



Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

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Friday 7th May 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are now settled into the Summer term and the children have shown great resilience this week as they take on new challenges in their learning. Highlights this week have included our cricket sessions up at the field and some stunning artwork based on the 'Shang Dynasty' in Class 3 and 'Under the Sea' further down the school. It is wonderful to see friendships growing again as we offer all children the chance to grow socially, emotionally, morally and culturally at Exbourne Primary.

Safeguarding / Wellbeing

As we all await the further relaxing of lockdown and safety measures, it is an exciting time for everyone! In school, control measures are in place as before the Easter break and these will continue until review following 17th May. We want to continue to keep staff, parents and pupils safe so please continue to keep a safe distance outside and remind your child(ren) about the importance of thorough handwashing in reducing risk. Many thanks.

Dealing with anxiety can be tricky as a parent. Our children have been through so much since the beginning of the pandemic. There is help available and you are not alone if you are finding things tough. Here are a couple of key resources that you may find helpful in dealing with anxiety in children:

[HappyMaps | Support for Your Child's Mental Health](#)

[Parenting and Family Support - Family Lives \(Parentline Plus\)](#)

Talking to your child(ren) about how they feel always brings benefits. There are lots of resources and tips on [Primary School | HappyMaps](#) that you may find useful too. Please do talk to someone in school if you need extra support. We may be able to help your child in school or signpost your family to extra support.

Parent forum

Huge thanks to the parents, staff and governors who attended our Parent Forum this week. It was really heart-warming to feel the positive energy around working collaboratively to improve our school for the benefit of the children in our care. Topics discussed included the development of our playground area in the Summer break and how we can maximise the Church and it's surrounding area, using the green space that we have available to us. It was heart-warming to hear parents engage with our values of DEMOCRACY and EQUALITY and we shared pupil voice and were able to listen to everyone in discussing the bright future of our school community.

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NEWSLETTER

Staffing news

From next week, I will be working more remotely (than on site) due to surgery and recovery time. Our Trust will be able to provide onsite leadership capacity through our Executive Principals - Phil Whittley, Lisa Paton and Elizabeth Underwood. Although you may not see me in person for a few weeks, I will be working behind the scenes and undertaking work with staff and pupils virtually - we have come a long way since the lockdown! We are really lucky to have Hazel Fox, Director of Education in our Trust, on site a couple of days a week in addition to our Executive leaders. Please make all our leaders feel extremely welcome at Exbourne C of E Primary. Thank you for supporting our increased leadership capacity model and we hope that you and your children will benefit from this positively.



Phil Whittley

Lisa Paton

Elizabeth Underwood

Hazel Fox

Reading at home

Staff are working incredibly hard to promote reading for pleasure and understanding text through guided reading sessions and extra reading time. We encourage home reading to boost children's progress. The importance of home and school influences in shaping reading for pleasure is crucial for reading to become a lifelong habit then people must see themselves as participants in a community that views reading as an enjoyable activity. Parents and the home environment are essential to the early teaching of reading and the fostering of a love of reading. Research has also repeatedly shown that parental involvement in their child's reading is a powerful force in their education as a whole. At Exbourne, we recommend listening to your child read AT LEAST 3-5 times per week (every day is best!). We will be introducing some new incentives and rewards soon for home reading. Details to follow soon. Many thanks for your support in reading at home with your child.

Communications

If you need to get in touch with your class teacher, Mrs Petersen or any member of staff, please call the school or email admin@exbourneprimary.org.uk. Staff are also on the gate each morning from 8.50am - we welcome your feedback and will try to help in any way we can. Social media chat is not the forum to discuss school matters, we want to keep open lines of communication by discussion and being available when needed.

As we remain faithful to our community, our school and our Trust, it is an exciting time ahead for Exbourne C of E Primary! Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

Warmest wishes,

Principal

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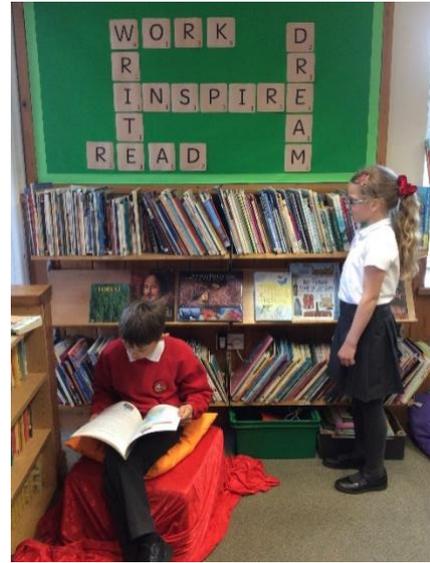
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Gallery



Artwork by Class 3



Reading for pleasure



Quiet reading time!

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Church yard friendships



Class 3 back from the field



Artwork by Class 1

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Class 2 are not camera shy!



More 'Under the Sea' art

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Dates for your Diary

- 31st May - 4th June - Half Term Break
- 7th June - All children return to school
- 7th June - Reverend Leigh collective worship (fortnightly)
- 7th July - Sports Day
- 15/16th July - Residential Expedition
- 23rd July - Last Day of Term

Transition sessions for new intake:

- Monday 17th May - afternoon session 1.30 - 3.30pm
- Monday 24th May - afternoon session 1.30 - 3.30pm
- Monday 7th June - afternoon session 1.30 - 3.30pm
- Monday 14th June - afternoon session 1.30 - 3.30pm
- Monday 21st June - all day 9.30am - 3.30pm
- Monday 28th June - all day 9.30am - 3.30pm
- Monday 5th July - all day 9.30am - 3.30pm
- Monday 12th July - all day 9.30am - 3.30pm

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Our values. Our promise. The SEEDSS of our transformation

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Transformation

Together, we are a family of schools, united in our mission to sustain and strengthen our communities through exceptional education; based on the needs and aspirations of our children and the communities we serve. We will transform the life chances of children and adults alike, within and beyond our Trust.

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Self-help

We believe that we are all special and unique. We will inspire, and be inspired, so that we all develop the knowledge, skills and understanding, as well as resilience, aspiration and confidence to find our niche and consciously chart our own destiny. We will embrace our vulnerabilities and will know when and how to seek help.

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Equality

Inclusion is the soul of our Trust opportunities are given to reveal the champion within all of us. We nurture everyone, especially those in greatest need, to ensure equality for all. Every member of our Trust family is unconditionally loved and respected.

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Equity

We believe every child, regardless of background, has the right to the best education. Through the development of skills and knowledge, and opportunities and experiences, we prepare them for their life now and the future. We value every member of our Trust family.

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Democracy

We serve our communities as leaders; committed to improving the social and economic health of our children, families and wider society. We create opportunities to provide for and nurture the most vulnerable. Diverse voices are encouraged, represented and valued so that we can understand and best serve our whole community.

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Solidarity

We stand together to overcome challenges, have high aspirations and celebrate achievement. Our mutual respect is lived through language and behaviour to enhance unity and achieve our vision. Positive relationships, embracing and promoting difference and the understanding of varying viewpoints, enable us to flourish together, leaving no one behind.

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Self-Responsibility

We are all responsible for the choices we make, our behaviours and attitudes, and the way we think and feel. We are liberated to take ownership of our responsibilities. Actively engaging in living and contributing to the vision and values of our Trust is our individual and collective responsibility.

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