



**Dartmoor**  
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

# Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

*A creative approach to learning where all pupils can succeed*

## **Newsletter** **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

**This week's  
attendance  
was: 96.20%**

**Remember to book your child's school dinners for the coming week!**

Dear Parents/Carers

As the government guidance has changed rapidly over the past few weeks, we are constantly having to review and update our current risk assessments. I want to reassure you that we are taking all necessary measures to ensure that we are keeping children, staff and the wider community safe. The school is well ventilated and handwashing is part of our daily routine in school, all staff are continuing to wear face coverings whilst at work. As government updates are announced, we will be revising our Risk Assessments accordingly and notifying our parents. Please can we ask that parents keep us informed of any positive lateral flow tests within their households. Any child who tests positive on a lateral flow will now need to self-isolate and only when showing symptoms, take a PCR test. From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January, children will only need to self-isolate for 5 days. If they have a negative lateral flow test on the mornings of days 5 and 6 with no temperature, they can return to school on day 6. Full guidance can be viewed by accessing the following link: [Self-isolation for those with COVID-19 can end after 5 full days following 2 negative LFD tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/self-isolation-for-those-with-covid-19-can-end-after-5-full-days-following-2-negative-lfd-tests)

Teachers have prepared remote learning for those children who need to self-isolate. This learning is available on Class Dojo and activities will cover what is being taught in class. It is important that you encourage your child to engage in these activities (if they are well enough) as it will help to ease a smoother transition back to school.

We currently have a wide range of after schools available for children across the school. Many of these clubs have spaces available and are free for children to participate in. Please look at the wide range of activities available in our timetable and use School Gateway to sign your child up for a club next week. I am trying to set up a music after school club for our Year 1 and 2 children and in last week's newsletter, I shared the new proposed date for this club. Unfortunately, we have had very little interest in the club and at this time will be unable to have the music club running after school.

Your child will come home today with a copy of this term's curriculum newsletter. We have also included the knowledge organisers for some of the wider curriculum subjects. Please look at these regularly with your child/ren so they become familiar with the language, facts and information presented as this will support their deeper understanding of the subject and their knowledge of the wider curriculum.

This term the children will continue to have their PE sessions with Mr Pugh, a PE specialist from Holsworthy College, these will take place each Thursday morning. Please can you ensure that your child/ren have a FULL PE kit in school each week (plain white t-shirt,

navy shorts/tracksuit bottoms and trainers. We will also have a specialist music teacher who will be visiting both classes next week to support staff with the delivery of our new music program.

If you would like any further information regarding the curriculum, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with myself or your child/ren's class teacher.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook

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We had some wonderful homework projects handed in from the children of Oketor. The children explored the buildings, weapons and lifestyle of the Shang Dynasty, creating these beautiful pieces for others to enjoy.



Amazing homework projects were completed by the children of Littlemoor, making these fantastic models of London Landmarks.





## Our Star Learners this week



Marnie for a fantastic contribution to our guided reading sessions, using her knowledge of language to show understanding of complex ideas.

Olivia for a fantastic home learning product and a beautifully written, amazing information fact sheet that went with her project.



## Our School Value Certificates this week 'Respectfulness'



Alice has been respectful towards our equipment within Littlemoor playground, ensuring it is tidied away carefully with nothing broken.

Stan has shown respect to his peers by supporting them in the PE lesson.



**Parents – Your school needs YOU!**

There is a vacancy for one Parent governor to join the Local Stakeholder Board with the Moorland schools.

Local governors are a vital part of the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust's connection with schools and community, and Parents are an important voice within the governance structure.

To qualify as a Parent governor, you must have at least one child on the roll at any school within the Moorland hub and must be eligible under the national governing body rules.

Nominations are now open, until close of business on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

All nominations will then be put forward to a parent vote, which will take place electronically.

The nomination form must be completed in full, and can be obtained by emailing the Clerk to Governors: [j.hooper@dmatschools.org.uk](mailto:j.hooper@dmatschools.org.uk)

For an informal chat about the role of parent governor and the responsibilities of the local stakeholder board, please contact the Chair Bridget Down: [bdown@dmatschools.org.uk](mailto:bdown@dmatschools.org.uk) or the Clerk to Governors: [j.hooper@dmatschools.org.uk](mailto:j.hooper@dmatschools.org.uk)

Thank you for your interest, and we look forward to receiving your applications



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do this

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**1**

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time you shop

### Can you make 5 swaps?

Try colouring them in as you go\*



Breakfast



Corn flakes



Lunch or Dinner



Thin and crispy delight



Snack



Popped crunch



Dessert



Fruity chew lar



Drink



Lower sugar juice drink

Name

has made 5 swaps and is a Swap Rockstar

\*Crayons work best. If you use felt tips make sure you allow time to dry.

# Notice Board

## School Diary

### January 2021

<b>Monday 17th</b>	Nurture group (selected children) Outdoor Learning session - waterproofs and wellies required OCRA after school Dance club KS1/KS2
<b>Tuesday 18th</b>	Joe Rice Mini Medics session – KS2 Netball after school club Y2/KS2
<b>Wednesday 19th</b>	Joe Rice Mini Medics session – KS1/KS2 OCRA Martial Arts after school club KS2
<b>Thursday 20th</b>	Whole School PE sessions with Mr Pugh – full PE kits required Outdoor Learning after school club KS2 - waterproofs and wellies required OCRA Multi Skills after school club KS1
<b>Friday 21st</b>	Celebration Assembly – pupils only

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

8.30am to 3pm

Tuesday/Thursday

8.30am to 12pm

Please advise the office by 12pm if your child's 'going home' arrangements are to change for the day so that this can be logged for safeguarding purposes.

#### URGENT ALERT – SCHOOL DINNERS FOR NEXT WEEK

*Further to a text sent today, please could parents re-order any school dinners required for next week as, for some reason, these have cancelled from School Gateway. Many thanks.*

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Staff and School Councillors have come up with a fundraising idea that will also support our Maths learning at Boasley!

Charity Change (copper coins only) will begin from next week and will be ongoing until the end of term. We will have a collection bucket in school that pupils and staff can donate their spare change to and, at the end of the term, School Councillors will add up all of the coins and the total will be split between our school and a nominated charity.