



Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST



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A small school, learning together in the local community

Dear parent/carers,

Half term is now fast approaching (21st – 25th October). The past fortnight has seen Year 6 attend Junior Life Skills and Year 1 children enjoy a multi-skills event at Parklands leisure centre. This week, representatives from our Gardening club were also able to attend a prize giving for winning the 'Best Vegetable Plot' award in the Rotary Club Gardening competition. A huge well done to our keen gardeners and to Charlie Meacock and Hannah Tainsh for making our Gardening club such a success!

SAFEGUARDING/ ATTENDANCE

Please can we remind all parents/carers to close the gate on entering and leaving the school grounds at all times. This is to deter any safeguarding issues from arising and heighten site security.

It is our duty of care to ensure that each child is safe and in school each day. Should your child be unwell or unable to come into school for whatever reason, it is important that you ring up BEFORE 9am when the register is taken to explain why. If a message has not been received, we will ring each number we hold for the pupil and, failing communication, will make a joint home visit to check that everything is alright. We may have to ask the police to make a welfare check in exceptional circumstances. Thank you for your support in this matter.

CURRICULUM/ ENRICHMENT

As we approach the end of the first half term, the pupils of Lydford have enjoyed curriculum enrichment through their weekly forest school sessions which are going extremely well with Mrs Waddington. Lydford Forest School is a specialised approach that sits within and compliments our school ethos and vision. Here are a few of the benefits of this valuable outdoor provision:

- Encourages creativity, curiosity and imagination
- Increases confidence and positive self-esteem
- Improves social, language and communication skills
- Develops problem solving and logical thinking, physical agility and coordination
- Provides exciting new challenges, activities and opportunities to take risks
- Improves resilience and perseverance
- Encourages an awareness of the local environment, wildlife, plants and habitats.

Waitrose Community Matters

We support good causes.
You decide who gets what.



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR WAITROSE APPEAL: LYDFORD PRIMARY FOREST SCHOOL ASKS YOU TO PLEASE HELP FUND A MUCH NEEDED SHELTER!

Our newly created Forest School site provides a natural environment where all our pupils from 4 to 11 years of age, can nurture a relationship with the natural world. Through regular and frequent woodland activities, the children's holistic development is promoted; fostering resilient, confident, independent and creative learners. Forest school takes place every week throughout the school year, in all weathers – sunshine, rain and snow. A wooden shelter is desperately required to ensure the children can fully participate through all the seasons, keeping safe and dry whilst they enjoy all that forest school offers.

To find out more about Lydford Primary Forest School and any other enquiries, please telephone Lydford Primary School on 01822 820264. We welcome visits to our small and friendly school. Thank you for generously giving us your vote.

Schoolcomms

Please can ALL parents indicate on School Comms when your child is having a Home Packed Lunch (pink option). This facility is there so that staff know that each child has lunch either provided by home or ordered. This will help speed up the lunch process in school as checking with pupils individually will not be necessary. Many thanks for your help.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Deirdre Petersen (Acting Head of School)

Gallery



Exploration linked to our 'Bats and bugs' topic, Class 1



Class 2 with willow trees ready to plant

Diary dates

Thursday 3rd October – **Rotary Gardening Club prize-giving** (Fountain Inn, 12.30pm)

Wednesday 9th October – **Early Reading/ Phonics parent information session**, Mrs Luxford, Class 1 after school

Tuesday 15th October - **Guardianship Day at the Gorge**, Class 2

Monday 21 – Friday 25 October – HALF TERM WEEK

Monday 28th October – Pupils and staff return to school

Tuesday 29th October – **OPEN MORNING**, all prospective parents welcome!

Wednesday 30th October – **Devon Fire and Rescue Service visit** (both classes)

Tuesday 5th November – **Flu vaccination** (EYFS – Y6) – **consent done online**

Tuesday 5th November – ETHOS COMMITTEE REARRANGED, 3.45, school hall, followed by a FOLS meeting, everyone welcome!

Monday 11th November – **Primary matinee ‘Oliver’**, Okehampton College (Class 2)

Thursday 14th November – **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**, 1.30pm start

Tuesday 26th November – **Gorge Guardianship day** (Class 2)

Wednesday 18th December – **Christmas production**, 6pm evening performance

REGULAR EVENTS:

Day	Club
Monday	Lunchtime Story Club (Mrs Waddington)
Monday	After school OCRA
Tuesday	After school gardening club
Wednesday	After school chess club (Miss Horton)
Thursday	After school ball skills club (Mrs Luxford)
Friday	Lunchtime Recorder club (Mrs Waddington)

NB. ALL CLUBS ARE ON SCHOOL GATEWAY – SIGN YOUR CHILD UP THROUGH THE APP

Thursday afternoons from 2pm – Stay and Play (everyone welcome!)

Tuesday morning (first lesson) – Drama workshop, Mrs Davis (Class 1,2)

Tuesday afternoon – Forest School Class 2 (please bring appropriate clothing)

Thursday afternoon – Forest school Class 1 (please bring appropriate clothing)

Friday afternoon, Class 2 – OCRA PE session

Friday afternoon, both classes – Music lesson, Mrs Joliffe