

Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

A small school, learning together in the local community

24th January 2020

Dear parent, carer,

The Spring term has got off to a great start at Lydford Primary! We are enjoying swimming sessions at our new venue, Aquastars Academy of Swimming. The instructors are fantastic and have commented on the great behaviour and conduct of our children. We really are so pleased and excited at how much progress in swimming the children will make at Aquastars.



Cutting the ribbon to open the Forest School site!

Curriculum/ Forest school

Thank you to all who attended our official forest school opening in December. This was a wonderful community event and we are so proud of the new site and how this is developing. Mrs Waddington has worked tirelessly on the provision and we look forward to a new shelter going up soon so that the children can have access to forest school in all weathers! The nurturing environment and curriculum that we provide creates learning that is fun, active and personalised, inspiring all pupils to achieve their very best. Our forest school offers a natural addition to our curriculum, creating many links to curriculum areas is taught in class.

This term, we will have continued Drama workshops in KS2, working towards a Shakespeare festival in the Summer, by our visiting teacher, Mrs Harriet Davies. Our curriculum overviews and details of what each class will be learning are posted on our website as well as the new homework projects for pupils to engage in.

Safeguarding

Relationships play a key part in every child's life. Healthy relationships can help a child feel secure and supported; unhealthy relationships can have a long-lasting negative impact. At Boasley Cross, we support healthy relationships and encourage you to reinforce positive messages at home. The NSPCC offers some valuable tips that we can all learn from:

Tips for promoting healthy relationships to 5- to 11-year-olds

- Empower children to have individuality and help them understand that everyone is unique.
- Praise children for demonstrating honesty, kindness, and respect for others.
- Give children opportunities to voice their opinions and encourage them to listen to other people's views.
- Help children understand that "no" means "no" and make sure they know who to talk to if they are ever uncomfortable with something they have been asked them to do.
- Work with children to resolve conflicts and help them understand how others might be affected.
- Talk to children about bullying in all its forms and make sure they know how to get help if they need it.

Reading and well-being

Did you know that reading can be beneficial to your child's wellbeing, helping them to have a happy and healthy outlook on life? National Literacy Trust research shows that children who enjoy reading are three times more likely to have a positive well-being than children who do not enjoy reading. Reading before bedtime is a great way to switch off from the day; a relaxing read before bedtime could help your child prepare for a good night's sleep and wake up refreshed for their day at school. You don't have to be a great reader yourself. Audio books are a great way to enjoy stories and still gain all the benefits associated with reading. Your local library is free and a good place to search for books that cover a wide range of issues that your child can relate to. For some excellent book recommendations, visit www.wordsforlife.org.uk for book choices for all ages.

If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing you can talk to school, your GP, or visit the Place2Be website for a list of organisations that provide support for parents.

Okehampton Library Events

Thursday 6th February 16:00-17:00 *Harry Potter Night*

Join the Triwizard Tournament! Wizards, Witches and muggles from around the world are invited to take part in a tournament of their own, testing their skills with an array of magical activities.

Optional dress code of best wizarding robes or fancy dress.

Wands at the ready....let the magic begin!

£2.50 per child, bookings in advance, spaces limited.

Recommended for ages 7+

Friday 21st February 14:30-15:30 *Lego Lego Lego!*

Lego fun for families. Recommended for ages 5+.

Lego Builders, Lego Speed Building and a Lego Animation demonstration.

£1 per person, no booking required.

Donate Your Nearly New Books

All donated books will be sold to support Libraries Unlimited – your local reading charity.

Nearly new condition only please

Bank Holiday change

Please note that the Bank Holiday on Monday 4th May has been changed by the government to **Friday 8th May** VE Day. This means that the long weekend will coincide with the extended 75th anniversary celebrations for VE Day.

Reminder – School Comms

Please can all parents indicate on School Gateway if your child is having a packed lunch. This will speed up the ordering process in the morning, helping us to get down to learning early! Many thanks for all your support as we all adjust to new systems and online payments/consents. We truly think this system is beneficial for all should everyone engage with it.

Adverse weather

It is important that your child comes to school each day with a warm, waterproof coat as well as everything they need for their school day. The weather is turning colder and we will be keeping those without a coat indoors if they are ill-equipped for school.

In the event of heavy snow, we will risk assess the area, if staff can get to school and if school meals and transport can run before informing parents of a possible closure. It is important that the school is adequately staffed and that the site is safe and warm. A text alert will be sent to parents as well as regular correspondence and updates through School Gateway, our website and Facebook in the event of a closure.

Hope your weekend is bright and sunny!

Kind regards,

Mrs Deirdre Petersen, Acting Head of School

Diary dates

- Tuesday 21 January – whole school swimming, Aquastars
- Monday 27th January – Year 3 Movement & Dance Festival, Okehampton College
- Tuesday 28th January - whole school swimming, Aquastars
- Tuesday 4th February - whole school swimming, Aquastars
- Tuesday 4th February – Rotary Small Schools Quiz, Hatherleigh Primary, 6.30pm
- Friday 7th February – FOLS Film Night!
- Tuesday 11 February - whole school swimming, Aquastars
- Thursday 13th February – Class 1 Big Breakfast, parents welcome!
- Friday 14th February – Homework projects open morning (8.45 – 9.15am)
- Monday 17th – Friday 21st February – HALF TERM WEEK
- Tuesday 25th February - whole school swimming, Aquastars
- Tuesday 3rd March - whole school swimming, Aquastars
- Thursday 5th March – WORLD BOOK DAY!
- Monday 9th March – Parent consultations, 1.30 – 5.30pm
- Tuesday 10th March - whole school swimming, Aquastars
- Tuesday 10th March – Ethos Committee meeting, everyone welcome!
- Tuesday 17th March - whole school swimming, Aquastars
- Saturday 21st March – FOLS Spring Fair – details TBC
- Tuesday 24th March - whole school swimming, Aquastars
- Friday 27th March – LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
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REGULAR EVENTS:

Day	Club
Monday	Lunchtime Story Club (Mrs Waddington)
Monday	After school OCRA
Wednesday	After school Craft Club (Mrs Luxford)
Thursday	After school yoga club (Mrs Dickinson)

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 2)

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

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

Attendance: We aim to reach our target of 97% whole school attendance in order for each child to reach their full potential. Attendance each day is essential with no exception except for sickness or serious illness. Coughs and colds are not serious and we expect children to come into school. **This week we reached: 96.1% whole school attendance.** A reminder, absence due to sickness needs to be communicated to the school office by 8.45am on a daily basis.

 <h2 style="margin: 0;">CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY</h2>			
	Monday 13 th January	Monday 20 th January	
Nurture Award	Scarlett Blackmore Theo Luxford	Spencer Gilpin Megan Marsh	
Inspire Award	Wren Curtis Cooke Holly Williams	Jessica Snell Jodie Gascoyne	
Achieve Award	Misty Curtis Hector MacIntyre	Kara Webber Emily Brendon	
Team points totals so far	<u>Nicholls</u>	<u>Widgery</u>	<u>Petroc</u>
	198	224	290

Gallery



Wonderful behaviour, listening and engagement from pupils at Aquastars



Yoga after school club



Forest school fun!

FOLS NEWS



Friday 7th Feb 6pm

£3 per child to include
hot chocolate and snack.

Film TBC

We have started up our cake raffle again, please sign up to bake or just buy lots of tickets! Cakes so far have been amazing! Many thanks to those who donate their time and culinary efforts.

Please see attached to pay in advance to the end of term. A paper copy will be coming home today.

Keep an eye out for our half termly special raffles coming soon!

Lydfords first ever 'Spring Fair' will be held on Saturday 21st March with funds raised going to help our wonderful gardening club, to include plant sales, spring games and refreshments plus lots more! Save the date and more details soon!

Thanks again for all the parents support over the many Christmas events, lots of pennies went in the pot so thank you all! FOLS.