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MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Friday 25th June 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Summer half term 2 has been a busy one so far at Exbourne C of E Primary School! This half term we have a focus on transition; on getting our new children ready for reception and our year 6s ready to move on to pastures new. Cricket sessions continue with Brenden Worth throughout the term and we are making the most of the playing field, church yard and outdoor areas to maximise outdoor learning experiences. With the warm, sunny weather set to continue, we need to make sure we are 'sun safe'. There are some sun safe tips and advice at the end of the newsletter for you to consider and share with your child. There are some special dates coming up this half term so do keep an eye on the diary dates to be sure not to miss out!



Our poppies are in full bloom!

Trust news

Our Trust and school leadership goes from strength to strength under our new structure and leadership from our Trust CEO, Dan Morrow. The support from our Executive team is in place with Miss Paton, Mr Whittle and Mrs Underwood offering their support to improve our schools and strengthen our Trust family. I wish to thank them all for their hard work and engagement in Exbourne Primary and in looking to the future for the benefit of all the children in our care. We have had a recent visit also from Bridget Down, our chair of the LSB (local stakeholder board - formerly governing body). **SOLIDARITY** in the way we are working together is evident as we stand together to overcome challenges, have high aspirations and celebrate achievements. DMAT (Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust) believes in building positive relationships, embracing and promoting difference. We are working together as one big family!

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Safeguarding

Online gaming is on the rise - the lockdowns have meant that children are likely spending more time online at home. Although online games can be a great way for children to keep busy and stay in touch with their friends, it is important that we teach them how to play safely. The main risks of playing online games are -

Online bullying - Children may be deliberately excluded from a game by their friends or criticised for how well they play. Other players may swear or use abusive language over voice chat and this can be upsetting for your child.

Trolling, griefing and scams - Griefters are gamers who deliberately try to ruin the game for other players. This can be called 'trolling'. Players may also try to trick or scam young people into giving up 'skins' or other in-game items by offering them money or hacking their account.

In game purchases - Some games cost money to download or ask players to buy credits or items so they can keep playing. Many free games are designed to make the player want to continue but need payments to make this possible.

Talking to people they don't know - Many popular games have official channels with thousands of members. There's a risk of young people being groomed on these platforms.

For more information on advice and parenting tips please visit -

[Net Aware: Your guide to social networks, apps and games \(net-aware.org.uk\)](https://www.net-aware.org.uk/)

[Online Safety for Children - Tips & Guides | NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety-for-children-tips-guides/)

Worried about a child?

If you're worried about something a child or young person may have experienced online, you can contact the NSPCC helpline for free support and advice. Call us on [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000) or [contact us online](#).

Children can contact [Childline](#) any time to get support themselves.

Get support

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School news

Our Christian values



We are living the value of **thankfulness** this half term, reminding each other when it is a good idea to be grateful and give thanks. We made a 'Gratitude tree' in collective worship where the children came up with things they are thankful for, ranging from the stars, to family and good health. It has been so impressive to see the children engage with mindfulness and spirituality as we consider the big questions in life.

We have created an 'I Wonder' box so that children can ask the big questions and we can base our collective worship on these questions. The pupils are involved in the planning process of collective worship in this way and can really take ownership of the special learning that we do through our spiritual learning.

Transition

It has been wonderful to welcome our new starters into school over the past weeks. They seem to be settling in extremely well, ready to start 'big school' in September. The sessions are carefully designed to give the children access to their space, to get to know new friends and also to build a relationship with their new adults too. I have certainly seen happy faces and confident little ones enjoying their new classrooms and outdoor spaces.

We also have a transition day coming up for all year groups in order for them to get to know their new year groups/ new teacher on 19th July. We have now secured our staffing for September through a rigorous recruitment process. Details will be on the way next week once checks have taken place so do be patient and many thanks for bearing with us as we make arrangements for all classes.

Assessment week

We have now completed assessment week in school. These assessments are to inform teachers about the children's learning and achievement as well as any gaps in learning. Key areas of assessment include Phonics, Reading, Maths and Grammar.

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HM Government announced earlier this year that there would be no requirement to report statutory assessments for this academic year (in Year 1 Phonics, Year 2 and Year 6) which is welcomed after the unsettled year we have all had. However, assessments are still useful in building a picture of a child's learning and achievement which will help the school review its progress and plan for the future.

A formal written report will be on it's way to you by the end of term about your child's learning, behaviour and progress. Parents will be invited back into school early in the Autumn term for parent consultations. If you have any questions about the assessments we have done for the summer term, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher.

Pupil news

Achievement Assembly



Class 1

Learner for the week: Angus - Excellent maths work.

Act of love and kindness: Oscar - For always sharing and thinking of others.

Class 2

Learner of the Week: Billy, for having a really positive week and engaging in all areas of school. Especially PE!

Act of Love and Kindness: Ted, for always helping other children with their learning and being a pleasure to have in class.

Class 3

Learner of the week - Skyla for engaging with all her learning and in particular, her creative work and spectacular drawings.

Act of Love and Kindness - Summer who has been constantly kind and supportive of her classmates in all learning tasks.

Reminders

School uniform guidelines can be found on our website - school uniform helps your child to look smart and gives them a sense of identity. Towards the end of term, we have noticed that pupils are not always in full school uniform. Please can you make sure your child is dressed as per the guidelines, in particular - Sensible dark shoes rather than trainers. School shorts (sensible) are permitted in the hot weather but sports shorts/ leggings are not school uniform.

Stay well, stay safe and let's all stay kind and thankful.

Kindest wishes,

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Dates for your Diary

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01st July - Whole school, year 6 and class photo's

1st July - Year 6 meeting at Okehampton College @ 6PM

6th July - Sports Day

7th July - Year 6 Taster Day at Okehampton College

15th July - Year 6 Taster Day at Okehampton College

15/16th July - Residential Expedition (overnight stay at Highampton Primary School)

19th July - Year 6 Meet the tutor/information evening at Okehampton College

23rd July - Leaver's service for year 6 @ 2.00pm - details TBC

23rd July - Last Day of Term

Transition sessions for new intake:

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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GALLERY



Billy's artwork won a special award!

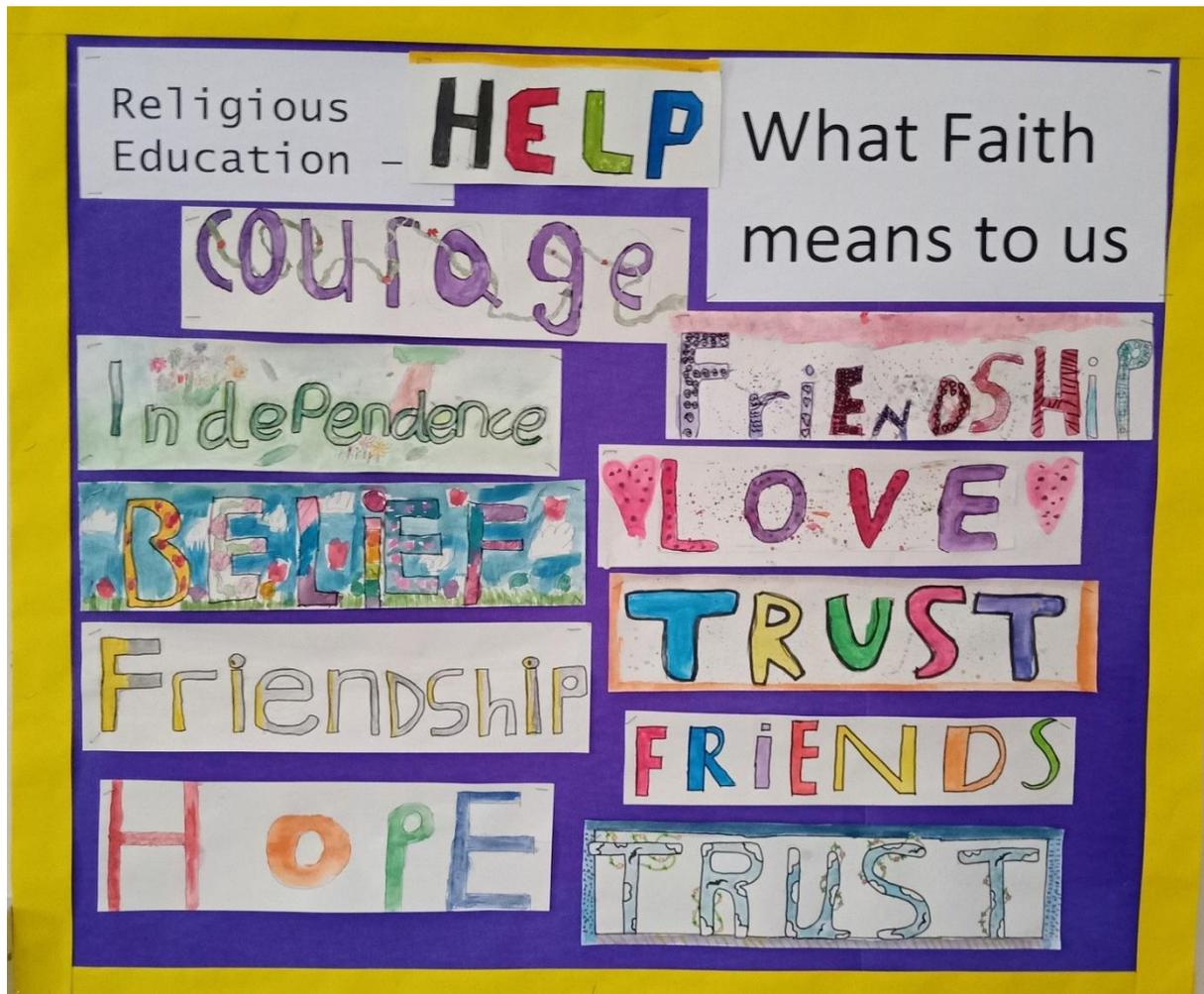


Mindfulness in Collective Worship

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Display in Class 2 showing what faith means to the children



Layla's artwork on volcanoes



Skyla's artwork from the Church yard

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Sun safety and dealing with sun burn checklist:

How to stay safe in the sun

- ✓ **Spend time in the shade especially when the sun is at its strongest - this is particularly important for children**
- ✓ **Keep babies under six months out of direct strong sunlight at all times**
- ✓ **Keep covered up with a wide-brimmed hat and loose-fitted clothing**
- ✓ **Wear sunglasses that have 100% UV protection**
- ✓ **Use sunscreen with at least a SPF of 30 and four-star UVA protection**
- ✓ **Apply sunscreen before you go out and reapply frequently while you're in the sun**
- ✓ **Drink lots of water**

