

Newsletter



7th June 2019

A busy 7 weeks

The second half of the summer term is always busy, this one appears particularly so. With trips, residential, transition visits, sports days and leavers service to name just some of the activities coming up; there doesn't seem to be a week we are not doing some extracurricular activity. This is testament to the wide and varied curriculum we offer our children and although it will be hectic to fit it all in we are passionate about giving our children the best experience possible.

PFA Movie night

On the 17th May the PFA hosted a movie night which was very well supported and great fun for all the children. Thank you to the PFA for organising and giving up your time for the children. The money raised will continue to support the school's extra-curricular activities.

Class 2's trip to Rosemoor

Class Two visited Rosemoor on the 20th May as their previous visit was cut short due to bad weather. The children had a fantastic time at the gardens and it added valuable experience to their science learning.

Rounders' festival

Also on the 20th of May was the Okehampton area Rounders festival. A team of Year 5/6 children attended and played extremely well as team. Having qualified for the B final by beating Bridestowe, they won two further games against Meavy and Boasley Cross to finish 4th overall. A fantastic achievement!



Dartmoor Cup Cricket

On the 22nd of May a team represented the school at the Dartmoor Cricket cup qualifiers in Hatherleigh. The team were drawn against tough opposition from Hatherleigh and Okehampton. Despite this they played excellently and had a great time!

Bikeability

The children have been having a great learning experience with specialist cycling instructors this week. All Year 5/6 children have had

the opportunity to complete level 1 and level 2 bikeability which focuses on road safety. Year 3/4 children have completed level 1 which was a new opportunity for this year. Thank you to everyone for providing bikes and helmets so that the children could take part in this valuable life skill.

Car parking on the field

We will be opening the field between 8.30-9.30am and 3-4pm daily so that parents may park on the grass and walk to school via Stowe Lane. This will reduce the number of vehicles in the village centre making it much safer for our children to leave school. Please use this if you are able. Thank you for your support.

Class Photos

We were recently visited by Russell Wilcox, photographer, who took class and group photos which will be available for you to purchase shortly. Russell is an independent photographer running his own business and I am sure you will be pleased with the class and Year 6 group photos he produces. Look out for more details soon.



DMAT school council

Representatives from our school council will be taking part in the Dartmoor Multi-Academy trust council on Monday 10th June. This is a great experience to learn about democracy and have a voice in shaping the DMAT's vision and progress.

PFA meeting

The PFA will be holding a meeting at 3pm on Monday 10th June. All are welcome.

Music concert

All children who have been having piano, guitar or drum lessons this term will be performing on **Wednesday 12th June from 9.30am**. The children have been practicing hard and are looking forward to the opportunity to show off their skills. All are welcome to come and watch the children perform.

Year 6 transition week

Don't forget all Year 6 children will be attending Okehampton College for the week beginning the 17th June. This is a great experience for them in preparation for September. Not only will they get familiar with the college but they will meet other Year 6s from the Federation and make new friendships. Only the Federation schools get this opportunity – a great example of collaborative work.

Class One trip to Buckland Abbey

Class One will be visiting Buckland Abbey on the 21st June. This will be a fantastic learning experience for the children. Thank you to the PFA for agreeing to fund the coach for this trip.

Visit from Carina Smith, Violin tutor

On the 21st June we will be visited by Carina Smith who offers violin tuition. She will be performing for the children during worship and discussing her tutoring services. Unfortunately we do not have capacity for more music lessons during school time so Carina is offering after school tuition. Parents interested are also welcome to attend for this worship.

Pride

Having explored the meaning of 'respect' over the last few weeks we are now looking at pride. This means pride in ourselves, our school, our learning and our community; being proud of everything we do and produce.

Book bags/PE kits/Water proof coats/Drinks

Please ensure all children have in school their book bag, PE kit, a water proof coat and a drinks bottle.

Book bags are essential for transporting reading and homework books, the expectation is that children will read at home and it will be recorded in their reading record. **Home rucksacks should not be used** for school – I am aware that the current book bags are not an ideal solution, new school back packs have been ordered and should be available to purchase soon.

PE kits should consist of a red t-shirt, black shorts/skort/track suit bottoms and trainers. Additional socks are often a good idea if the grass is damp. Children cannot safely participate in PE without the appropriate kit and their potential performance is hampered by wearing inappropriate clothes. During the summer we use the field regularly and **it is expected all children have their PE kit.**

Water proof coats; despite the recent warm weather we are still getting occasional showers of rain. This week a number of children were unable to go out to play as it was lightly raining and they did not have a coat. Not only does this have an impact on staffing but the children are missing out.

Drinks bottles are needed as we use the field at this time of year and drink should be taken with the children.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Diary

June

- 10th – DMAT school council
- 11th – Year 3/4 Cricket – Meldon Cup – Selected team
- 12th – Music concert for all piano, guitar and drum students – all welcome
- W.B. 17th – Year 6 transition week to college
- 21st – Carina Smith violin Worship – parents welcome
- 21st – Class One trip to Buckland Abbey
- 27th – School's singing project
- 28th – Sports day 1

July

- 1-3rd – Year 6 residential (Bristol)
- 5th – Sports day reserve
- 10 – 12th – Year 3/4 residential (Heatree)
- 17th – French cultural day
- 18th – Leavers service, 2.30pm
- 19th – Last day of summer term

Stars of the week

24.05.19

Class 3 – Libby – for a superb piece of writing in her English.

Class 2 – Seth-for being more independent.

Class 1 – Emily –for being so confident in her learning.

07.06.19

Class 3 – Luke – for making good choices to ensure he succeeds in his learning.

Class 2 – Otis-for fantastic brain gym and growing confidence.

Class 1 – Maisie-for lovely handwriting.

Attendance since 20th May

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