

TWO MOORS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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24th & 25th September
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26th September
<ul style="list-style-type: none">PTFA AGM 7.30pm
19th October
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Flu vaccination Reception—Year 5
22nd—26th October
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Half term
19th December
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Last day of Autumn Term
7th January
<ul style="list-style-type: none">First day of Spring Term
18th—22nd February
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Half Term
5th April
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Last day of Spring Term
23rd April
<ul style="list-style-type: none">First day of Summer Term

Welcome!

Welcome back – and welcome to new families! I hope the children had a good break over the summer holidays and were able to enjoy playing outside in some of the wonderful weather we were so fortunate to have. It was lovely to see lots of smiling faces this morning and I hope the children had lots to tell you after their first day. I hope this year will be a good year for your child / children: we will all be working hard to try and ensure it is.

Staff are always keen to ensure the safety and well being of the children in our care. Please ensure we are informed of any needs or concerns. In order to make sure the key information we have for your child is up to date a copy of the details we currently hold is being sent home this week to be checked/ amended. Please make any changes on the sheet and return by Friday 14th at the latest.

In addition to this form you should also receive the off-site consent form.

If over the course of the year you have any concerns about your child's development, well being or progress please make contact with the class teacher in the first instance and then possibly with Mr Boraston. Mr Boraston, our Assistant Head, has an office in the Dartmoor block (where the Nursery, Reception and Year 1 are based) and is often at the gates to the Reception playground in the morning. Mr Boraston oversees Safeguarding, Special Educational Needs and Welfare Support. He will be happy to arrange an appointment to talk with you.

Security / gates

We have now had our main gates in use for over a year. Whilst we hope you will find the school staff friendly and approachable we also need to manage access to our many buildings. If you are collecting your child during the school day please come to the school office. At the beginning of the day if you do need to see a member of staff in the Exmoor building (year 3,4,5 & 6) you will need to come to the main office first.

For the safety of our many children and their families vehicles are not allowed to come on or off the site at the beginning or end of the day.

Families with a child in the nursery can use the nursery gate at the beginning / end of the day and at lunchtimes, rather than walk through the school.

The school day

The school is not responsible for children who arrive before 8.40. The doors are open from quarter to nine and children are encouraged to come in and start their day. Registers will be taken at 8.55am. After this time children are marked as late. Lunchtime is from 12.15 to 1.15pm and the school day ends at 3.15pm.

If your child is in years 3,4,5 or 6 and has always been collected but is going to start walking home from school, please let the class teacher know.

PTFA

There is a meeting on September 26th at 7.30pm in the Exmoor hall for the Annual General Meeting. This is the meeting where officers for the year will be elected and some of the events for the year will be decided. All are welcome.

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Snacks

The government presently funds fruit and vegetable snacks for children in the nursery, Reception, years 1 and 2. In years 3,4,5 & 6 we have snacks of cereal, breadsticks, toast and fruit for 20p.

In order to promote the healthy snacks available for the younger children we have managed to arrange a deal from September where fruit for years 3,4,5 & 6 can be purchased for 10p a day / 50p a week to try and support the healthy snacks the children have in the younger years. We are in the process of arranging some exciting new large equipment for the KS2 playgrounds to promote exercise and play so please support the fruit / vegetable snacks.

Absences

Your help in letting us know about foreseen absences was much appreciated last year, thank you. If you know your child needs to be absent for a medical appointment please let the school office know in advance. If your child is ill please phone and let the school know by 9.00am. Messages can be left on the answer phone if you phone before 8.15am.

Any requests for absence need to be made using the Absence Request form available from the office. If we have not heard from you by 9.00am and your child is not in school we will phone as part of our Safeguarding arrangements, in case they have set off to school and not arrived.

School Photographs – 24/25 September

School photos will be taken on 24th and 25th September. A separate letter will be sent out so you can let us know whether you wish your child to be photographed. Siblings will be photographed together unless we hear otherwise. Family groups (i.e. including family members not at the school you wish to bring in) will be taken from 3.15pm on Monday and there will be an appointment system in place. If you wish to have a family photo taken please pop into the office to make an appointment.

Uniform

As we start the term please ensure uniform is named. We end up with lots of lost property and it is very difficult to match un named items to the correct children. Please ensure children have PE kit in school everyday and appropriate old clothes and wellies on Forest School days.

Mobile phones!

Children are asked not to bring items to school to avoid disappointment when things get lost or broken. If a mobile phone is brought to school because it is needed after school it needs to be handed in so it will be safe.

Clubs

Clubs will run over the term and start the week of the 17th September. A separate letter will be sent outlining the clubs available for the term.

FISH

Before and after school care is available on site with FISH. The contact details are: 08445 618847

FISH are situated in the Atelier by the nursery and use a playground, hall and part of the nursery as the base. Children from nursery to

CHILD SAFEGUARDING

We recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils. We endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children are respected and valued. We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure that children receive effective support, protection and justice. The Senior Designated Officer (SDO) for Child Protection within school is Mr. Boraston.