

Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST



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A small school, learning together in the local community

25th September 2020


Dear parents, carers,

The first fortnight has flown by as the weather turns colder and sniffles and colds are on the rise. Highlights have been the local river walk in Class 2, forest school sessions based on autumn harvest and site maintenance and lots of explorative play and learning in Class 1.



Virtual hand holding in Class 2 during shadow work in Science

A letter to parents from Public Health England was circulated Wednesday. It is important that we do not panic with every sign of a common cold but that we take seriously any display of the following symptoms:



**If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste**

**This could be a sign of
coronavirus**

Book a test

**If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste**

**These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP**

Expectations

We are working on our school vision and on learning skills across the school this term as children start a new school year with new expectations. We are continuing with our 'Good to be Green' behaviour management system which is working well and sets the boundaries of acceptable and not acceptable behaviour. We talk about our 'School Rules' in school and how to display them in our learning and play. Our School Rules are:

Be kind and gentle
Make people smile
Listen to each other
Look after our resources
Work hard and achieve

Please ask your child how they have displayed these rules in school to echo our language at home. Many thanks for your support.

Free School Meals and Breakfast Club

FSM - Your child may be entitled to free school meals (FSM). You can find out more information on free school meals and how to apply here: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>

UIFSM – All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). Parents/ carers do not need to apply for UIFSM but **can apply for FSM whilst their child is in Class 1**. This will bring in extra pupil premium funding for your child should you be eligible which can be used for extra resources and subsidizing things like swimming and the wider curriculum.

Breakfast Club needs to be booked on School Gateway please. Even if you are eligible for childcare vouchers, it is essential that you book so that we have a register each day and know who to expect in the morning. School Gateway has now been set up for this and there is an option to pay via voucher. It has been great to see more uptake of this wrap-around service. Mr Meacock provides healthy and nutritious options.

Pick up

Should you be unable to pick up your child on a particular day, please inform the office about who you authorise to pick up your child(ren). This is recorded for safeguarding reasons and we aim to communicate with the child before the end of the day so that they are aware who they are going home with. The procedure is to call or email into the office as soon as you know there is a change in the pick up arrangements so that we can alert the child and look out for the person on the gate. Thank you for engaging with our safeguarding requirements.

Homework

As with recording of reading, homework will be posted on Class Dojo this week. Your child's class teacher will set a task – spelling/ phonics as well as a selection of more creative projects to be completed over the half term. Work completed at home is to be posted for your child's teacher on our online platform. Homeward awards will be given at the end of each half term. Thank you for engaging in our home learning and we hope that the children will find the projects enjoyable.

Reading

Home reading is to be recorded on Class Dojo. Please can all pupils' reading go on the platform so that we can see what reading is going on at home. It is so important that ALL children are practising the skill of reading at home as well as at school. We now have 2 'book exchange' days – Tuesday and Friday – this is to allow for 72 hours quarantine between lending books. If your child is on early readers, a pack of books will be sent home each time. Reading is essential and underpins all learning; your engagement in home reading will greatly improve your child's achievement. Ways to record reading on Class Dojo could be:

- Post a picture of the book/ your child reading
- Comment on their reading aloud – what words they struggled with or read with ease
- Post a video of your child reading aloud
- Discuss the text together and post comments

Cool Milk

Our school provides a milk scheme that is available to all of our pupils and we would like to invite you to register your child. School milk is free for under-5s and reception pupils have already been registered.

Each child that registers with Cool Milk will receive a 189ml portion of semi-skimmed milk every day, delivered fresh and chilled to the classroom. Their school milk will not only provide them with essential nutrients, but as it is rehydrating and energy boosting it also bridges the gap between breakfast and lunch to help children stay focused. For more information on how milk can benefit children visit www.coolmilk.com/why-milk-is-great.

How to register -If your child is five or older:

- Register and pay online at www.coolmilk.com
- Alternatively, fill in a registration form available from the school office – once Cool Milk has processed your form, you will receive a payment request
- You can pay Cool Milk either online, over the phone or at a local PayPoint in half-termly, termly or annual instalments.
- Please pay by a Tuesday at 5pm for your child's milk to start the following week

If you have any questions regarding school milk please visit www.coolmilk.com or contact Cool Milk directly on 0800 321 3248.

Reminder

Please ensure that your child has a school jumper/fleece and a waterproof coat each day. Due to the current preventative measures that we currently have in place, the windows and doors are open to provide additional ventilation.

The staff at Lydford Primary wish you a relaxing weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mrs D A Petersen (Acting Head of School)

Gallery

Class 1



Fun outside



Counting



Enjoying popcorn



Reading in the book corner

Class 2



Geography trip to study the river



Making river models