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"Let Your
Light Shine"
Matthew 5:16



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

Newsletter **Friday 21st January 2022**

Last week's
attendance
was:
88.3%

Dear parents/carers,

This week we have had Katie Neilson from the Voices Foundation visit both our classes to support teachers with the delivery of our new music curriculum. Katie observed the teacher's approach to the curriculum and offered some new techniques for the children to explore. The children's engagement and excitement in the sessions was fantastic and Katie is very much looking forward to joining us again later in the term to engage in the range of music the children will be exploring this term.

Rev. Leigh met with class 2 this week within our RE lesson to answer many of the questions the children had generated around the topic of The Trinity. The children used their questions to secure a deeper understanding of the topic, which will help to support them with the information booklets they are going to be creating

over the next few weeks. Rev. Leigh was thoroughly impressed with the wide range of questions the children had generated and has planned another session with the children as we didn't get through all their questions!

Next week, our School Council/Ethos group will be taking part in their second session of their Young Leaders Award. The children have the opportunity to meet with other



primary school children across the country and will cover the 6 'modules' which explore: Leadership skills, Inspirational Leaders, Local and National Community, Global Community and Community Action. The group have been working extremely hard during their break and lunchtimes to finish our fantastic Spiritual Area and we hope that they can share how the space will be used in their child led worship next week.

I have enjoyed spending lots of time with the children in class 2 this week. Their enthusiasm for learning and attention to detail in their presentation has been brilliant! I have seen a wide range of our Christian values being displayed both in and out of the classroom from all the children, working collaboratively, sharing ideas and reflecting and editing their learning. Well done to everyone!

Just to remind parents that the school opens at 8:50am and children have learning tasks, small intervention group activities and keep up sessions planned to support their learning. Please ensure that your child arrives on time so that they don't miss out on these crucial 'smart starts' to the school day.

Can we ask that children bring in a full PE kit to participate in their weekly PE sessions (white t-shirt, shorts or tracksuit bottoms/leggings and trainers). For the range of after school sporting events children will also need to have the appropriate clothing they need, to participate in these clubs. It is important that children are having regular drinks throughout the day to keep hydrated, please can we ask that all children bring a drinks bottle to school every day.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, Mrs Cook

<i>School Diary</i>	
<i>January</i>	
Monday – 24th	OCRA Unihoc after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday – 25th	Dance after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Wednesday – 26th	Tuck Shop , 3:15-3:30pm Art after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (3 of 4)
Thursday – 27th	Martial Arts club, 3:30-4:30pm
Friday – 28th	Celebration Assembly, 9:15-9:30am- pupils only PE lessons- Class 1 & 2

*Your child must be booked onto our after-school clubs through School Gateway, in order to take part.



PSHE

Next week in our PSHE sessions, the children will be exploring 'It's Not OK' campaign which encourage everyone to speak out to say no to all forms of sexual violence and sexual harassment. The children will be talking about different ways they are kept safe in school as well as the characteristics of positive relationships. We will be revisiting the NSPCC Pants Rule and are confident from our pupil voice that the children feel safe to speak to staff if they are worried or concerned about other's behaviour. For further information about how you can keep your child safe, please visit: [Talk PANTS & Join](#)

[Pantosaurus - The Underwear Rule | NSPCC](#)



Information for Parents/Carers re: Attendance

We have recently updated our attendance procedures across Dartmoor Multi-Academy Trust. The link between a child's attendance at school and improved outcomes and life chances is well documented. We want to help all children and young people to fulfil their potential and get the most out of their education.

In line with our policy and government expectations all schools have the following procedures:

- If a child's attendance starts to drop the school will speak to the child/parent and discuss the reason for absence and any support needed.
- After 10 sessions of absence, you will receive a first attendance letter (there are 2 sessions in the school day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon).
- After 15 sessions of absence, you will receive a second attendance letter and you will be invited to have a meeting to discuss how we can best support your child to attend school more often. You will also be offered an Early Help meeting.
- If your child's attendance does not improve you will receive a third attendance letter and the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) will be informed.

Of course, there will be unavoidable absences for illness or medical appointments, but we want to minimise these where possible. Pupils and families will not be penalised for legitimate non-attendance due to Covid 19. No term time holidays will be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Every day in school counts, even a small drop in attendance can lead to a child missing a significant part of their education.

Train to Teach with the Dartmoor Teacher Training Partnership

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust is pleased to lead the Dartmoor Teacher Training Partnership. Working in collaboration with both the University of Exeter and Plymouth Marjon University, we have many years of experience of offering high-quality primary and secondary education training routes. With our routes you can train while you teach to earn your PGCE and Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). Our programmes are aimed at nurturing the teachers of tomorrow and the leaders of the future. Whether you are a new graduate or you are considering a career change, our teacher training will equip you with the skills, knowledge, and knowhow to be an excellent teacher.

Do you want to make the best possible start to your career in teaching?

Do you want to make a positive impact on the lives of children and young people?

Do you want to train with a Trust that prides itself on supporting and developing its staff?

Do you want the opportunity to gain practical experience in a range of diverse schools?

For more information visit: About Us - Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust (dartmoormat.org.uk) or [click to view the full letter](#).



Congratulations to Harry who read 5 times this week and won the chance to take home the reading basket.

Question of the Week

Are you enjoying the topics that you are being taught in the wider curriculum?

100% Yes

- * Science experiments are very interesting.
- * Our knowledge organisers help us to remember things.
- * Learning about London is fun and interesting.
- * I'm learning a lot of skills from our computing lessons.
- * Our Shang Dynasty topic is really interesting.

0% No

GOLD STAR award

*Congratulations to the following children for achieving
their **gold star** certificates!*



GOLD AWARD

350 stars

Class 1

Isabel



Super Learners of the Week!

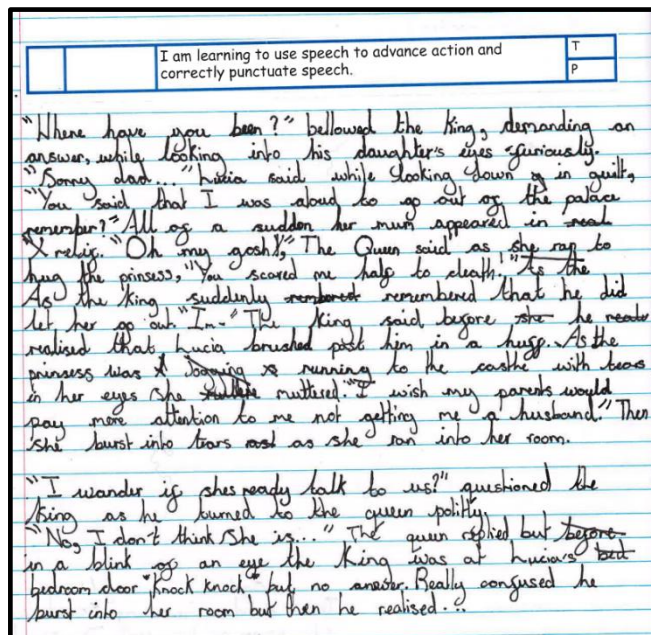
Class 1

Freddie has been working extremely hard this week. He has been focusing on his letter and number formation and we have seen a huge improvement in his writing. He has also been using his phonics knowledge to attempt spelling words he isn't sure of. Well, done Freddie. Keep it up!



Class 2

Winnie has been so focused and embedded her understanding in all areas of her learning this week. Her confidence in her ability to master a skill has shone brightly. Brilliant Winnie, keep up the fantastic learning!



Christian Ethos - 'Friendship'

Class 1

Laila has been a brilliant friend in Class 1 this week. She is always offering to read with the younger children during reading time and has also used this time to help them with their phonics. Well done, Laila!

Class 2

The Whole Class have just been fantastic at working together as a team: sharing, turn taking and supporting Mrs Cook with finding her way around the classroom this week! It's been an absolute delight to teach in class 2 this week. Keep up the great work class 2!

