



School Newsletter

A small school with a big heart: a loving family of learners striving to achieve, aspire and flourish with respect and kindness.

Friday 15th October 2021

Weekly Update



Dear Parents

Class One News

This week we have begun thinking about our own stories based on Oi Frog and thought about how we could adapt the ideas. The children now know the story well and will be writing their own versions next week. I'm looking forward to seeing what they create. In science we have been continuing our exploration of



the weather and seasons by thinking about how we can measure wind. We learnt about different types of wind from breezes to hurricanes and thought about how we can tell how strong the wind is. Then we made wind socks and tested the wind strength in the playground. We decided that that day the wind



was a gentle breeze. We also noticed that the

trees in the top area shelter the playground as the flag on the church was moving much more than our windsocks.

Class Two News – to follow on Dojo

Star Learners this week - To follow on School Dojo

Dental Hygiene Visit

The children enjoyed the visit from the Dental Hygienist this week. They learned how to brush their teeth properly and the importance of good dental hygiene. A good time to remind you all that only WATER is allowed in the water bottles during the day.



Miss Katie Wenmouth

Miss Wenmouth, the newly appointed teacher due to join us after half-term, joined us on Thursday for the whole day. She was able to say hello to many of you in the playground. She spent the day getting to know the children and having some time with Mrs Carroll. The children thoroughly enjoyed her visit and we are all looking forward to her visiting again on Wednesday. Please do come and say hello if you can.

Mrs Graham will be continuing in her role working at the school every Friday.

European Languages Day

In school we celebrated the European Day of Languages with an assembly on why learn languages. Pupils were also invited to design a t-shirt logo for EDoL 2022. The best entries from each school will be submitted online to the European Commission, who will print the winning design onto a t-shirt. Many pupils researched how to say hello in different languages. Mrs Jordan was impressed with Mia's work on translating our school CRAFT values into Arabic, French, German, Spanish and Mandarin. Emilia's design included hello in different languages. Leo's concept was that we needed a potion of lots of different languages for friendship across the world. Sam's design focused on important qualities for language learners. Well done to everyone for submitting their designs.



Years 4 to 6 Roman Day - Tuesday 19th October

If you are driving your child to Bridgerule Primary School on Tuesday for the Roman Day you can take them directly there for a 9.30 start, collecting again at 3.00pm. If you have replied to say you are unable to transport your child, they will need to come to school at the normal time for Mrs Tucker-Grant to transport them and then collected again from school at 3.30pm. Packed lunch is reqeud and Netball Club is cancelled.

The children are set for an exciting adventure with a real life Roman centurion called Richard and will also take a short walk to Bridge Mill. Please make sure appropriate clothing is worn on the day – a sun hat and wellies? The Black Torrington and Bradford children will remain in one group to avoid unnecessary mixing. Have fun!

Derrick Brett Visit

Can you spare an hour to make our school outside area an amazing place to learn outdoors? Tell your friends and spend just part of the day helping us to transform this space if you possibly can. All your help will make such a difference to the children. THANK YOU in advance.



AWE Project
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working together to enhance school spaces for our children, to inspire and excite!

Please come and help your School!



On **Saturday 13th November** we will be transforming an outdoor space in the school grounds. By working as a team, we hope to enhance and improve the area by clearing, planting, tidying and painting for the children to enjoy.

We need all the help we can get, so please drop by—even just an hour of help would be very welcome!

On **Saturday 13th November 10am—4pm**



Thank you for your continued support
Miss Sunita Chauhan

Administration News – Mrs Carter and Miss Chauhan

Mrs Gill Tremain is offering some additional support in the office temporarily

Please do book your LUNCH every day. HOME PACKED LUNCHES can also be registered. Your help in this is greatly appreciated. Use the Gateway App.

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Diary Dates

Monday - Class 1 to Bradford school for dance session – pm

Monday - Dance Club for class 1 at Bradford 3.30 – 4.30pm

Tuesday 5th October – tours of HCC

Tuesday 19th October – Roman Day at Bridgerule Primary School for Years 3 to 6 (Details to Follow)

Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October – half term

Monday 8th November – Class 1 Multi-skills event

Friday 19th November – Children in Need – details to follow

Thursday 16th December – Whole School Trip to Panto at Barnstaple (details to follow)

Friday 17th December – Last day of term



THE EVERYTHING OKEHAMPTON GALA WEEKEND 22 - 24 OCTOBER



...be a part of it...

Friday 22 October Gala Dinner Evening

7pm (for 7.30pm): Dinner
Okehampton College Sports Hall
Prosecco on arrival
Two course hot buffet
Entertainment from Johnny Cowling
Tickets £35, contact:
Christine: 07881 802055
or visit Donalds Menswear on Fore St.

After dinner silent auction closes.
www.galabid.com/pinkladies2021/items
to view lots and to bid.

Pink Ladies

All money raised benefiting local charities and good causes including the Okehampton Christmas Lights Appeal.

Saturday 23 October Craft and Community Day

10am - 4pm: Rural Craft and Community Fayre - Okehampton College Sports Hall and Pavilion in the Park. Local artisans selling their wares; a perfect opportunity for a spot of early Christmas shopping! Plus, mental health charities day. Come along, reconnect with local groups, find out what is going on in the local area.

FCN THE FARMING COMMUNITY NETWORK



7pm: A free evening of musical entertainment in Okehampton College Sports Hall, featuring local talents: Okehampton Community Orchestra, Mariners Away, The Wreckords and TNT Blues Collective.

Sunday 24 October Active Okehampton Day

11am-5pm: Free activity 'taster' day for kids at Okehampton College Sports Hall - come and get a feel for:

- West Devon Swords
- Tennis
- Hockey
- Football with Okehampton Argyle
- Badminton,
- All Stars Cricket
- Zumba
- Walking Football
- Table Tennis

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There'll be loads going on, fun for all the family. MC for the day is Okehampton's very own Rob Pudner.

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Train to Teach with Dartmoor Teacher Training Partnership

You may be aware that Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust run a successful teacher training programme for both primary and secondary teaching. Next year, we are running three primary teacher training programmes and training in a range of secondary subjects. If you are interested in training to teach, please visit our website where you will find information regarding all our primary and secondary teacher training programme. <https://www.dartmoormat.org.uk/ttaboutus.html>

Please feel free to email our teacher training leads if you have any questions.

Sally Huxen - Primary Lead, SHuxen@dmatschools.org.uk

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Kind regards

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust



Clovelly Herring Festival

Sunday, 21st November 2021, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Clovelly Herring Festival always falls in November. It's the time of year when our historic village celebrates the coming of the great "Silver Darlings", better known as Herring. We celebrate and promote this tasty, nutritious fish whilst supporting sustainable fishing.

The Maritime historian and writer, Mike Smylie, attends with his "Kipperland" exhibition, which is devoted to the history of all things herring. Mike also turns the herring into delicate-tasting kippers and bloaters in his smokehouse for sale. Flaxland will provide their exhibitions and demonstrations. An opportunity to discover how the flax plant is used to make a vast range of goods.

On the quay, kitchens serve a variety of delicious herring specialities along with beer, gin and cider tastings, local food and craft stalls. Throughout the day there will be live music, street entertainers, face-painting, art workshop, an exhibition of Clovelly herring fishing, tasters & recipes, and children's activities.

Standard admission charges include all entertainment.



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