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Spring Term Events for Your Diary

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy new year and welcome back to our families and staff. We hope that you are returning well rested and ready to start the new term. Please see below a few reminders and a list of events for the Spring 1 term. As always please remember to regularly check the school website www.devonshirehill.com and your ParentMail notifications for updates.

TUESDAY 9 JANUARY | Spring 1 First Day - Welcome Back!

Below are a few reminders as we begin the new term...

Punctuality - The gates open at 8:45am, the school day <u>begins at 8:55am</u>. Breakfast club is available to those requiring an earlier start. The school day <u>ends at 3:15pm</u> after school clubs are available to those requiring a later finish time.

Clubs - Breakfast Club, After School Clubs and Booster Clubs will run for the next 5 weeks. Please ensure that you have paid for your club prior to your child attending. After school clubs end at 4.15pm and OKCI club ends at 5.45pm. Families who collect their child late on more than one occasion will be uninvited from attending clubs.

Uniform/Forest School/PE Kit - Children should wear suitable clothing for their daily timetable and for the current colder weather conditions. Please remind yourself of your child's timetable by visiting the school website: www.devonshirehill.com/about-us/the-school-day/.

School Meals Menu - Olive Dining have provided new menus for Spring Term including a number of exciting event menus which can be accessed here: www.devonshirehill.com/parents/school-meals/

Open Day Tours - During Spring Term we will be holding daily open day tours for prospective families to come and visit our school. If you have family or friends that might be interested in joining our school please encourage them to come along to meet our staff and have a tour.

Great Mental Health Day Hats - Remember to make a beautiful wellbeing hat with a powerful message for our upcoming Great Mental Health Day event. We can't wait to see your incredible creations!

Parent/Carer Volunteers - If you are available to support any of the events outlined below please make contact with your class teacher or with a member of staff at the Main Office. Volunteering could include helping out behind the scenes - i.e. putting up decorations, creating hampers for our raffles, organising the library etc or attending an activity in class, event or trip in order to support the staff and children.

FRIDAY 12 JANUARY



Inflatable Obstacle Course | Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

Children who attended school for 100% of the Autumn 2023 Term and children in Lynch House are invited to take part in a session on the inflatable obstacle course. In addition all children in Lynch house are invited to wear <u>one item of blue clothing/accessory</u> to school on this day. Socks must be worn on the inflatable, if you do not wish to take part please notify your class teacher <u>before Friday 12 January</u>







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Open Day | Families joining Reception in September 2024

Come along for a tour, see our amazing facilities, meet our friendly staff, ask questions about the Reception learning journey and about the application process. This open day is the final open day before the Reception 2024 admissions deadline on **Monday 15th January**.

MONDAY 15 JANUARY



100% Attendance Celebration | Y4 & Y5 - Parents/Carers invited - 9:05am

Children who attended school for 100% of the Autumn 2023 will be awarded with a special certificate to celebrate their achievement. Parents/Carers are invited to attend in support of this special occasion.

Year 6 will receive their awards in class due to commitments to their SATs preparations.

Reception 2024 Admissions Deadline: www.devonshirehill.com/about-us/admissions/

FRIDAY 19 JANUARY



Wellbeing Hats Day | N, R, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

Wear your beautiful and powerful wellbeing hat to school on this day in celebration of the upcoming Great Mental Health Day. The best hats will be selected for presentation to our VIP guests at the Learning in Tottenham (LIT) event. We can't wait to see your incredible creations!



100% Attendance Celebration | Y1, Y2, Y3 - Parents/Carers invited - 9:05am

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FRIDAY 26 JANUARY



LIT Great Mental Health Day | selected children & parent/carers

To celebrate the importance of Great Mental Health Day, Learning in Tottenham (LIT) will be hosting a special event. Our very own band will perform alongside six other schools for their parents/carers and VIP guests. In addition to this a selection of the very best wellbeing hats will also be presented. Watch this space...



Wellbeing Rainbow Lunch | R, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

In support of our Great Mental Health Day celebrations our catering team will produce a rainbow themed lunch for children and staff to enjoy.













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FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY



Home Learning Projects due | Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

All children must bring at least one completed home learning project to school on this day. During the Spring Term stars will be awarded for incredible home learning efforts. A printed copy of your child's Home Learning Passports will be sent home during the first week back, they are also available on the school website:

www.devonshirehill.com/our-learning/home-learning/

Parents/Carers are invited to attend the relevant Home Learning Assembly:

Y4, Y5

Monday 5 February at 9.05am

(Y6 will celebrate in class due to SATs preparations)

Y1, Y2, Y3

Friday 9 February at 9.05am

THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY

Early School Closure at 1.15pm - No After School Clubs

Children in Reception to Year 6 must be collected no later than 1.15pm for an early closure.

Nursery will remain open as usual.



Parent/Carer Open Afternoon | R, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

Parents/Carers are invited to attend our open afternoon. Visit the school and see your child's work in their classroom with your child. During the open afternoon your child can show you around our school. There will be two bookable sessions to attend: 1:30pm-3:00pm or 3:00pm -4:30pm. Invitations to book will follow nearer the time.

FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY - Last day of Spring 1 - School will finish at 3.15pm unless you have an after school club



Chinese New Year Party | N, R, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

Come to school dressed in your favourite red party outfit in celebration of the chinese new year. Children will enjoy a dance session under the lights and the disco ball and will enjoy a delicious Chinese New Year Menu on this day!

Important Dates in Spring 2

MONDAY 12 - FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY	Half Term Holiday - School Closed
MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY	Spring 2 First Day Back Calling for donations of Red Nose Day Jolly Jars and Easter Treats
DATE TBC	Disney Musicals in Schools - Aladdin Performance Year 5











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THURSDAY 7 MARCH	World Book Day
FRIDAY 15 MARCH	Red Nose Day - Jolly Jars Raffle Draw
FRIDAY 25 MARCH	Easter Raffle Draw
THURSDAY 28 MARCH	Last Day of Spring 2
FRIDAY 29 MARCH	Bank Holiday - Easter Holidays begin

We are very excited for the events of Spring 1 Term and look forward to updating you in our next newsletter.

Yours sincerely,
Julie D'Abreu | Headteacher









