



## Pupils of the Week

	Betty Bee Award	Wilbur Woodpecker Award	Olive Owl Award	Samuel Squirrel Award
Kingfishers	Isabelle	Harry	Sophia	Hollie D
Jackdaws	All Jackdaws Pupils			

Dear Parents<sup>1</sup>

I am pleased to celebrate with you a successful visit from a Primary Advisor from Devon County Council this week. We were able to showcase our wonderful school and I was very proud of all the children and staff. He gave us some good advice on areas to improve but stated that he did not have any concerns over the progress that the school is making. The children spoken to were able to talk about their learning with confidence; could describe how to stay safe and felt that this was a good school with good behaviour. He said that the children were polite and respectful and he didn't see any disruptive behaviour throughout the whole day.

### CLOTHING

We are experiencing more and more changeable weather but I have still seen a few children coming to school without coats! With the children less able to move around in the classroom due to COVID regulations, we are taking them outside for fresh air breaks – we will do this even if it is raining (obviously not if it is torrential rain or unsafe) so please ensure that they bring a coat to school.

We have also had discussions 'well-ventilated rooms'. We will be using common sense with this statement – balancing the need for ventilation with the need for comfort. Windows will often be open so classrooms will not be as cosy as your living room at home! Please ensure that children are clothed accordingly. An extra layer under their shirts or polo shirts will make a huge difference.

Warm socks will also make a difference. Most boys' shoes will accommodate thicker socks but some of the girls' shoes are less sturdy and might not, so we are happy for children to wear 'non-regulatory' shoes during this time. Many girls start wearing boots for the winter, please don't feel that you need to buy boots specifically, we are happy for other shoes to be worn to school.

### JEWELLERY

I have been noticing an increase in jewellery items sneaking into school. A reminder that jewellery such as necklaces, bracelets, rings are not permitted in school. Earrings should be plain and definitely not 'dangly'. Hair that is long enough to be tied up should be.

### MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are not allowed in school. I do understand however, that some children might need their phone after school, for example Year 6 children who walk home themselves. If this is the case, then the phone should be left with the school office during school hours and collected at the end of the day. On no account should children have phones in their school bags during the day.

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