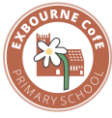


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**Dartmoor
Multi Academy
Trust**
...everyone in our Trust.



Dear Exbourne Families,

16th June 2023

Well summer is definitely here! What lovely weather we are having, long may it last! We are making the most of having sports sessions on the field and gathering for worship outside.

Welcome

In our worship session last week, we looked at what 'welcome' means. Where do we see this word, and how do we show that others are welcome?



I have challenged the children to learn how to say 'welcome' in other languages.

External Moderation

On the second day back from half term break, Mrs Whitley and Mrs Jones had an external moderation of Year 2 assessments. A moderator appointed by Devon CC came to look at the children's reading, writing and maths books and test papers to see if our assessments are based on solid evidence and are fair. I am delighted to report that our assessment were approved.

Year 3 Residential

Our Year 3 pupils had a wonderful time on their residential. Thank you to Mr Hill for organising this and to Mrs Phillips for looking after them and for taking the photos!

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Year Six

Year six parents have been busy! First a meeting at North Tawton school to find out more about the trip to France, and then a meeting at Exbourne for parents of children going to Okehampton. We do of course authorise all visits to secondary schools as this is such an important part of transition process. Thank you all for your support in preparing the children for these two big next steps.

Messy Church

Yesterday families enjoyed a barbeque in the church ground. Thank you so much to Rev Leigh and all of the church volunteers for running Messy Church. If you haven't been before, and if you have, please come along to the last one of the year on Thursday 20th July.

Wildlife Champions

Our Wildlife Champions enjoyed a day at Meeth Quarry with Wildlife Champions from other local schools. They took part in identifying plants at the quarry, pond dipping and insect hunting and identification. They also learnt about features of creatures from the ocean.

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Rainbow Day

Friday 23rd June is our Trust Rainbow Day. We are encouraging our children to wear their favourite colours to celebrate. This is an opportunity for us to reflect upon our similarities and differences so that all of our children learn to understand that there are people in the community and wider world with characteristics similar and different to their own. It is a day steeped in respect and inclusion.

We call it Rainbow Day as the rainbow is a Christian symbol of God's love for us all. The rainbow flag is steeped in history from a symbol of maritime peace, the cooperative movement, LGBT equality and more recently, support for the NHS. The colours of the rainbow are different but come together to make something beautiful.

We will be asking children to think about equality and when people may be treated unfavourably. We anticipate they will think about people with different physical abilities, cultures, religions and families. We are careful to talk in an age appropriate way and give children space to explore questions and develop their own thinking.

Classes for next year

As you are aware, there have been some changes in staffing across the Trust. We will be letting you know our staffing for September as soon as possible. We have planned a Move Up day on 29th June where pupils will meet their new teachers and spend time in their new classes.

Stakeholder Consultation Process Summary

Over the course of the consultation period and process, staff, parents and carers have posed a number of questions to understand the process and decision-making more fully. Please follow [this link](#) to find a summary of the process and also responses to a range of questions posed by stakeholders for openness and transparency.

Thank you all for your support, as well as challenge, and for ensuring that we continue to improve and serve your children.

Dan Morrow

Trust Leader and CEO

Reminders

Please can I remind you that children need suncream, sun hats and a bottle for water every day. They do still need to be wearing uniform, including our PE kit uniform. Thank you.

Final Thoughts and Reflections

Whoever you are, Christ welcomes you!
With your gladness and your sadness,
your success and your failures,
your hopes and your disappointments.
Welcome!

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If you believe, pray.
If you are seeking, think.
If you are in doubt, ask for light.
If you are suffering, ask for strength.
If you enjoy, give thanks.

May your stay here re-animate your love and please your eyes.
Whoever you are, Christ welcomes you.
Welcome Christ, too!



With very best wishes,
Tara Penny
Principal

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Diary Dates and Events

22nd June – Year 6 Okehampton College information evening

23rd June – Rainbow Day

26th, 27th & 28th June – Year 4 & 5 Residential

27th & 28th June – Year 6 Holsworthy College Transition Days

29th June – Year 6 taster day at Okehampton College

30th June – Homework Due In for All Years

03rd July – 9.15am – 9.45am Homework Viewing In Class – All Welcome

05th July – Whole School Sports Day Starting @ 1.30pm @ The Field

11th – 14th July – Year 6 Residential

17th July – Year 6 meet the tutor for Okehampton College

20th July – Messy Church Session – 3.30pm – 5.00pm

21st July – Last Day of Term

New September Starters Visits to Exbourne School

21st June – 1.15pm – 3.30pm

28th June – 11.45am – 3.30pm – New intake to have lunch at school

05th July – 11.45am – 3.30pm

12th July – 11.45am – 3.30pm