



Newsletter – Friday 9th November 2018

Aim Aspire Achieve

Theme of the Week – Self-discipline

Dear Parents and Carers

War Memorial/Church Walk

The whole school walked to St. Peter's Church to view the wonderful artwork. We also made a visit to the War Memorial. It was a really special



occasion, which gave the pupils time to reflect on those who fought so bravely. We held a two-minute silence. To mark this event pupils read poetry and said prayers. It was a very poignant experience. Thank you to Mrs Dennis and all the adults who helped to support this event.



Don't forget the parade this Sunday at 10:15 am – many pupils attend and it would be lovely to see you in the town square.

Parent/Carers Interviews

On Tuesday and Thursday this week parents/carers had the opportunity to sign up and meet with teachers to discuss their children's progress. These meetings were very well attended and the feedback recognised the efforts in place to support the children to make good progress. It was very pleasing to see so many of you attend. I am sure you will join me in thanking all of the teachers and staff for their hard work.

School Councillors

On Friday 16th November, the Trust-wide school council from across the Dartmoor MAT will be holding its first meeting. Two of our older school councillors have been invited to take part in this meeting at Okehampton Primary School. This initial meeting will help representatives from each of the Trust schools to get to know each other, and to generate common ideas and proposals of changes and/or improvements that can be made within the Trust schools, including those to enhance the well-being of their peers. The pupils will be given the opportunity to create action plans and prepare resources needed to complete agreed actions, and disseminate the information back to their own school councils and Heads. Good luck – we look forward to hearing all about it!

Students

We warmly welcome Miss Abbie Luxton who is joining the school on work experience from Okehampton College. She will attend every Tuesday and Wednesday until the end of the year. She will be working with the full primary age range.

Staff Changes

Willow Class – we have successfully appointed a new part-time teacher, Mrs Fee, to join Mrs Dennis in January. Mrs Fee will also be covering for Mrs Ware and Mr Foreman during their planning, preparation and planning time (PPA).

We extend a huge gratitude to Miss Coombes who so gallantly stepped in when needed at such short notice at the beginning of the year. She has worked incredibly hard alongside Mrs Dennis to provide Willow class with a great, smooth start to their learning this year.

Thank you Miss Coombes.

Chestnut Class

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Miss Hill in Chestnut Class at the end of the term. She started working at North Tawton School as a supply teacher in 2014 and we didn't let her go! She is making the move to start a new venture and we will be advertising the vacancy very soon. Watch this space.

Administrator

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed a new administrator – Mrs Ford. She was the successful candidate and will join Mrs Grainge on Monday! We are once again so grateful to Mrs Jo Reynolds and Mrs Marina Cassels, who have worked so hard since the beginning of term to ensure that under the guidance of Mrs Grainge, the office has run as smoothly as possible.

Dojo

Please do not use the Dojo to inform us of absences. If your child is absent always follow the correct procedure and phone the office to let us know. Thank you.

Please Note

As from today you will only be able to view the weekly newsletter on the school's Dojo and website. Do remember that the school's Dojo is a closed platform only open to the parents/carers who have signed up. No other social media is used by staff members for this purpose. The Dojo is proving to be an excellent method for communication and it is a wonderful way to share our good practice. If you haven't signed up please do. On average whole school story posts are receiving 100 views!!

Monday 12 th November	Flu Vaccination 1pm
Tuesday 13 th November	
Wednesday 14 th November	Cross Country (Sycamore class pupils)
Thursday 15 th November	
Friday 16 th November	Little Seedlings 9 – 11am in school hall
	Children in Need. Non-Uniform Day for £1 School Councillors out to meet at Okehampton Primary School (2 pupils Sycamore class)

Have a peaceful weekend.

Miss Chauhan

Trustee Opportunities

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust are seeking individuals to join their Board of Trustees to

- Set the overall strategy for the Trust
- Monitor the performance of all the academies in the Trust
- Ensure that public funds are used appropriately and effectively

Being a Trustee is a challenging, but rewarding voluntary role. We are looking for an individual who can share our commitment to providing the highest possible quality of education for all local children. The commitment requires an individual who can attend daytime / evening meetings, typically 2/3 times per half term.

We would welcome individuals with the ability to work strategically with any of the following areas of expertise

- Accountancy and / or Finance
- Previous Trustee, non-executive or board experience
- Business experience
- Project management
- General management

Applications would be welcomed from individuals with education, public sector or business backgrounds.

For more information and an application form or for an informal conversation about the role, please contact Sally Wood, Governance Manager swood@dartmoormat.org.uk

Closing date 19 November 2018

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The successful candidate will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure via the Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.