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NEWSLETTER

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30th September
<ul style="list-style-type: none">PTFA AGM 7pm
3rd October
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 3 Camp over
7th October
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 2 Harvest Celebration 2.30pm
8th October
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 1 Harvest Celebration 9.15am
17th October
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reception Harvest Dartmoor Hall 2.40pm
18th October
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Non-Uniform Jeans for Genes
4th - 8th November
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parents' evening
5th November
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Flu Vaccination Reception to Year 6
11th November
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 6 Remembrance Assembly
15th November
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Children in Need—wear spots

The term is well under way now and I hope your child / children have settled back in well. Despite the fact we have had to use our classrooms differently in the Exmoor block (years 3,4,5 & 6) we have had a good start to the year.

Staff are always keen to ensure the safety and well being of the children in our care. 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. Mr Boraston is our lead on special educational needs and safeguarding and would often be the next person to speak to. Until Mr Boraston returns we are overseeing these areas through members of our staff team. Our Safeguarding team include Mr Boraston, Mrs Buckley, Mrs Harris, Mrs Chidgey, Mrs Strong and Mrs Ingledew all of whom are happy to help you should you have a safeguarding or welfare concern you need to share with us. The SENCO role we are sharing out between Mrs Buckley, Ms Johnson, Mrs Thompson and Mr Wardle, the educational psychologist we use, so we are still holding meetings, reviews and arranging assessments. Please talk to your class teacher in the first instance and one of us can get in touch with you as needed.

PTFA

There is a meeting on Monday September 30th at 7.00pm 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.

Data Collection Sheets

To ensure the information we have for your child is up to date a copy of the details we currently hold for children will be sent home over the few next weeks to be checked/ amended. Please make any changes on the sheet and return as soon as you are able before half term.

In addition to this form you should also receive the off-site consent form, a photo consent form and the pupil copy of the acceptable use of the internet policy, which is part of our safeguarding arrangements. As a South West Grid for Learning school our Internet does have a filtering system but we all need to ensure children are accessing the internet safely and considering others. This form has been revised for this year and we need to work together to help our children learn to be safe when using the internet.

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.

Please can children have named coats to keep them dry as they move around the school at lunch time.

Newsletters and letters home

We are presently experimenting with emailing more of the paperwork we send home for families for whom we have email addresses. If you have not received them please check at the office if we have the correct email address for you. You can return forms by email but there will always be paper copies in the office if you need a paper copy to return. You may find it easiest to set up the Parent Mail App which then lets you know if an email has arrived. If we do not have an email address for you, you may want to bring one to the office or you will continue to receive paper copies. We hope over this half term to iron out any initial problems as we know in the past many letters never got to families or stayed in children's bags and this way we think more information will come home, as well as saving resources.

Reading

After the success of last year we are continuing with initiatives to help your child read on a regular basis and the raffle prize draw will continue on a half term basis across the school from Reception to year 6. Every day, every child will have the chance to win a raffle ticket, which will be entered into grand prize draw if they achieve the following:

Reception	Reading 3 times a week and phonics practise
Year 1	4 parental signatures and comments
Year 2	As above and 100% for free readers who are on Accelerated Reader
Years 3 & 4	100% on a quiz (Accelerated Reader)
Years 5 & 6	100% on a quiz (Accelerated Reader)

As an extra incentive, any child who has a four comments and parental signatures in their reading records each week will also receive a raffle ticket. Teachers will have ultimate discretion over larger novels so the higher the book band level on accelerated reader the more tickets received to make it fair for every child, especially if it has ten or more chapters.

Advance notice:

18th October – non uniform Jeans for Genes Day



Forthcoming Seasonal events:

Families of these year groups are welcome to join us for the following events:

Harvest for Year 1 - 8th October – 9.15am in the Exmoor hall

Harvest for Year 2 - 7th October – 2.30pm in the Exmoor hall

Reception Harvest - Thursday 17th October at 2.40pm in the Dartmoor hall –

Year 6 Remembrance Assembly - November 11th - 9.10am in the Exmoor hall.

As we continue to develop the children's pride in their learning there will be an opportunity for them to share their books with you on Tuesday 15th October at 2.45pm in years 3,4,5 & 6 and Wednesday 16th October for Years 1 & 2. The letter for parents' evenings, which are the week beginning the 4th November will be sent out nearer the time.

Christmas Concerts

3rd December—Year 3 & 4 afternoon & evening

4th December—Year 3 & 4 9.20am

9th December—Reception afternoon

10th December—Reception 9.20am

10th December—Year 1 & 2 afternoon & evening

11th December—Year 1 & 2 9.20am

12th December—Year 5 & 6 Carol Service 6.30pm

Afternoon times to be confirmed nearer the time.

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.