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Dear Parents/Carers

The weather may be telling us it's time to stay indoors but we have continued to make the most of our outdoor area and community.

Class 12 are working on a programme of travel training which teaches pupils personal safety, decision making, problem solving, money matters, route planning and in this current climate how to keep Covid safe. David has been proud of his class as they have worked together, dealing with all the changes in social expectations that are currently in place. Class 12 have also shown the weather what we think of it and have continued to enjoy forest school activities.

At the other end of the school we have 8 new EYFS starters who have all enjoyed investigating their new school environment.

Class 7 have been nonstop this week and I had a hard time picking the best photos. In science they have been making predictions and testing them out, subtracting to 30 using a range of strategies and using natural resources for art during outdoor learning.



Special mentions go to Marshall and Jack in class 9 who got head teacher certificates for focused work and showing resilience during a long walk over difficult terrain.

You will notice that most of our cooking sessions will involve apples as our orchard has provided an abundance as usual. There has been juice, crumble, cakes, muffins and pies all made over the last few weeks with our own delicious apples giving the Great British Bake Off a run for its money. I hope you enjoy tasting them as much as I have.

Class 9 had a visit to Greendale Farm Shop to buy cooking ingredients and the have a tour of the animals (donkeys, ponies, chickens, goats, highland cows, deer and geese) where the pupils fed them with carrots and chicken food.



We continue to have very low numbers of Covid 19 cases in East Devon which is of course really positive news. We have been committed to reducing the risk of infection and have fallen into excellent routines at school including hand washing, giving space where possible and keeping all our resources with us. Thank you for the support you have given by not entering the building at collection times and not sending in non-essential items.

I have created a survey for you, in regards to the plan to host virtual coffee mornings. SLT will be available to chat to you about our **Covid strategy and school safety** on Tuesday 13th October at 10am. My plan is to host monthly Zoom meetings to ensure you feel connected with school and its workings. Let me know if there are certain topics you would like discussing and I will add to the list. If you think it will be too difficult technically, our IT Manager will be able to assist you in joining us.

https://www.millwater.devon.sch.uk/web/virtual_coffee_morning

Enjoy the blustery weather this weekend and I look forward to hearing about it all on Monday.

Yours sincerely

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