

# Newsletter



29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## Easter break

Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. Lots of parallels can be made with our preparation for the summer term, with SATs, residentials and transitions coming up. Not to mention sports day, forest schools, cricket coaching and, of course, lots of fantastic learning opportunities. We certainly are busy getting ready for all of those events and it is so pleasing to see everyone working together to make them happen. Don't forget that we have our Easter service coming up this week which we would love to see as many parents and carers at.

## Red Nose Day joke telling contest

Well done to all the children who took part in the joke telling contest. We heard some brilliant lines, the overall winners were Ben, Michael-John, Oliver W, Skyla, Ruby-May, Corey and Owen.

We raised £22.79 for Comic Relief.

## PFA Disco

Thank you to all of those who helped organise and support the PFA school disco. This was a huge success and raised £175 for future PFA projects.

## Worship with Reverend Leigh Winsbury

The children have been really enjoying worships led by the Reverend Leigh Winsbury. His guitar playing and fun activities have gone down brilliantly. The worships have been focused on understanding the Lord's Prayer and topical Christian events.



Other activities at the Devon School Games

## South Tawton Tag Rugby

Exbourne's team at the South Tawton Tag Rugby tournament did extremely well. All the children played their best whilst working as a team and were rewarded as they came home having won the Trophy event! Well done everyone, what an achievement for a small school.

### Student teachers

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> we said a fond farewell to Mr Hatton and Mr Fryatt who had been working with us as part of their teacher training. We wish them well on the next stage in their teaching journey. They are always welcome back to Exbourne as they are now part of our family based community. We have welcomed Miss Hunter who will be working in Class Three on her final teaching placement.

### Large Schools Football

Three Exbourne pupils participated in the Federation team at the Large Schools Football event on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>. The boys did extremely well, especially as they had had limited time to train with the rest of the team. This is a great example of how the Federation works together to give children greater opportunities.



### Devon School Games Cross Country finals

Similarly, 6 Exbourne girls took part in the Devon School Games Cross Country finals as part of a Federation team. The event in Torbay was for children from around the county and an excellent experience for all the children. The Year 5/6 team, including 2 Exbourne pupils, won the Gold medal in the festival event – well done! The Year 3/4 team also did excellently. Small school – Big opportunities!

### Fun with Electronics – 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Our latest event with Learn Devon is 'Fun with Electronics' and aimed at helping parents better understand how to help their children work with electronics. 1.25 – 3.25 pm and it's FREE! Please see Mrs Chapman in the office if you would like to attend.

### Easter Service – 4<sup>th</sup> April

Our Easter service will be held in the Church at 2.30pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April. The Reverend Leigh Winsbury will be joining us for what will be an excellent service. Please come along a join us, all the children will be participating, with Class Three leading the service.

### Cricket coaching

The school is welcoming back Brenden Worth after the Easter break to deliver cricket coaching for Year 1/2 and Class Three, (Class Two will be doing music with Mr Miners). This is an excellent resource and to take full advantage, children **must have their PE kit** in school at all times. A PE kit should be a red t-shirt, black shorts, spare socks and trainers.

### EYFS Forest schools

During the Year 1/2 cricket session the EYFS children will be doing Forest schools – please can they have old clothes and wellies in school on a Thursday afternoon.

## Music assembly Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Mr Miners will be delivering a Music assembly with the children on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April where the children will showcase all the music they have been learning this term. Please come along and listen to their great playing!

## Forest schools and Social, Emotional interventions

The school has noticed a sharp increase in recent years in the number of children living with social and emotional issues related to mental health. We are committed to supporting our children and families in better understanding how to deal with these feelings. After the Easter break we are launching our own Forest school which will aim to allow children to learn out of the classroom. Parent helpers are required as this will take place on the field, please speak to a member of staff if you are interested. In addition we are employing the services of 'Dartmoor Behaviours for Learning' who will implement a 5 week course focusing on managing feelings and behaviour for targeted children. Our normal programme of Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural (SMSC) learning will continue. If your children are invited to participate in either Forest schools or the intervention programme, you will receive further information next week.

## PE Hoodies and sports kit

The school has a set of PE hoodies and sports kits reserved for children going on sporting events. Some of these hoodies and kit have not been returned to school having been borrowed. Please could you have a look at home, if there is a hoody, shorts, socks or sports kit which is not yours, please could it be returned to school. Many thanks.

## Reading and homework books

A reminder that children **must have reading records and homework books in school** on a daily basis. Many thanks.

## Clubs after Easter

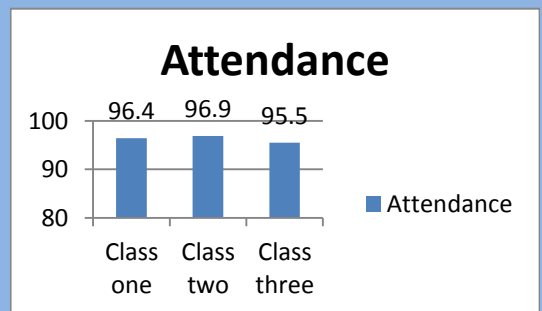
Monday – Chess Club

Tuesday – Forest schools (Helpers please)

Wednesday – SATs (Year 6), Sports club (On Playground until 15<sup>th</sup> May, then on field)

Thursday - Dance

## Attendance since 1<sup>st</sup> March



## Star of the Week

21<sup>st</sup> March

Class one – Lily- Trying so hard with learning.

Class two – Nina – For consistently good behaviour.

Class three – Molly – For believing in her own ability to solve algebraic equations.

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Class one – Mia - for always being polite and helpful.

Class two – Phoebe – for excellent work on our time topic and being a great friend.

Class three – Ben – for writing successfully in a variety of styles.

## **Diary**

### **April**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Small Schools X-Country (Team event)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – PFA Cake Sale
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter Service – 2.30pm
- W/B 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> - Easter Holidays
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Music assembly with Mr Miners

Mr Hill – [head@exbourne-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:head@exbourne-primary.devon.sch.uk)

### **Keeping your information up to date with Parent Lite**

As a school, we use SIMS Parent Lite to collect and process key information about your child and you as parents/ carers to ensure the data we hold is accurate and up to date. We also use SIMS Parent to allow you to provide Consents where necessary. You can update these consents at any time. We value your privacy and only process your information in line with our trust Privacy Policy.

You can read more about our Data Protection policies here <https://www.dartmoormat.org.uk/gdpr.html>

Available on iOS, Android and via browser ([www.sims-parent.co.uk](http://www.sims-parent.co.uk)) the SIMS Parent app provides a convenient and accessible solution for you to electronically review and request changes to the data held on you and your children via smartphone, tablet, or PC anytime, anywhere, as well as see key term dates. You will be able to provide additional information on crucial details such as medical information or dietary requirements. When a change request is submitted by you, an alert is sent to the school office.

Administrators will review requests and update our pupil/student database. From time to time, we will send notifications to remind you to update your child's details or parental consents, eliminating paper-based data collection and manual errors.

### **Getting Started**

We will send an activation email to your home email address. Simply click on the link from your tablet, pc or smartphone to activate your account. You can then login using your normal Facebook, Twitter, Google or Microsoft username and password.

If you have children at different schools within the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust, you will be able to see all children within the app if you have registered with the same email account. The app allows users to change school once inside SIMS Parent from a drop-down menu located on the school name in the top right-hand corner of the page.