



**Dartmoor**  
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

# Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

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

## **Newsletter** **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

**This week's  
attendance  
was:  
96.40%**

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

Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome back to the second half of the autumn term, I hope you all had a lovely half term break.

A huge thank you to all our parents who were able to make their child/ren's parent consultation meeting this week. We feel as a staff group that working in partnership with our parents is crucial in the development of your child, we really do appreciate your support with the targets that we have set for the children. If you require any further support or could not make the dates set this week, please do speak to your child's class teacher at home time and we will arrange a time that is convenient for you.

This term we have organised a trip for each class. EYFS and Key Stage 1 children will be visiting Rosemoor Gardens on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. The visit will link the science topic on materials this half term whilst exploring our learning on seasonal change from last half term. The children will be creating their own natural art master pieces at the centre from the materials they find on their walk around the grounds. We will be sharing photographs of their artwork with you after the visit. More information about what the children need to bring on the day will go home in a letter next week. A huge thank you to FOBCS who have funded the cost of the coach for this trip and as there are no admission charges by Rosemoor, this visit will be free for our children.

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, Key Stage 2 children will be visiting Northcott Theatre, Exeter to watch the performance of 'A Christmas Carol'. The children will be sharing the story as part of our whole class daily read over the next few weeks, where they will be making careful predictions, discussing characters and events in the story. Once again, a huge thank you to FOBCS for funding the cost of the coach. A payment system will be set up on school gateway from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November where we will be asking parents for a contribution of £7.21 to cover the cost of the theatre ticket and we would really appreciate payment by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November latest. Thank you.

On Tuesday next week, we will have a visit from Theatre Alibi who are performing 'Stand Up! (And Boogie)'. Thank you to all parents who have paid for this performance through School Gateway.

Sincere apologies for the late notice for the changes to school dinners at the beginning of the week. This was decided over the half term holidays, so we were not aware of the change and menus were not received until Monday morning when we came back to school. Please do make sure that you discuss the dinner choices with your child to ensure that they know what they are having as we have seen lots of food going to waste over the week.

As the weather is getting colder, please can we ask that all children have a coat in school every day, as well as their book bags/rucksacks, so that they take home their reading books and reading record books daily.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook



This week School Council have been approaching the children at Boasley Cross and asking for suggestions as to what we can do, as a school, to raise valuable funds for the charity Children in Need. Some of the suggestions made were for a Non-uniform Day, a PJ Day and a Cake Stall; this will be finalised next week. During our Pupil Voice Assembly, we watched a short clip about Children in Need and how they support children less fortunate than ourselves. Also, we looked at other pupil suggestions (that had been collected via our School Council Suggestion Box) and will be meeting next week to see how we can implement some of the fantastic ideas that our pupils have had. Mrs Ogborne.



We have been very lucky! Mrs Simmons and the children would like to say a big **'thank you'** to **Simon & Claire Page of Tarpaflex, Northlew**. They have very generously donated lots of different sized tarps, ropes, cord and bungies so that the children are able to make and build dens and shelters during their Outdoor Learning sessions.

Mrs Simmons.

# Notice Board

## Weekly School Diary

**November 2021**

<b>Monday 8th</b>	Nurture group (selected children) Outdoor Learning session - waterproofs and wellies required
<b>Tuesday 9th</b>	Theatre Alibi visit (no 'Alex Rogo' music tuition) Netball after school club
<b>Wednesday 10th</b>	Oketor Outdoor Learning session - waterproofs and wellies required Environmental after school club – waterproof and wellies required OCRA Martial Arts after school club
<b>Thursday 11th</b>	Whole School PE sessions with Mr Pugh – Full PE kits required OCRA Multi Skills after school club
<b>Friday 12th</b>	Tempest Photography visit Celebration Assembly 2.40pm – all welcome

### 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.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS



*Tempest Photography will be visiting school on the morning of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November to take individual pupil photos. Proof prints will then be sent home for orders to be placed.*

### SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER

CHANGE OF DATE TO **MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED MENU AND BOOK THROUGH SCHOOL GATEWAY AS USUAL BY **WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**.

OPTION 1 – ROAST TURKEY

OPTION 2 – VEGGIE ROAST

THERE WILL ALSO BE A SELECTION OF PUDDINGS FOR CHILDREN TO SELECT ON THE DAY. THANK YOU.





### FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Theatre Alibi visit
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Littlemoor Rosemoor trip
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December Oketor Northcott Theatre trip
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Nativity at 1:30pm
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – All pupils return



**CHRISTMAS  
LUNCH**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

 **Roast Turkey**  
Chipolata Sausages  
Roast Potatoes  
Cabbage & Carrots  
or  
**Vegetarian Roast**  
~  
Christmas Pudding  
or a choice from  
an assortment of puddings

 **£2.30**



*Happy Christmas to Everyone!*

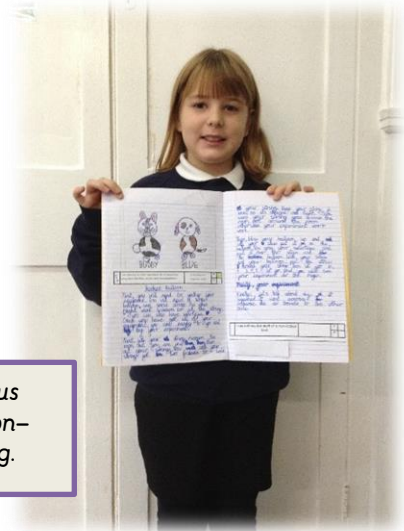
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### Our Star Learners this week



*Alice is our star of the week for always being a kind, friendly member of Littlemoor class and looking after everyone.*



*Amelia for her fabulous illustrations for our non-fiction piece of writing.*

### Our School Value Certificates this week - 'Resourceful'



*Jasmine used resources available to her to help her complete her maths activity of matching colours of caterpillars to the correct numbers.*



*Kieran used a dictionary to find the meaning of a word he was unfamiliar with and then wrote the definition in his book to consolidate his learning.*





# Saturday Music Group for early years and key stage 1



Community  
Links



## Kodaly Music Classes

Classes start on Saturday 6 November and will run weekly (term time only)  
Based at the Community Centre—Rainbow room — Okehampton College.

3 to 5 years (Pre-school and Reception) - 10:30 to 11:15

5 to 7 years (Year 1 and Year 2) - 11:30 to 12:30

£2 a week per child.

For further details and a registration form please email -  
Isobel@communitylinks-sw.co.uk



	1. Use squares of old wrapping paper to make an Elmer *		2. How is Christmas celebrated around the World?		3. Design some Christmas underpants *		4. Write a letter to Santa		5. Design a Christmas stocking
	6. Make a decoration to add to your tree		7. Make some Christmas biscuits *		8. Write a Christmas shopping list for your family		9. Make a sparkly Christmas card		10. Learn or make up a Christmas song to sing
	11. Wrap up a mouse sized present to hang on the tree		12. Can you spot Christmas trees in other windows?		13. Give something to charity today		14. Make some paper snowflakes to hang		15. Make a pet/cat toy present
	16. Design a Christmas menu to include something healthy?		17. Wrap an odd shaped object. See if others can guess what it is?		18. Make (or eat) some Gingerbread *		19. Make a Santa's Grotto for your toys		20. Make some Christmas hats for your toys
	21. Can you name the characters in the nativity scene?		22. Ask to phone a relative and send a Christmas greeting		23. Give someone a helping hand today		24. Write a list of things you like about Christmas	MERRY CHRISTMAS!	

\* downloadable resources

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