

# TWO MOORS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

24th & 25th September
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School Photos details to follow</li></ul>
30th September
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PTFA AGM 7pm</li></ul>
21st—25th October
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Half term</li></ul>
18th December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Last day of Autumn Term</li></ul>
6th January 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>First day of Spring Term</li></ul>
17th—21st February 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Half term</li></ul>
27th March 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Last day of Spring Term</li></ul>
14th April 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>First day of Summer term</li></ul>
25th May—29th May 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Half Term</li></ul>
17th July 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Last day of Summer term</li></ul>

### Welcome!

Welcome back – and welcome to new families! I hope the children have 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. We are looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow.

### The School Dinner Menu

The school dinner menu for the term will be on the website and copies available from the office if needed. The menu for this week is:

Tuesday - school packed lunch

Wednesday - pizza

Thursday - roast chicken

Friday - fish and chips

### School Newsletters

Following the parent questionnaire many families have said they are happy to receive the newsletter by email. We will move to this system but are happy to provide paper newsletters for those who wish. If you would like the newsletter electronically and we don't have your email address please let us know.

### Building update

Over the summer we have had major building works, organised by Devon County Council, to the Exmoor block. Contractors have worked hard over the summer, including weekends, to remove the old fire breaks and install a new fire alarm system with emergency lighting, new lighting and new suspended ceilings. There is some remaining electrical work and installation of the new suspended ceiling work to be completed at the year 3 end of the building. This end of the school has been sealed off and contractors will work in the section over this half term. In the meantime we are using spare classrooms further up the corridor for Year 3 and 4 which we will access from the playing field side of the school rather than the canopy end. Whilst the rooms are a change to the ones the children expected they are proper classrooms and it is very exciting to have such significant improvements to our building. Children can be dropped off and collected from the area to the side of the school (by the playing field).

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## Security / gates

We are pleased that the annual questionnaire showed that once again you find the school staff friendly and approachable. We very much want this to be the case. 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 30th at 7pm 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.

## 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 fruit for years 3,4,5 & 6 can be purchased for 10p a day / 50p a week.

## 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.

## 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.

## Clubs

Clubs will run over the term and start the week of the 16<sup>th</sup> September. A separate letter will be sent outlining the clubs available for the term.

## 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.*