

**Dartmoor**  
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST



# Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

A small school, learning together in the local community

26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear parent/ carer,

We have now been successfully reopen for priority groups for 3 weeks and with only 3 weeks left of this unprecedented summer term. School provision is going well for those attending – I must commend the adaptability and compliance of the children from EYFS to Year 6 in how they have embraced the changes and measures in place. They really have taken everything in their stride and understand the importance of hygiene and safety as well as distancing. They are a credit to you all and we are lucky to have such a wonderful group back in Lydford!

## Drop off and pick up

Please can children arrive promptly at 8.45 and no later than 8.55am in the morning. We have to report attendance early and often pupils arrive across a longer spell of time. If you are running late, please telephone the school as the gate will be locked for safeguarding. Many thanks.

## Woodland Trust Award

I am delighted to announce that we have been awarded the **Woodland Trust Silver Green Tree Schools Award**. The Green Tree Schools Award recognises the school's achievements in taking action to help the environment by encouraging and inspiring pupils about trees, woods and wildlife through outdoor learning. At Lydford, that includes forest school which is closely linked to how we have achieved our silver status. Forest School has been continuing throughout lock-down, virtually via Mrs Waddington and now also back in our special area for each micro-group once a week. I hope that many of those pupils learning at home have benefitted from our virtual forest school lessons on Class Dojo. See this week's gallery for some excellent examples of nature learning.

## Returning to school information/ updates

Now that children are starting to return to school, DiAS has produced some information for parents and carers of children with SEND about transition. The following link has useful information for parents as well as questions and answers on Covid-19 and on managing at home.

<https://www.devonias.org.uk/information/q-and-a-about-coronavirus-and-school/going-back-to-school-or-college/>

I wish to take this opportunity to highlight that plans to open to more pupils following the latest ease in restrictions is open to change based on the Government's daily updates and schools guidance. I am sure you will understand that the Trust can only make decisions when we have received full guidance from the Government and risk assessed carefully to enable more children to return to school. Please keep up to date through Gateway and our website for latest updates. Many thanks for your patience. Any queries can come through administrator email as usual.

### **Free School Meal hampers**

You may also be aware that the Government have announced that weekly free school meal vouchers will continue throughout the summer holidays. In our Trust, we will be continuing with weekly food hamper deliveries. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please check before 6th July 2020 on the following website:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>

Once school has received a notification from DCC, we can set up your food hamper delivery.

Let's hope the sun returns for a warm, restful weekend!

Kindest wishes,



Mrs Deirdre A Petersen

Acting Head of School

# GALLERY

A celebration of our Forest School learning



Annie's Forest School creation



Max's Leaf Mobile



Harry's Strawberries



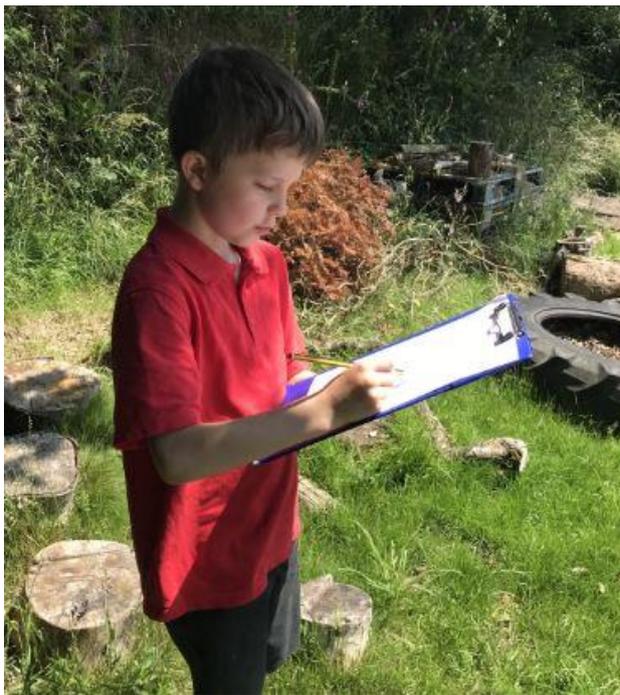
Emily's Mask Making



Emily's Mythical Creature



Massan's Wild Swimming



Theo Mapping out the Forest School Area



This is to certify that the pupils of

**Lydford Primary  
School**

have achieved the

*Silver Award*

**on the Woodland Trust's  
Green Tree Schools Award**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Beccy Speight'.

**Beccy Speight**  
Chief Executive



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