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Newsletter 1

Tuesday 28th September 2021

The term is well under way now and I hope your child/children have settled in well. We have had a good start to the year and it has been great to return to some old routines such as assemblies and lunch in the halls and to try some new ones.

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. If you are not sure who Mr. Boraston is he can usually be found on the main gate at the beginning and end of the day and can be contacted via the school office.

PTFA

There is a meeting on Tuesday 28th September at 6.30pm 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. If you are hoping to join the meeting remotely please let the office know via admin@twomoors.devon.sch.uk so a link can be sent to you.

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 next few weeks to be checked/amended. Please make any changes on the sheet and return them 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.

For children with an inhaler or epipen there is also a form to allow us to use an emergency inhaler/epipen if the child's is not available.

Please see the pupil privacy notice on our website at:

<http://www.twomoors.devon.sch.uk/our-policies/>

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.

Reading

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 a grand prize draw if they achieve the following:

Reception	Reading 3 times a week and phonics practice
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 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.

Cycling to School

If a child is cycling to or from school we recommend they wear a helmet.

We are delighted that Year 6 have been able to do Bikeability this term (as they missed it in Year 5) and their follow up sessions on level 2 are in October.

Year 5 will have Bikeability training later in the year.

Morning Drop off

Now the term is underway, staff in Years 3-6 will be going into class by 8.50am.

If you have a message these can be emailed to the year group email addresses or please phone the school office.

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 Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for Child Protection within school is Mr. Boraston.