

Dartmoor
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23rd October 2020

Dear parents/carers,

We have made it to the end of the first half term and it's credit to the teaching staff and their unfailing dedication, to the children for being so adaptable and to you for continuing to support our school in such unprecedented times. We've all had to adjust to new control measures in place, teachers have reshaped the curriculum to meet pupil needs and parents, cooperated in home learning to complement work in school. I am certain that staff, pupils and parents are due a week of rest and relaxation as we head into the end of October and into the second half of term.

All the children thoroughly enjoyed their extended forest school session yesterday to celebrate the great learning attitudes and superb behaviour that they have shown throughout this half term. Working in their school teams they took part in pumpkin races, an apple throwing contest and drank hot chocolate and made smores around a traditional camp fire. The staff all felt very privileged to be able to organise this celebration for the children at a time when they are unable to meet with their friends outside of school.



Healthy School

Drinks bottles sent into school for the children to drink throughout the day should be filled with *just water*. Water is essential to life and children need plenty of water in order to feel good, focus, concentrate, and think. Water will also give your children the necessary energy and brainpower to help them learn easier and better. A drink of squash/ fruit juice may be sent in but this is only to be drunk at lunchtimes. Please do not send sweets or chocolate in lunchboxes – we are a healthy school and aim to promote healthy eating and positive mental health. If you wish to send an extra snack in addition to the fruit provided in school, a cereal bar is fine but we do not permit children to eat sweets/ chocolate either on the playground or in the lunch-hall.

A new dinner menu which will commence after half term is attached.

Team treat

The team points were incredibly close, showing how much all children had contributed. Today Petroc enjoyed extra playtime and Halloween cupcakes as a reward.

Petroc 886

Nicholls 868

Widgery 846

Flu vaccination

Children from Reception to Year 6 are eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.

It is anticipated that this will be delivered in school on Friday 6th November, this will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time.

Please follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "no" consent. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link:

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA). Tel: 0300 247 0082 Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

Parental Consents

If you have not already returned the General Permissions and Pupil Images consents form for this academic year that was recently issued, please could you return these ASAP. If you require a paper copy for completion please contact the school office. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Half term safety message

With Halloween happening over half term, we want to bring you some key safety advice from *Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service*. Usually, we would have the team into school to deliver safety assemblies at this time of year. Due to restrictions on visitors into school, here are the main messages on dressing up from the team this Halloween:

- Ensure children are well supervised at all times, especially if they are around fireworks, sparklers or open flames such as pumpkins with candles.
- Keep away from naked flames - avoid using a naked flame or candle in pumpkins; use a torch, glow stick or battery operated candle
- If your clothing does catch on fire then 'Stop, Drop and Roll' this is a way to try to extinguish the flames and also to stop the flames from rising towards the face.
- Choose a costume and mask that doesn't restrict your child's vision.
- Wear woollen tights or 'heavy' trousers (jeans) and a woollen jumper under the costume.
- Look out for costumes that meet European Toy (EN71), and British nightwear flammability (BS5722 test 3) safety standard - the toughest standard that currently exists.
- Use caution when creating homemade costumes. Stick with polyester, nylon, wool, and acrylic fabrics and make sure the costumes are not loose-fitting. Don't use materials made of natural fibres, for example, cotton wool balls, don't use refuse sacks/ bin liners as capes or dresses.

More information can be found here

<https://www.dsfire.gov.uk/YourSafety/SafetyOutdoors/Fancydressclothing/Index.cfm?siteCategoryId=4&T1ID=91&T2ID=421>

Stay safe, keep learning, and connect positively with others over the half term break! We are looking forward to inviting all pupils back to school on Monday 2nd November (unless guidance changes). Please keep an eye on Gateway for any updates.

Warmest wishes from all the staff.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October - Half term week

Monday 2nd October - Pupils return to school

Friday 6th November – Flu immunisations

Wednesday 2nd December – dress rehearsal *'The Nutcracker'*

Thursday 3rd December – Filming day *'The Nutcracker'*

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas lunch

Friday 18th December – end of Autumn term

Gallery

Class 1

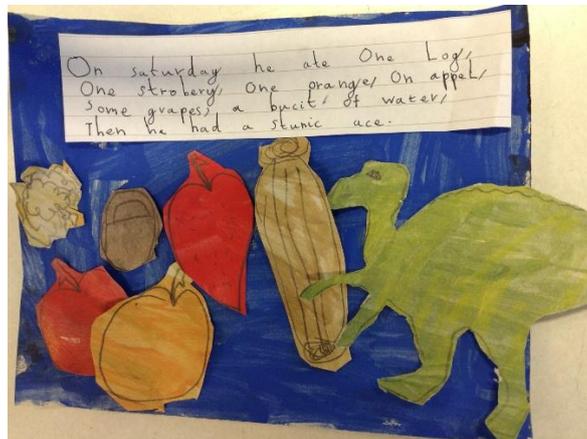
We are extremely proud of the way the children in class one have settled into the new school year and how enthusiastically they have been throwing themselves into the learning we have been doing together.

'My learning in year 2 is really great. I've done loads of it! I'm getting better at all my reading. I like finding out things in play to learn.' Spencer

'I'm proud that I got my writing small. I like learning about Mary Anning. She used to collect fossils.' Megan

'I like doing numbers and part part wholes. I've got way better at it. I'd like to learn more numbers that make 100.' Leah

'I really like cooking- the pizza faces were good. My best one was the fruity person. I wanted to save it for my brother- I gave him the arms and the tummy.' Bertie



This week we have illustrated and published our own story books about a very hungry dinosaur!



Hunting for fossils like Mary Anning.

Class 2

The children have worked so hard this half term in every aspect of their learning and are rightly proud of not only all they have achieved but also what they would like to improve on.

'I'm most proud of my English because my writing is better.' Wren

'I am most proud of my confidence in maths.' Emily

'I am determined to get better at presentation in my maths.' Rufus

'I'm determined to do more reading.' Jessica



Feeling like authors – the children thoroughly enjoyed reading the stories that they had written to their peers.



During our science lesson the children discovered that making a periscope was a really good way of being able to see the children in Class 1 whilst staying socially distanced!

Week One

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Organic Beef Burger in Wholemeal Bap with Tomato Ketchup	Salmon and Sweet Chill Noodles	Roast Beef & Gravy	Pasta Bolognese	Mini Battered Fish Fillet
Option 2	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Rice	Macaroni Cheese	Tomato Tumble	Cheese Wheel and Pasta	Vegetable Fingers
Served with	Wedges, Baked Beans or Sweetcorn	Crusty Bread, Carrots and Peas	Roast or Mashed Potato, Green Beans and Carrots	Roasted Vegetables	Chips, Pasta, Peas or Baked Beans
and for Pudding	Fruity Flap Jack	Devonshire Apple Cake and Custard	Fresh Fruit Platter	Sticky Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Shortbread Biscuit
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available Each Day	Fresh Bread & Salad with a main meal. Fresh Fruit & Yoghurts are available as alternative puddings.				
Week starting:	02/11/20 23/11/20 14/12/20 18/01/21 08/02/21 08/03/21 29/03/21				

Week Two

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Organic Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Roast Chicken & Stuffing with Gravy	Breakfast Brunch	Fish Fingers
Option 2	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheesy Bake	Veggie Chilli and Rice	Veggie Roast and Gravy	Veggie Burger and Wedges	Quorn Nuggets
Served with	Farmhouse Veg and Wholemeal Pasta	Wedges, Beans or Sweetcorn	Roast or Mashed Potato, Cabbage and Carrots	Baked Beans, Grilled Tomatoes and Mushrooms	Chips, Pasta, Peas or Baked Beans
and for Pudding	Apple and Cherry Crumble with Custard	Fresh Fruit Platter	Organic Pip Ice Lolly	Vanilla Cup Cake	Chocolate & Date Cookie
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Available Each Day	Fresh Bread & Salad with a main meal. Fresh Fruit & Yoghurts are available as alternative puddings.				
Week starting:	09/11/20 30/11/20 04/01/21 25/01/21 22/02/21 15/03/21				

Week Three

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	West Country Sausage with Gravy or Tomato Ketchup	Lasagne	Roast Pork, Apple Sauce and Gravy	Hunters Chicken and Rice	Mini Battered Fish Fillet
Option 2	Vegetable Lasagne	Veggie Sausage Roll and Wholemeal Pasta	Lentil Loaf and Gravy	Cheesy Pizza Muffin and Wedges	Quorn Sticky Sausages
Served with	Mashed Potato, Baked Beans or Sweetcorn	Peas and Green Beans	Roast or Mashed Potato, Cauliflower and Carrots	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Chips, Pasta, Peas or Baked Beans
and for Pudding	Chocolate Cracknel	Carrot Cake	Fruit Jelly and Langage Farm Ice Cream	Fresh Fruit Platter	Oat Cookie
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Week starting:	16/11/20 07/12/20 11/01/21 01/02/21 01/03/21 22/03/21				