



26th June 2020

What will school look like in September?

I am sure you will have seen in the media Gavin Williamson’s announcement that ‘all children, in all classes’ will be back to school in September. There was no further detail from the Government on what that will look like or how we will accommodate those children if we have to maintain social distancing, so we await further guidance, which has been promised within two weeks. We are, of course, already contingency planning for many options. What is certain is that the staff will be ready to welcome your children back to school (whatever that looks like) with a smile, friendly face and opportunities for fantastic learning.

This week at school

This week has been another successful week for all our children attending school provision. The staff continue to work very hard to facilitate both learning in school and provision at home. The numbers in school have steadily increased to 21 children; roughly a quarter of our school population. We have mapped out the school as having a maximum capacity of 24 children, so spaces are now very limited. If you wish to request a school place before the summer holidays, please let us know as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee requests will be granted and they will be prioritised by the following criteria:

1. Vulnerable children (those with an EHCP or social work involvement)
2. Children of key worker families (as detailed in government guidance)
3. Those the school deem vulnerable (e.g. SEN, Pupil Premium)
4. EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 children
5. All other children who cannot safely be looked after at home

It is also important to note that children may not be placed with their normal class teacher or children within their own year groups/classes.

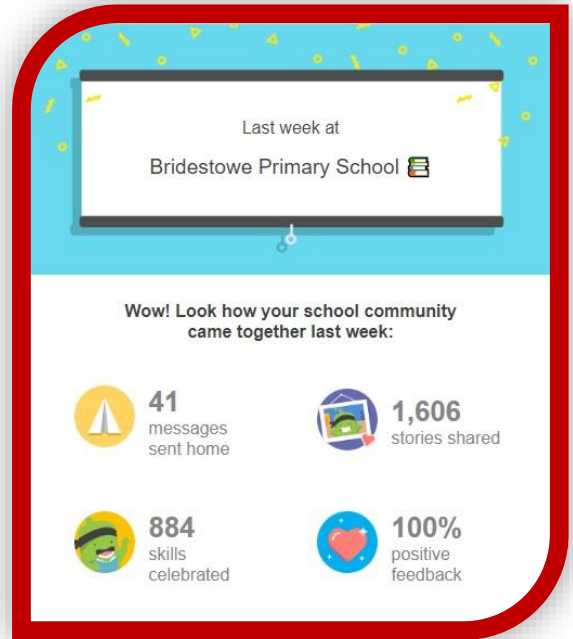
If your request is not successful, you will be placed on a waiting list in the event of a child relinquishing their school place.

E-Safety

We are aware that children may be spending more time than usual on the internet and gaming at the current time. Our commitment to safeguarding our children does not diminish in any way. Please visit the National Online Safety (NOS) website for tips and guides to online safety. <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

Transition meeting for Year 6

On Friday 3rd of July we will be visited by Mr Brett (Principal – Okehampton College) and Mrs Hachipuka (Assistant Principal – Okehampton College) to meet with the Year 6s to discuss starting school in September. This will be done with strict social distancing measures in place.



Staffing for September

As you know, Mr Parsley will be leaving us at the end of the Summer Term. We have run a successful advertising campaign and Mr Hill, Mr Whittle and Dr Livingstone (Chair of Governors) will be interviewing on Friday 26th June for a new member of teaching staff. We will update you in due course.

Devon Virtual Games

Remember to look out for Devon Virtual Games events in the coming weeks – there are certificates and medals to be won. More details can be found on our website.

Diary Dates

All previously planned events have been cancelled.

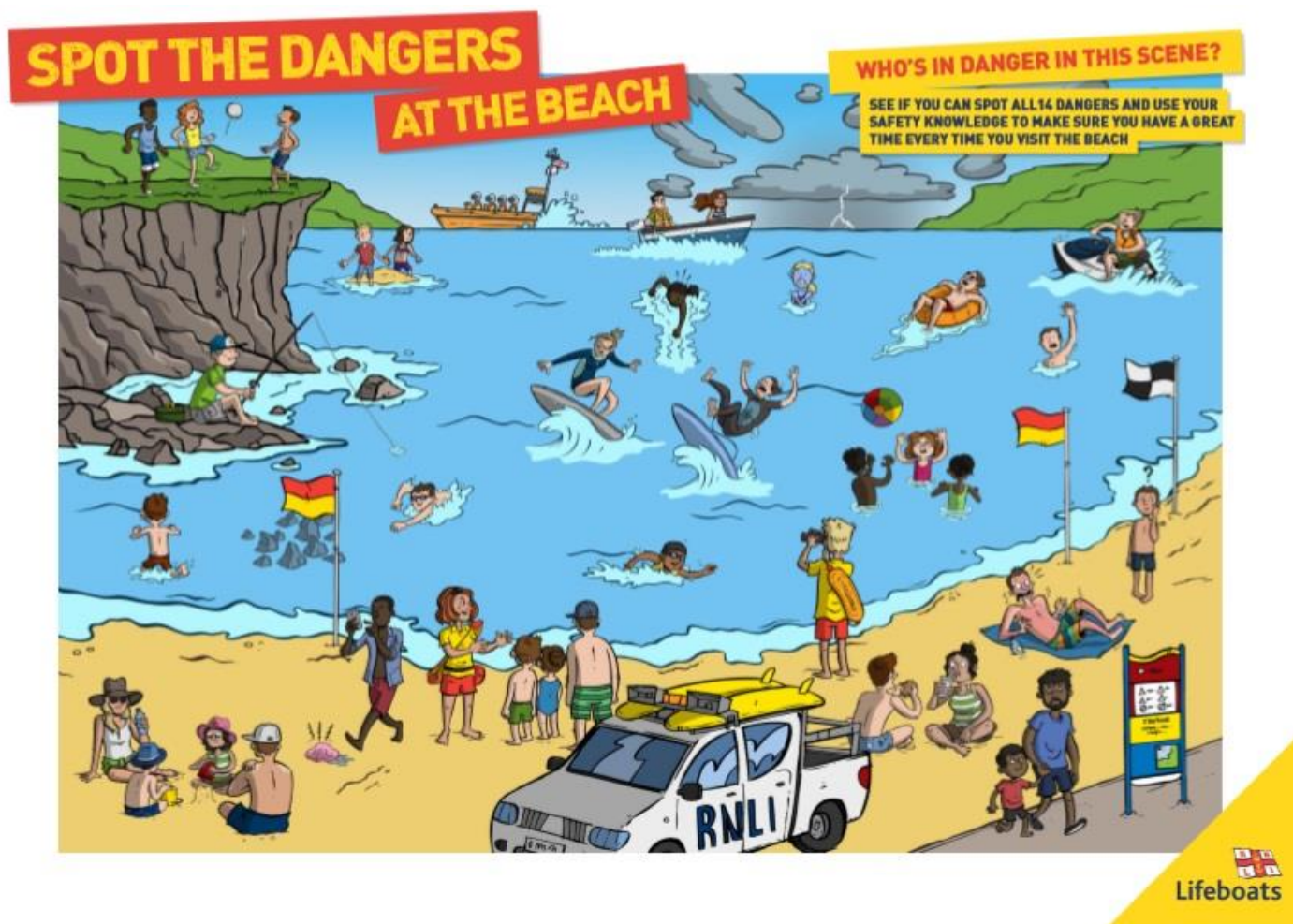
July

17th – Last day of the summer term.

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