

Learn, Care, Grow Together

Dartmoor
Multi Academy
Trust

...everyone in our Trust.



Newsletter

4th November 2022

Dear Parents/ carers,

Welcome back to the second instalment of the Autumn term! We hope that you have all had a wonderful half term week and the children are ready for another half term of learning and fun as we count down to the Christmas season. As the weather turns colder, it has been getting blustery and wet on the playground. It is so important that all children bring a warm, waterproof coat each day so that they can access our outdoor provision and learning.

Parent Consultations have gone well this week – teachers were able to share pupil targets for core areas of learning with parents and share their children's work. Thank you to all the parents who were able to come along and engage in your child's learning progress.

Safeguarding – Online safety

Social media comes with many benefits for children and young people such as staying connected with friends and family and finding new ways to learn new things. There are risks when using social media with children. You can find out more about the risks posed to children on social media here –

[Social media and online safety | NSPCC Learning](#)

If you have a concern about online abuse or inappropriate behaviour, please contact the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Petersen to talk about your concerns. You can also call the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000 or email help@nspcc.org.uk.

Curriculum news



The children enjoyed a special performance of *'The Parcel'* this week by Theatre Alibi, an Exeter based touring theatre company, bringing drama to life in schools. The parcel in this production arrives in school and it soon became clear that there were 2 people living inside it!

We are very much looking forward to our trip to the Northcott Theatre in December to see 'Robin Hood'. Our whole school is able to take part in enriching learning experiences such as trips, visitors and workshops.

Learn, Care, Grow Together

Personal development is at the heart of our curriculum at Highampton and promotes our children to 'Learn, Care & Grow' together. Children are encouraged to take part in a wide range of activities and experiences across and beyond the curriculum, contributing fully to the life of the school and the wider community. In doing so, pupils learn to recognise their own worth, develop a sense of their own identity and the ability to take their place in the community as well as respect for, and working with others.

Homework Celebration

We have already seen some fantastic homework projects coming into school this week. Please can all children bring their completed projects in next week so that we can review them and then all parents are welcome to come in and see the learning on **Friday 11th November at 2.30pm**. This will be an opportunity to share the learning and for children to talk about their projects. You are also invited to join our Celebration Assembly at the end of the day.

Reminders

- PE kits are needed in school on a Tuesday when Mr Pugh delivers our PE lessons.
- Please ensure that water bottles contain water, not squash, as we are promoting healthy diet choices.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mrs Petersen, Principal

GALLERY



Maths in the Early Years



Science Learning

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Crafting in Tarka Class



Gardening Club in our polytunnel.

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Celebration Assembly



Friday 14th October

Star of the week TARKA –
Albie for amazing, careful maths

Star of the week RUBY –
Logan for his speedy reading and phonics

Learner of the week –
Ethan for amazing focus in phonics, writing and maths

RUBY HEART award –
Ellarose for always supporting her peers

Friday 21st October

Star of the week TARKA –
River for trying hard and being focused on his work.

Star of the week RUBY –
Maisy for having such a great half term, working hard and caring for others

Learner of the week –
Albie for making a massive effort with his writing and maths

RUBY HEART award –
Hannah for caring mediation of a disagreement at playtime

Dates for your Diary

PE: There will be physical exercise most days, with Mr Pugh taking PE on Tuesdays, so please have PE kit in school all week if possible.

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| 11 th November | Homework Celebration – 2.30pm |
| 18 th November | Open morning for prospective new parents 10am – 12noon |
| 8 th December | Christmas Jumper Day |
| 9 th December | School Nativity – at Village Hall |
| 14 th December | Christmas Lunch |
| 15 th December | School Trip to Northcott Theatre to see Robin Hood Pantomime |
| 16 th December | Last Day of Term |

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BRIGHT FUTURES

BEGIN WITH GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE









#SchoolEveryDay 

This week's whole school attendance is 97.8%



Our Values



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|  | DMAT We are a FAMILY of schools; united in our mission to sustain and grow our communities through exceptional EDUCATION; based on the WHOLE child and the needs of our COMMUNITY. We will TRANSFORM the life chances of children and adults alike, within AND without of our Trust. |  |
|  | SELF-HELP We believe that EVERY child is GIFTED and TALENTED and through modelling, demonstrating and expecting habits of excellence, all learners will have the knowledge, skills and understanding as well as resilience, aspiration and compassion to CHART THEIR OWN DESTINY. |  |
|  | EQUALITY We exist to include. INCLUSION is the soul of our Trust, where opportunities to reveal the champion are given to ALL. Those who present the most challenge are those we NURTURE most. In loco parentis isn't just a legal responsibility; it is the VOCATION we serve. |  |
|  | EQUITY We do not believe that background determines future. We believe that EVERY child has the ABILITY and DESIRE to reveal the champion within. We believe in building SELF-ESTEEM through out commitment to CHARACTER Education and WELLBEING. |  |
|  | DEMOCRACY We SERVE our COMMUNITIES as leaders; committed to improving the social and economic health of the children, families and wider populations. We create HUBS that CONNECT and PROVIDE for the most vulnerable. We are GUARDIANS, not the owners of our schools. All voices are equal; none more so than others. |  |
|  | SELF RESPONSIBILITY We believe we are all special and unique. We will INSPIRE and be INSPIRED, so that we all develop the knowledge, skills and understanding as well as resilience, aspiration and confidence |  |
|  | SOLIDARITY Respect is not earned, it is given. We embrace, <u>accept</u> and celebrate our DIFFERENCES as beautiful and UNIQUE. We believe in ourselves and others, treating all with DIGNITY and UNDERSTANDING. |  |

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UK Health
Security
Agency

NHS

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

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| Chickenpox | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over |
| Diarrhoea and Vomiting | 48 hours after their last episode |
| Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19. |
| Impetigo | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics |
| Measles | 4 days after the rash first appeared |
| Mumps | 5 days after the swelling started |
| Scabies | they've had their first treatment |
| Scarlet Fever | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics |
| Whooping Cough | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics |

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

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| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
| Head lice | Tonsillitis |
| Threadworms | Slapped cheek |



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for **health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.