

Live, Love, Learn

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Welcome back everyone after a sunny half term! It has been wonderful to see happy and healthy children return to school ready to live, love and learn. Our continued focus on wellbeing has seen children being open and honest about feelings, developing coping and resilience strategies and displaying thoughtfulness. In particular, our Christian values are being lived by children really thinking about what they are thankful for and how they can exhibit acts of kindness in and out of school. Staff have been instrumental in the day-to-day running of the school whilst I have been working remotely - a huge thank you to all the hard-working staff at Exbourne, your dedication does not go un-noticed and it makes a huge impact on the children.

School news

Staffing news

Note from Miss Sykes:

I'm sorry to tell you all that I have left Exbourne and moved on. This is because I have been asked by the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust to help out at one of the other Primary schools in the MAT.

I have enjoyed my short time at Exbourne and will miss you all, especially my wonderful class 2. You are a fantastic class and I know that you will continue to work hard, take care, Miss Sykes

The staff and children at Exbourne wish Miss Sykes the very best in her new appointment and will miss her dearly. For Class 2, we have managed to secure Miss Atkinson for the majority of the term as a supply teacher - as soon as we are able to appoint a more permanent teacher, we will communicate this with you. Thank you for your patience and ongoing support.

Residential news

We are looking forward to our residential for Years 5 and 6 this half term, 15 - 16 July 2021. You will now have received a letter and kit list with more information. **UPDATE - having researched local places to camp, public liability insurance and various safety measures, the children are now camping at Highampton Primary School in the extensive grounds.** The coach will pick the children up at school on the 15th

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and return them to school on the evening of the 16th July. This will ensure they get the outdoor experience they desire as well as make new friends prior to transition to the College.

Exbourne Primary activities -

15th July low ropes + archery + orienteering

Overnight stay at Highampton Primary, outdoors

16th July cycling + rock climbing + gorge scrambling

The activities above all require footwear which is enclosed, and the gorge/river scramble needs shoes which will get wet and that can protect the children's feet in the water. An old pair of trainers is ideal for this. The centre will supply wet suits, helmets and buoyancy aids, but they will need a towel for afterwards and a plastic bag to put their wet kit into.

Please read the activity list to see specific clothing requests and take note of the kit list when packing with your child.

Menus should be with us soon for food choices - please let the school office know of any allergies so that we can cater to your child's needs. Many thanks.

Bikeability

Years 4 and 6 will begin their Bikeability training next week. Suitable clothing is full PE kit please, trainers and a light, waterproof jacket. Pupils participating will bring their bike and helmet in on Monday morning and leave on the playground before the sessions start. Bikes and helmets can be stored overnight in the hall as sessions run until Wednesday 16th. Hopefully the weather will be generous next week for our budding cyclists!

Achievement Assembly

Our 'Golden Ticket' rewards system is in full flow. We all enjoyed our first Achievement Assembly before half term, where each week, teachers and support staff can nominate a 'Learner of the Week'. This award links to our school vision 'LIVE, LOVE, LEARN' and can be awarded for acts of kindness as well as academic achievement. This provides our pupils with an opportunity to support, share and celebrate each other's successes together; promoting inclusion and mutual respect within the school community. Golden tickets will be celebrated at achievement assembly also with those who reach 5 and 10 tickets commended.

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LEARNER OF THE WEEK - Week ending 04.06.21

Class 1 - **Hamish** for raised confidence in Phonics and writing

Class 2 - **Ebony** for moving up a group in Maths

Class 3 - **Phoebe** for showing high standards every single day

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Class 1 - **Autumn** for making Class 1 a positive place to grow and learn

Class 2 - **Mia** for showing helpfulness in the classroom and around the school

Class 3 - **Joshua** for opening doors, leading prayer at lunch time and trying hard each day to be polite and kind

GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS!

Class 1 - lots of children so close to 5 last week!

Class 2 - Jack achieved 6 in week one! Well done!

Class 3 - Ella Rice achieved 5 in week one! Excellent!

LEARNER OF THE WEEK - Week ending 11.06.21

Class 1 - **Amelia** for lovely independent writing

Class 2 - **Emily** for hard work across all subjects

Class 3 - **Otis** for excellent learning this week

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Class 1 - **Camilla** for always looking after her classmates

Class 2 - **Oliver** for being helpful in class and polite to the adults

Class 3 - **Skyla** you are a shining example of kindness for others

GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS!

Class 1 - 11 students - well done keep up the good work

Class 2 - 10 students - excellent work well done

Class 3 - 14 students earned 5 tickets but have chosen to keep them and build towards the big prize. Well done.

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Trust news

Governor recruitment

We are looking for governors to assist in the new local hub for the Moorland Schools within our Trust - both staff and parent governors.

The Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust has a single Local Stakeholder Board (LSB), or governing body, for the group of primary schools known as the Moorland Hub, which includes:

- Boasley Cross Primary
- Bridestowe Primary
- Exbourne Church of England Primary
- Highampton Community Primary
- Lydford Primary
- Northlew & Ashbury Parochial Church of England Primary

The focus of the LSB is stakeholder voice, safeguarding and standards of education. If you are interested in becoming a member of the LSB use the 'CONTACT' button on our Trust website - [Moorland Hub LSB - Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust \(dartmoormat.org.uk\)](https://www.dartmoormat.org.uk)

Community news

It was great to see Reverend Leigh back on site for outdoor collective worship this week - we will be running a fortnightly session on Monday morning this half term.

When restrictions allow, we would love to rebuild connections with the local and wider community as much as possible. We are always looking for ways to connect with the local community further, should Covid restrictions allow. As our Trust co-operative value of **DEMOCRACY** states -

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.

Please get in touch with the school office if you are aware of how we can connect with our community better or in new ways. A school in the heart of the village can be central to a thriving community. We are working together for the good of the children in our care. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Please keep an eye on the diary dates as this is a busy half term with lots going on. We will try to communicate things as early as we can following our parent forum and to give plenty of notice.

Dates for your Diary

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14th, 15th & 16th June - Bike ability year 4 & 6

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

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

23rd July - Leaver's service for year 6 - whole school to attend & parents

23rd July - Last Day of Term

Transition sessions for new intake:

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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GALLERY



Class 3 learning about Christianity in the churchyard and enjoying the sunshine.



**Class 2 enjoying French Lesson
Translating months of the year**

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Class 3 Cricket Lesson



Gardening with Class One

Class One story reading time.

