

Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST



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A small school, learning together in the local community

29th January 2021

Dear parents/ carers,

This week, Lydford has seen milder weather after a flurry of snow! The children who are accessing provision in school have taken full advantage of their outdoor space, making snow angels and benefitting from the forest school shelter in the drizzly rain. As always, staff are delighted with the quality of home learning during this lockdown. Staff work so hard to make this learning accessible and achievable at home and we can see that the hard work is paying off! We have had everything from scavenger hunts to volcanoes and Egyptian dictionaries this week! Fabulous remote learning!

Welcome Dan Morrow, CEO

We are extremely lucky to have Dan Morrow working alongside us as the new CEO of our Trust. Dan has now visited Lydford Primary and has seen the wonderful teaching and learning that is going on and met our incredible staff. Luckily, he visited on a clear day and was able to see the village basked in sunlight and our stunning outdoor area and forest school site in its full glory! We are excited to be working closely with him to help Lydford Primary continue to become the best it can be, in collaboration with all our Trust schools. School leaders are working with Mr Morrow regularly to help our unique school community have a voice in the Trust. You can find out more about Dan Morrow on the Trust website ([Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust - Home \(dartmoormat.org.uk\)](https://dartmoormat.org.uk)) and hopefully will be able to meet him soon in school also.

Covid-19 testing for staff

You may have heard in the media that primary school and maintained nursery staff are now being tested for COVID-19. We received our rapid tests last week and have begun the rapid testing this week. All staff are undertaking a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) at home, twice a week. These test for viral proteins and do not need to be carried out in a lab, unlike the drive-through or postal tests, which are known as PCR tests. The tests are self-administered by staff in the morning before school and results take 30 minutes to process. Staff submit the results to NHS Test and Trace as well as to the school office. The purpose of the test is to identify and break the flow of transmission in asymptomatic people. If the result is positive, the staff member and household must isolate and we will need to close bubbles identified as being in close contact in the previous 48 hours and ask all contacts to isolate. The staff member will then get a PCR test to confirm the result.

We appreciate that this means a bubble closure due to a positive LFT will be at very short notice, most likely in the morning before school starts, and understand the inconvenience that this may cause. However, safety of staff, pupils and our school community come first and it is reassuring that all staff coming into school are regularly testing for COVID-19, which makes our school safer. We are not at risk of complacency and all of our protective factors and mitigations can be viewed on our risk assessment: [Directorate/Department \(lydford-primary.co.uk\)](https://lydford-primary.co.uk)

Update on school reopening

More news this week on schools fully re-opening. A statement from our Education Secretary states *'Education is a national priority and we want schools, colleges and universities fully open as soon as the public situation allows. As confirmed by the PM we hope to get pupils & students back from 8 March.'* Like yourselves, we have no more information than this but I will be sure to communicate any further updates as and when they arise. We all hope that sufficient notice is given to schools and parents this time round to be able to plan the best possible return to school for our children.

FSM vouchers and school meals

Some of you have been benefitting from the weekly free school meals vouchers – please do claim your voucher as this is an entitlement that we are so pleased to be able to continue. If you have any problems with claiming your voucher, please contact admin.

Devon Norse are delivering hot meals daily to the school – as usual, all EYFS and KS1 pupils are eligible and KS2 pupils can book a meal through School Gateway as normal if your child is accessing school provision. The meals come in a take-away box and it is a welcome hot meal for the cold school we are working in (windows and doors are open for ventilation). The menu is attached for you to choose from.

Finally, with everything changing rapidly and updates coming thick and fast, I want to thank each and every one of you for being patient with the school, for your amazing resilience keeping remote learning alive, and for the care and nurture you are giving the children at home. This is a difficult time for us all but, together, we can get through it.

Have a lovely weekend all,

Kind regards



Mrs D A Petersen



Gallery



Wilf's Antarctic World



James being kind



Charlotte planting



Jimmy sledging



Forest School leaf sculpture



Megan taking part in the RSPB Birdwatch





Devon Norse Menu

This menu will operate as required until further notice.

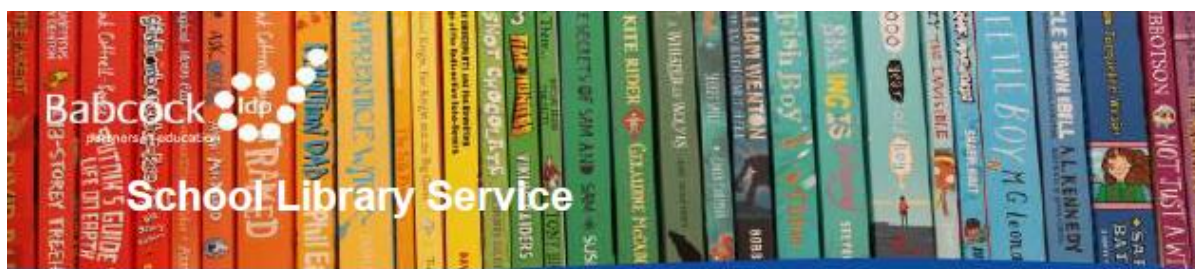
Please note - Meals may be served in takeaway containers with disposable cutlery.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Sausages, Mashed Potato & Baked Beans	Pasta Bolognese & Vegetables	Roast Chicken, Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Organic Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta & Vegetables	Mini Battered Fish Fillet with Chips & Vegetables
Vegetarian Alternative	Quorn Sausages	Quorn Mince	Quorn Fillet	Chopped Quorn Sausage	Vegetable Fingers
Desserts	Ice Cream Tub	Yoghurt Pot	Chocolate Cracknel	Flapjack	Shortbread

Jacket Potatoes available everyday as a main alternative

Fresh Fruit available everyday as a dessert alternative

Dairy Free & Gluten Free alternatives can be available on request. Please speak to your school kitchen to arrange this.



Babcock School Library Service 'Toilet Roll Challenge' for World Book Day 4th March 2021

Run the competition in your school and then email us with photographs of your winning entries for each category.
Open to all schools (subscribing or non-subscribing).

5 Categories

KS1
Year 3/4
Year 5/6
KS3
Staff



The Brief:

- The design should be created using cardboard tubes whilst in their original cylindrical shape – that's the challenge!
- The tubes cannot be wrapped in paper but it is acceptable to stick things on to create the design.
- The design should represent your favourite book character or book.
- Any size cardboard tube is acceptable e.g. kitchen roll tube, wrapping paper tube.
- Any medium can be used to achieve this e.g. felt tip, ink, paint, collage.

The deadline for entries is 5pm Friday 26th February.
Email photos of your winning entries to
ldp-schoolslibraryservicecentral@babcockinternational.com
Judging will take place on 1st March with the winning schools notified on 2nd March.
Prizes should be sent out in time for World Book Day.



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PATIENT INFORMATION

10 a Day Choices Towards Balancing Our Mental Health



1
Talk about your feelings



2
Do something you enjoy and are good at



3
Keep yourself hydrated



4
Eat well



5
Keep active in mind and body



6
Take a break



7
Stay connected to those you care about



8
Ask for help



9
Be proud of your very being



10
Actively care for others

For further assistance or to receive this information in a different format, please contact the department which created this leaflet.

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