

NEWSLETTER Thursday 14th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

It's good to be back and the school has got off to a good start. As the term begins, we are all eagerly anticipating the "adventures" that lie in wait for the children as the teachers turn their plans into reality and the children begin a new chapter in Landscope's life! I hope that all the children will have a great time whilst developing new skills & talents as the year goes by. And the staff? Well, I hope they are looking forward to working with me to continue to make each day happy and fulfilling in our special little school.

WELCOME! The new school year always brings new faces into school, and it is always a pleasure to greet the children coming to school for their first "proper" day. A warm Landscope welcome to our new starters in Class 1 this September: Otto, Arthur, Ozzy, Evelyn, Mirabai, Oslo and Freddie.

We would also like to welcome Hugh, Eddie, Florence and Leo.

I hope that they all enjoy their Landscope days whilst learning lots and playing full roles in the life of the school.



A great start to term!

Our eldest children are buddying up with our new starters to ensure they all have the best of times during those early days at school. Thank you to our buddies for supporting this endeavour!



Buddies in action at lunch time

SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Attendance: (Our school target is 96.8%)	
Whole school	97.8%
Class 1	95.2%
Class 2	100%
Class 3	96.7%
Class 4	96.4%
Well done to Class 2!	

In line with our Trust policy no holidays will be authorised this year and penalty notices will be issued.

Ofsted & Government directives state that:

Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is an assumption so widely understood that it is insufficiently stated – pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor

attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school.

The government expects: Schools and local authorities to:

- Promote good attendance and reduce absence, including persistent absence; (all pupils to be above 95%)
- Ensure every pupil has access to full-time education to which they are entitled; and,
- act early to address absence.
- Parents to perform their legal duty by ensuring their children of compulsory school age who are registered at school attend regularly.
- All pupils to be punctual to their lessons

I feel sure that attendance is a thorny issue, and we appear to be nagging, but we really do need your support to get this right.

Every School Day Counts

Each day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. Do remember that we can support your children in school if they have sniffles and snuffles rather than keeping them at home.

APPOINTMENTS: Please, where possible, book these outside of school hours.

REMINDER:

% attendance	Days lost in a year	By the end of primary school (Y1-Y6) this could mean...
95% attendance	9 days of absence 1 week and 4 days of learning missed. Up to 45 lessons	10 weeks and 4 days of learning lost Up to 270 lessons
90% attendance	19 days of absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed. Up to 95 lessons	22 weeks and 4 days of learning lost (almost 2 terms) Up to 570 lessons lost
85% attendance	28 days of absence 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed(½ a term) Up to 140 lessons	33 weeks and 3 days of learning lost (almost a full year) Up to 840 lessons lost

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please.

contact the school or in non-school hours contact MASH on 0345 155 1071.

Our designated safeguarding officer is Mrs. Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officer is Mr. Ansermoz

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Do take a look on our school website, the staff have been busy updating it. We have dates for your diaries, and the latest information on topic webs for this term can be found in individual Class folders. Within the School Values Folder you will find activities linked to our school values for you to enjoy sharing at home.

If you were unable to make the **parent class meetings** this week, please look at your child's class page on our school website where PowerPoints will be available and give you all the most up to date information.

ETHOS, VISION & VALUES

In collective worship we are currently exploring 'Responsibility', one of our core Christian Values. When establishing class rules and routines, the children have thought carefully about the responsibilities they have towards themselves, each other and across the school.


Can we please remind parents that we do not allow dogs on the school site, including the field. Thank you.



VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in supporting us in school, we always have jobs to do in class – from individual reading to supporting with trips, we would welcome you to join us! Please let class teachers and Mrs Grant know as we need you to complete a DBS check. Thank you.

WRAP AROUND CARE & CLUBS – what's on and when



	Breakfast club	After school care
Mon	7.45-8.45	3.30-5.30
Tues	Cereal, toast, milk or water.	Draw, read, games, construction, gardening, outdoor play. Incl snack & drink
Wed	Construction toys, colouring, reading.	
Thurs		
Fri		

Other clubs:

Monday 3.30-4.45 Y2-6 **Incybox Craft club**

Tuesday: 3.35-4.35 Y3-6 **Young Engineers**, Stem kids

Wednesday lunch time: **Song Machine Choir**

Wednesday: 3.30-4.30 Y1-6 **Sporty Stars Gymnastics**

Thursday: 3.30-4.30 **Saints Southwest Football club.**

Piano/keyboard lessons Gabi Mills

Guitar lessons: Simon Scott

Recorder and flute lessons: Hesther Somerville

Flute & Recorder Lessons are offered in school to give children a range of musical skills that will give them a foundation for lifelong musical enjoyment. These include reading music, understanding note values and rhythm, developing listening skills, and singing to pitch, as well as finger coordination and dexterity. Recorder is a great instrument to start on as it's easy to blow and fairly quick to begin recognisable tunes. With careful tuition a sweet sound can be made, and your child will be well on the way to progressing through the grades to high-achievement playing if they wish. The flute is a little more challenging at the beginning, with the blowing technique needing to be learned before tunes can be played, but if your child is keen to learn, the chances are they will take to the instrument, and the blowing technique will come quickly and easily. I teach to the standard of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) examining board, which opens up the option to gain the ABRSM grades 1-8 in both recorder and flute. These grades carry UCAS points, which are helpful for securing university places after secondary school.



If you would like your son or daughter to take up recorder or flute lessons (minimum age 6), please contact me to discuss:-Hesther Somerville ALCM, CTABRSM

Tel: 01803-762 703 / 0777-950 0905 Email: info@hesthersomerville.co.uk

ONLINE SAFETY

From reception to the end of primary school, children's digital journey changes a lot.

At a younger age, they might engage more with videos and tablet games. However, at the primary school age, children might talk more with family and friends or play online games. With more online interactions, they experience more risks and opportunities.

Internet Matters have produced a guide called 'Discovering digital at primary school' which will help prepare you for the new school year with insights into the online safety issues primary children might face.

[Discovering digital at Primary leaflets - Internet Matters](#)

A parent's guide to:

Discovering digital at primary school

Online safety tips to support children

internet
matters.org

COMING UP- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16 th Sept	Landscope Village Fete 4pm – late on the village green. Always a lovely event, so do support if you can.
18 th Sept	Open day for new admissions
19 th Sept	KS2 Cross Country event at Stover
28 th Sept	Class 4 & Oak Class (from Broadhempston): Lyme Regis Fossil hunting trip
3 rd Oct	Harvest Festival 9:15 @ St Matthew's
9 th -13 th Oct	Musical Arts Week with Kip Pratt Friday 13th October 2.30 Concert to celebrate arts week
12 th Oct	Y6 Life skills event @ Totnes Pavilions
16 th Oct	Y5/6 Basket Ball tournament – details TBC
17 th & 19 th Oct	Parent consultations - details will be sent by Mrs Grant nearer the time
20 th Oct	Break up for half term



A poster for the Landscape Summer Fete. It features a large, stylized sun with orange rays in the center. The text 'LANDSCOPE SUMMER FETE' is written in large, bold, black letters across the sun. Below the sun, the text 'SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 4PM - LATE' is written in bold, black letters. Underneath that, 'LANDSCOPE VILLAGE GREEN' is written in bold, black letters. At the bottom, 'BBQ, BAR, GAMES, KIDS RACES, TEA + CAKE, MUSIC + MORE!' is written in bold, black letters. Below this, 'Please remember to bring cash' is written in a smaller, black font. The background is a light yellow color with a string of colorful triangular flags (pink, blue, red, orange, purple) hanging across the bottom.

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I think that's it! In the meantime, if you have any questions about anything to do with the school or your child please come in and talk to us or get in touch by phone or email. Our door is always open. Have a good weekend.

Jill Ryder.