each family will be notified of the start date for their child. Please note that it is a statutory requirement to send your child back to school in September and you must factor this in if you are going abroad to allow for any quarantine rules that may be in place. I assure you that in September the school will continue to be risk assessed to ensure that it is COVID-secure with all measures in place to safely educate your children. The school will be having INSET days for staff on 2nd, 3rd & 4th September to prepare for school opening. We will update our website across the summer holidays with any important information, so please make sure you regularly check at www.devonshirehill.com.

I know that you will be concerned for children who have not been able to come back to school during summer term. Therefore, from September the school will be focusing on pupil wellbeing, supporting them with any emotional wellbeing needs they may have. We will also be focusing on the core skills of reading, writing and mathematics across the autumn term, identifying any gaps that the children may have and adapting our curriculum to narrow and eliminate gaps in learning.

Many children have been highly active, learning through Google Classroom and our teachers would like to see this continuing across the summer holidays. Your child's teacher will be putting up activities on Google Classroom for your children to complete across the holidays and we would strongly encourage you to support your children with this. It will make a big difference to them and it will help them to feel more confident when they return in September to full time school. In addition to this, we ask that you read to your child on a regular basis and that for children who are confident readers that they read to you as well. The more you read to your child the more confident they become with reading and the wider their vocabulary becomes. I cannot stress how important it is as a parent for you to do this, and it is lovely to share a book with your child and have that bit of special time together.

If there is anything else the school can do to support you with home learning then do not hesitate to contact the school.

To all our Year 6 Children who are going to be embarking on their next chapter in the 'great book of lifelong learning' I wish you all well as you transition to secondary school. I'm sure you will carry with you very fond memories of your time at Devonshire Hill and I am confident that you will go on to be Successful Learners in Year 7 and beyond. It will be lovely, when the time comes, to be able to invite you all back for a reunion as you were unable, due to these unprecedented times, to have the traditional Year 6 school leaving events.

Stay safe, and on behalf of myself, the staff and the school Governors, have a lovely summer and we are looking forward to welcoming you all safely back to school on Monday 7th September.

Yours sincerely

Julie D'Abreu
Headteacher



The Brilliant Club

