



Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

22/10/2020

A busy first half term

This half term has been one of the strangest in my teaching career (surpassed only by last term!). The overriding emotion however is joy. Joy that the children are back in school, that they are so happy to be here and have shown such brilliant learning behaviours upon their return. Whilst the staff, parents and children have sometimes grappled with new routines and procedures, we have all adapted and carried on, with the children expressing some fantastic learning. Everyone has earned themselves a rest next week and a time to reflect on a busy half term. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to a brilliant second half of the Autumn term.



Quad Kids success

Children in Key Stage Two recently took part in the West Devon Quad Kids event. We are delighted that our Year 3/4 team won overall Gold! The top two children from each discipline collected the medals: Mason, Liam, Poppy, Elliot, Ellenor, Jolie, Charlie and Myla. Mason achieved individual Silver whilst Liam won individual Bronze.

There was success in the Year 5/6 event also with Zola winning a Bronze medal whilst the team finished 4th overall. Well done everyone!

Uniform Supplier

Schoolwear Direct in Okehampton are now supplying Bridestowe school uniform. A link to their online shop has been added to the school website.

Collection and drop off

A reminder to socially distance when dropping off and collecting your children. We are aware that space at the back gates is very limited in the morning. The gates are opened at 8.50am so please arrive and drop your children from then.

At the end of the day, please enter the playground and wait in the appropriate space for your class. Dogs are not allowed on school premises so if bringing a dog with you, please wait safely outside of the gate, not blocking access for others. We also respectfully request dog poo is not placed in the school bin on the playground as it is used by the children.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Staffing

It has been brought to my attention that I omitted to formally introduce Mrs Tracy Davies as our new teaching assistant in the Owlets. My apologies!

Mrs Davies has been working in the Owlets since September and has had an immediate and positive impact in the school.

We are saddened to announce that Mr Huxtable will be leaving us at Christmas.

Mr Huxtable has been a positive asset to the school since joining at the start of term and we will be sorry to see him leave. Mr Huxtable's personal circumstances have changed since earlier in the term which has resulted in a new opportunity arising to run his own business.

Mr Huxtable stated:

I've enjoyed teaching Barn Owls and it's been great getting to know all the children. I am thankful to have been welcomed so warmly into the school and the community and will be sad to say goodbye. My decision is in no way a reflection of the school, children, staff, community or support I have received. I wish the school and all the children the best of luck in the future.

We wish Mr Huxtable well with his new venture and all the best for the future. As ever, any member of the Bridestowe School community is always welcome back in the future.

The school and leadership team are exploring all options for an outstanding replacement with the children's welfare and educational attainment our focus and priority.

Board / Indoor games

As the winter approaches there are times when the children are unable to go onto the playground for the entirety of break times. If anyone has any unwanted board games or indoor games (non-electronic) we would be grateful for any donation.

FoBS News

It was great to see so many of you at the recent FoBS AGM Zoom meeting. Following on from the meeting we have decided to take part in the 'Big PTA Raffle 2020' run by Parentkind in conjunction with 'Your School Lottery'. For as little as £3 you can enter into 12 raffle draws with the chance to win up to £5000 in cash prizes. The best part is that for every ticket sold, FoBS will receive 50% of the ticket sales back, with any money raised going towards paying for improvements to the outdoor environmental area at school for the enrichment of all of our children.

The first draw starts on the 7th December so please make sure you have bought your tickets before that date to be in with a chance to win.

Simply click the link on the poster attached and follow the instructions. Good luck everyone!

Diary Dates

October

Week beginning 26th – Half term

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Attendance

96.2%